



READERS



Let's Play Soccer



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READERS

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Beautiful illustrations and superb full-color photographs combine with engaging, easy-to-read stories to offer a fresh approach to each subject in the series. Each DK READER is guaranteed to capture a child's interest while developing his or her reading skills, general knowledge, and love of reading.

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- Level 1:** Beginning to read
- Level 2:** Beginning to read alone
- Level 3:** Reading alone
- Level 4:** Proficient readers

The “normal” age at which a child begins to read can be anywhere from three to eight years old. Adult participation through the lower levels is very helpful for providing encouragement, discussing storylines, and sounding out unfamiliar words.

No matter which level you select, you can be sure that you are helping your child learn to read, then read to learn!





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Let's Play Soccer

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Today was Erik's first day
at soccer practice.

Erik put on his soccer shoes.

He strapped his shin guards
to his lower legs.

He pulled his socks over
his shin guards.



Erik was ready for
soccer practice
to begin!

shin guards



“Welcome,” said Coach Smith to the players.

“Together, you’ll learn how to play soccer.”

He told them three rules.

“Play your best, play fair, and play without using your hands or arms—unless you are the goalie!”



goalie

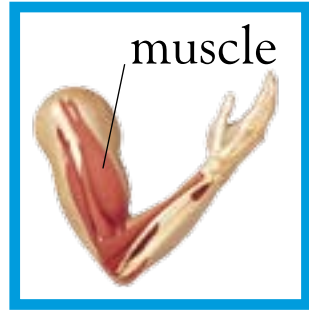




“First, we have to warm up,”
said Coach Smith.

“This will get our muscles ready!”
Everyone did jumping jacks.
Erik jumped with his legs and
arms apart, and then together.

Afterward, they all jogged in place.



Next, Coach Smith led the team in stretches.

“Stretching will help keep us from getting hurt!” he said.

“Hold each stretch for ten seconds.”





“My muscles feel ready,”
said Erik.

“Good!” said Coach Smith.

“Then it’s time to learn some
soccer skills.”



“Passing means kicking the ball to another player on your team,” said Coach Smith.

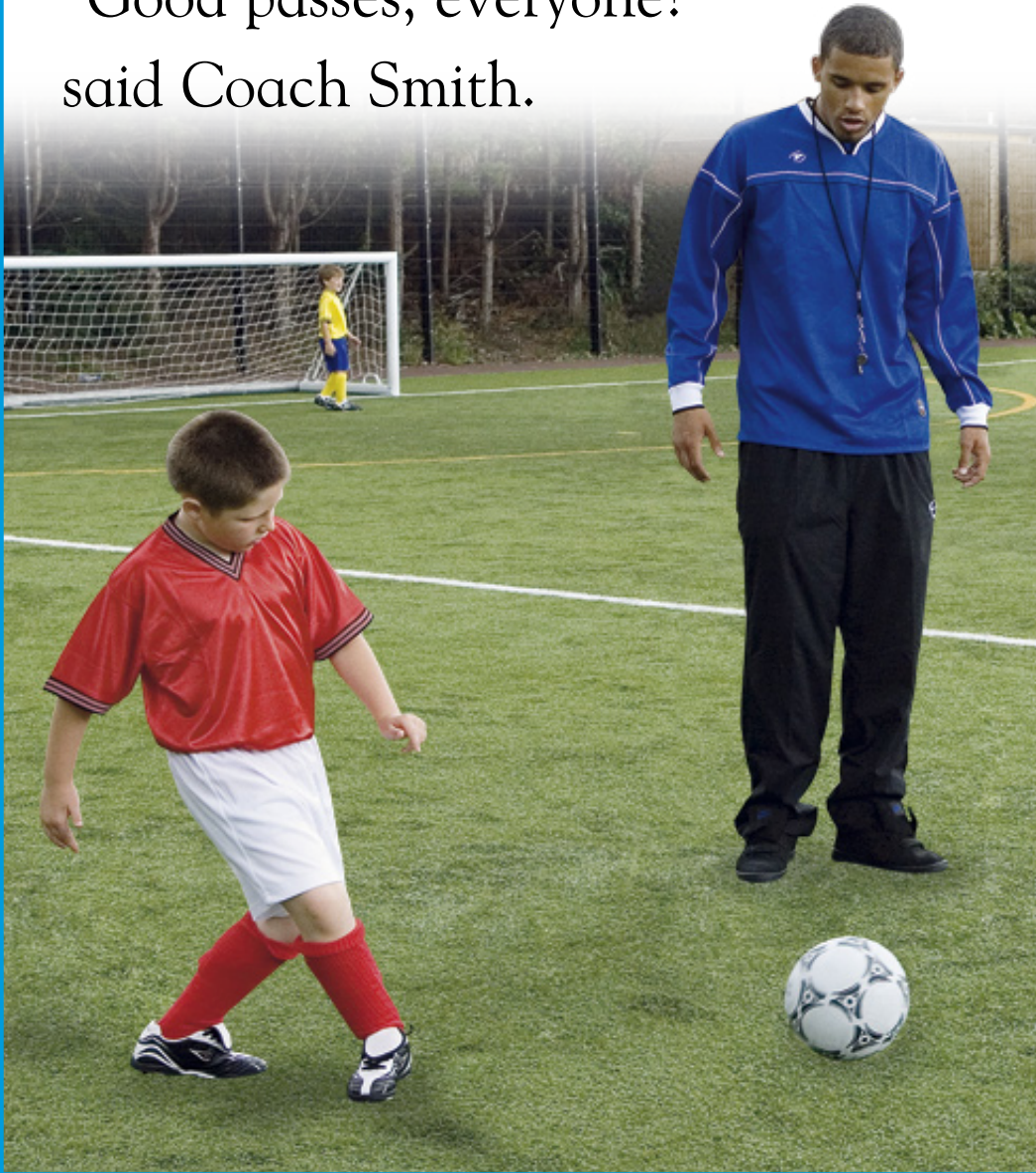
“It’s the best way to move the ball to the goal.

