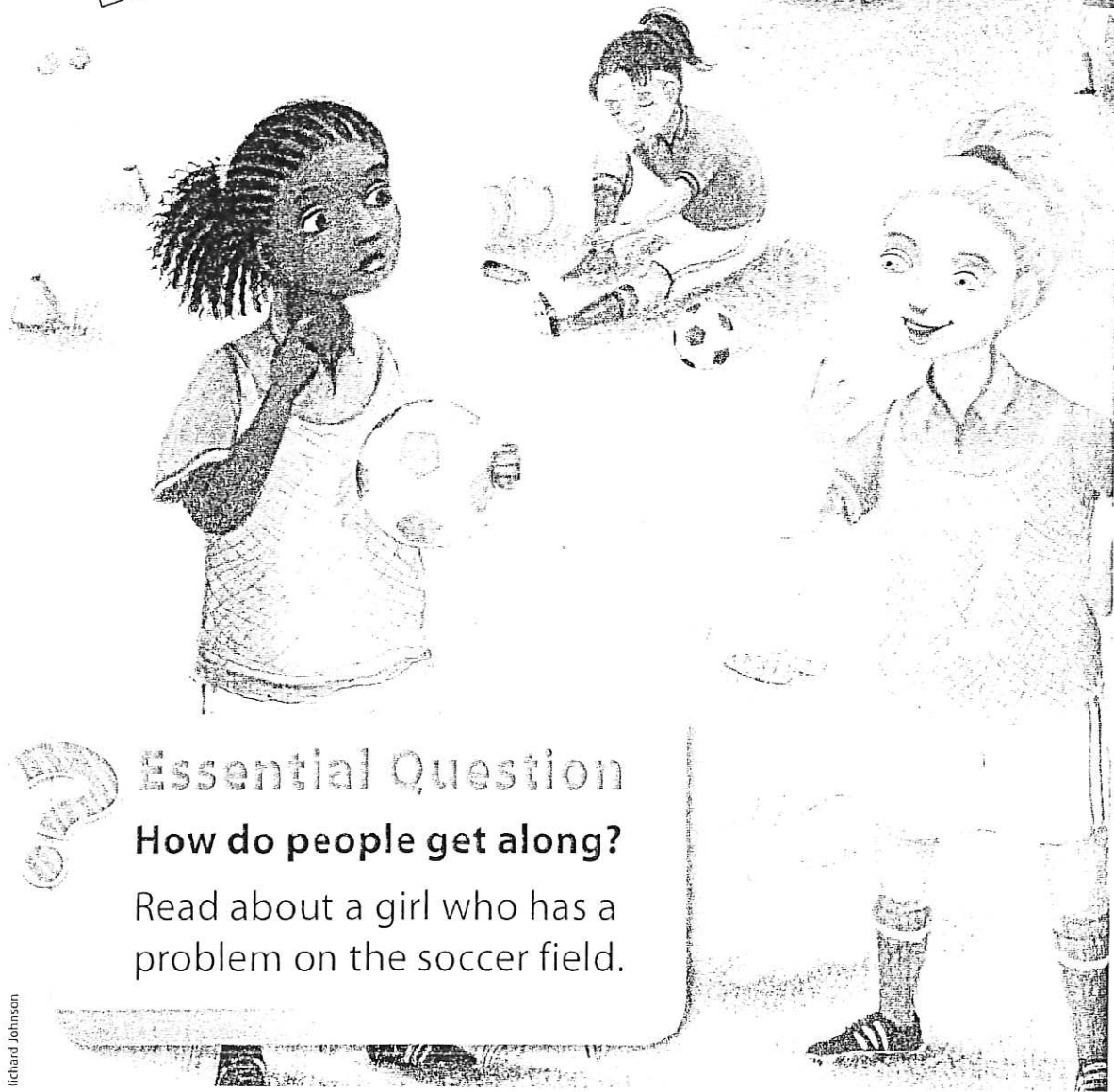


SOCCER FRIENDS



Essential Question

How do people get along?

Read about a girl who has a problem on the soccer field.

Kelly couldn't wait until soccer season began. She could not be **patient** because she just loved racing to get the ball. She would use her **imagination** to picture the ball, and then she would fly toward it. Kelly practiced at home during the calm, **peaceful** mornings.

At the first team practice, Kelly greeted her friends. She liked to chat and **interact** with them. Then she saw a new girl. "That's Selena. She's a really fast runner," reported Kelly's friend Tara.

At first, Kelly held her tongue and said nothing. She was worried. She had always been the fastest runner on the team. Then she said, "I can beat her."

When practice started, Coach Troy had everyone line up for races. Kelly was nervous and had butterflies in her stomach.



