

Mai's first soccer match

Warm-up

1. Do you like playing sports? Which sports do you like? (*Yes, I do. I like playing...*)
2. Have you ever been to a soccer match? (*Yes, I have / No, I haven't.*)
3. What do you do to prepare for a game or competition? (*I practice, I stretch...*)

Vocabulary Match

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| 1. nervous ● | ● enjoy success | 5. excited ● | ● team members |
| 2. celebrate ● | ● worried, anxious | 6. goalkeeper ● | ● happy, thrilled |
| 3. victory ● | ● other team | 7. stretch ● | ● move muscles |
| 4. opponent ● | ● win, triumph | 8. teammates ● | ● person in goal |

Story

Mai is a high school student who loves playing soccer. Today is her first soccer match with her school team. She feels excited and a little nervous. Before the match, Mai and her teammates practice together on the field. They stretch, pass the ball, and shoot at the goal.

The match begins, and Mai's team plays well. Their goalkeeper makes great saves, and they score two goals in the first half. Mai's friends and family are there to cheer her on. They shout, "Go, Mai! You can do it!"

In the second half, the opponent team becomes stronger, but Mai's team doesn't give up. They keep trying their best. Finally, Mai scores the last goal of the match. Her team wins 3-1. Everyone is so happy, and they celebrate their victory together.

Quiz

1. How does Mai feel before the match?
2. Who is there to cheer Mai on during the match?

Conversation

- Teammate: Hey, Mai! You played really well today. Great job!
- Mai: Thanks! I was a bit nervous, but it was so much fun.
- Teammate: I could tell you were having a blast. That last goal was awesome!
- Mai: Haha, yeah! I couldn't believe it when the ball went in.
- Teammate: Keep practicing, and you'll score even more goals next time.
- Mai: You bet! I can't wait for our next match.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you enjoy watching sports on TV? Why or why not?
2. Have you started something new this year?
3. What are you going to do tonight?