

## Shoot and Score!



Emily's older sister, Morgan, plays soccer. Morgan started playing soccer when she was seven years old. Now, she is 15 years old. One day after school, Emily asks Morgan if they can play soccer together.

"Of course!" says Morgan. "I will teach you!"

The two girls go home and change into comfy clothes. Emily puts on purple shorts and Morgan puts on her soccer jersey. Then, Morgan puts on her soccer cleats, special shoes for soccer. They have spikes on the bottom so soccer players don't slip on the grass. "You can wear sneakers," Morgan tells Emily. "Just make sure to tie your laces tight!"

They run out their front door. Morgan is carrying a soccer ball. "Be careful, girls!" their mother calls out. Both sisters smile and hold up a thumbs-up sign.

"First, we can pass the ball to each other," Morgan says. She drops the ball on the soft, green grass. She lifts her right foot and kicks the ball towards Emily. It flies past Emily and zooms into their neighbor's front yard.

"You kicked it too hard!" Emily shouts. Morgan giggles and says sorry. She runs into the yard to get the ball back.

“Okay, I’ll try again,” Morgan says. This time, she kicks it more softly. Her foot pushes it straight to Emily. Emily holds out her foot to stop the ball. “Perfect!” Emily says, excited.

“Now kick it back!” Morgan shouts. Emily lifts her foot and kicks the ball. But instead of going to Morgan, the ball flies to the left, near the garage. Emily is sad. “Why didn’t the ball go straight to you?” she asks her sister.

“Don’t be sad!” Morgan says. “You have to aim.” She tells Emily that she can change the direction of the ball with her feet. She can push the ball towards the right or left. She can also stop the ball by blocking it with her foot. That way, players of the same team can pass the ball to each other and eventually shoot the ball into the goal. Morgan says it takes a lot of practice to become good at soccer.

“Don’t worry, we’ll try again tomorrow,” Morgan tells Emily. Their mom opens the front door. “Dinner, girls!” she calls out. Morgan picks up the ball and they both run inside. Emily is tired, but she’s excited to learn more tomorrow!

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1. What sport does Morgan play?

- A basketball
- B baseball
- C soccer

2. A problem in the story is that the ball does not go to Morgan when Emily kicks it. How can Emily solve this problem?

- A Emily can solve this problem by closing her eyes.
- B Emily can solve this problem by aiming.
- C Emily can solve this problem by kicking harder.

3. Read these sentences: "Emily lifts her foot and kicks the ball. But instead of going to Morgan, the ball flies to the left, near the garage. Emily is sad. 'Why didn't the ball go straight to you?' she asks her sister."

What can be concluded from this information?

- A Emily was trying to kick the ball straight to her sister.
- B Emily was trying to kick the ball straight to the garage.
- C Emily was trying to kick the ball straight up in the air.

4. How much time has Emily spent playing soccer before playing with Morgan?

- A little or no time
- B some time
- C a lot of time

5. What is the main idea of this story?

- A People can hurt themselves by playing soccer.
- B A girl starts learning soccer from her sister.
- C A mother worries a lot about her daughters.