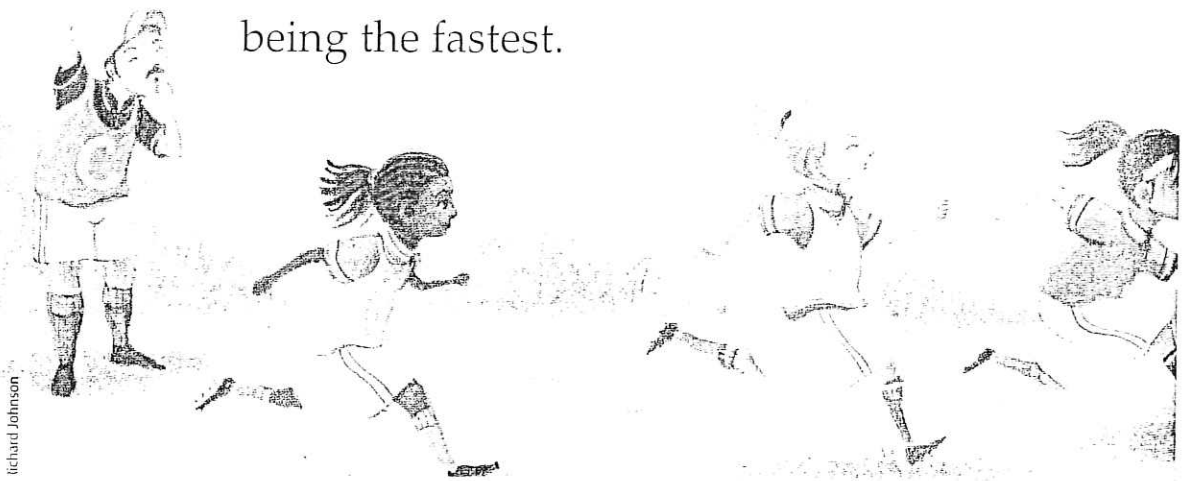
"On your mark, get set, GO!" the coach shouted. Kelly ran as fast as she could but she noticed Selena getting ahead of her. Kelly tried her best but couldn't match Selena.

Later, Kelly watched as Selena **entertained** some girls by bouncing the ball on her head. The girls laughed, but Kelly was not **amused**.

That night, Mom could tell Kelly was upset. "Can you **describe** what's wrong?" she asked.

"A new girl named Selena beat me at the races. It stinks to get beaten!" said Kelly.

"I know that's disappointing for you," Mom said. "But it also sounds like good news for your team." Kelly thought about her Mom's words. She cared about the team, but she liked being the fastest.



At the next practice, the team played a game. Kelly and Selena were on the same team and Selena was goalie. She quickly blocked a goal.

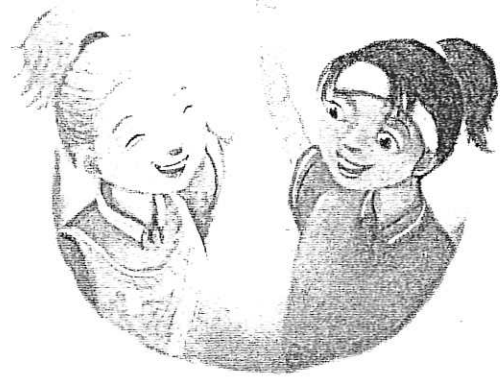
Then Kelly got the ball and thumped it hard toward the net. She scored the winning goal!

After practice, Selena said to Kelly, "You were really great today."

"Thanks, so were you. I think our team can be great if we **cooperate** and work together," said Kelly.

"I think you're right about that," said Selena.

"I'd love to keep playing," Kelly said. "Want to come over to my house and practice?"



Make Connections

How does Kelly learn to get along with Selena on the soccer field? **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

Compare Kelly's problem to a time you have had to work to get along with others. **TEXT TO SELF**

Summarize

To summarize a story, you tell only the most important events and details of the story in your own words. Use details from the story to summarize.



Find Text Evidence

After reading page 349 of "Soccer Friends," I can summarize what happens at the beginning of the story by retelling the key events and details.

page 349

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I read that Kelly is worried that the new girl on her soccer team will be a faster runner than she is.

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Reread and summarize the middle and end of the story. Remember to tell the important events and details in your own words.

Point of View

Point of view is what the characters think about the events in a story. Look for clues about a character's point of view in the text.



Find Text Evidence

On page 350, Kelly is upset that she lost the race to Selena. Kelly says, "It stinks to get beaten!" This is a clue to Kelly's point of view.

Character	Clue	Point of View
Kelly	<i>"It stinks to get beaten!"</i>	Winning is important.

Your Turn



Reread page 351 of "Soccer Friends." Fill in the graphic organizer with Selena's and Kelly's points of view.

Go Digital!
Use the interactive graphic organizer

Fiction

The story "Soccer Friends" is fiction. **Fiction:**

- has made-up characters and events.
- has a problem and a solution.



Find Text Evidence

I can use what I read to tell that "Soccer Friends" is fiction. The characters and setting are made up. There is also a problem and a solution.

page 349

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Story Structure

In the beginning of the story, I see there is a **problem**. Kelly is worried that the new girl on the soccer team might be faster than she is.

Your Turn

Continue rereading the story. Tell the solution to the problem.

COLLABORATE



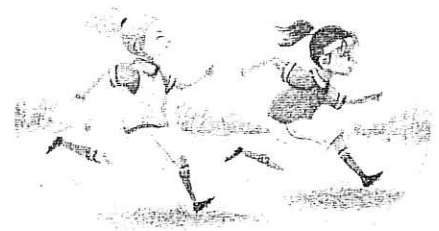
Idioms

Idioms are words or phrases that have different meanings than the real meanings of the words. Look for clues in nearby words or sentences to find the meaning of an idiom.

Find Text Evidence

I read that Kelly would 'fly toward the ball.' I know people cannot fly so this must be an idiom. Another sentence tells how Kelly enjoys racing to get the ball. I think this idiom means that Kelly moves quickly.

She would use her imagination to picture the ball, and then she would fly toward it.



Your Turn



Use context clues to figure out the meanings of these idioms in "Soccer Friends."

Kelly held her tongue, page 349

Butterflies in her stomach, page 349