You have to kick with the inside or the outside of your foot.”



Erik, Beth, and Henry passed
the ball to one another.

“Good passes, everyone!”
said Coach Smith.



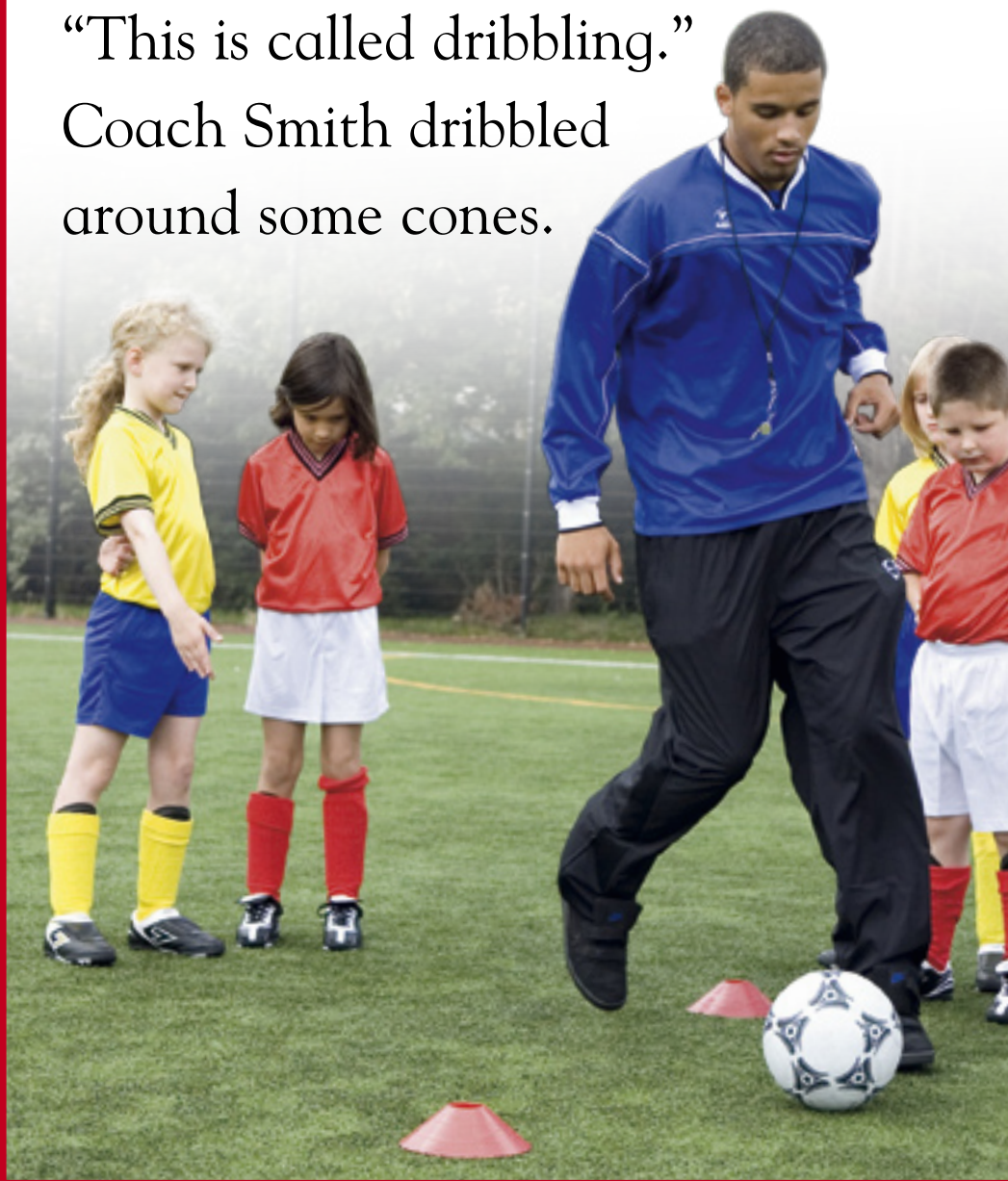
“In a game, you should only pass to a player who is free to take the ball.”



“Let’s try running with the ball,”
said Coach Smith.

“This is called dribbling.”

Coach Smith dribbled
around some cones.



“To dribble, you have to move the ball with the tops of your feet,” said Coach Smith. “Now, you try!”



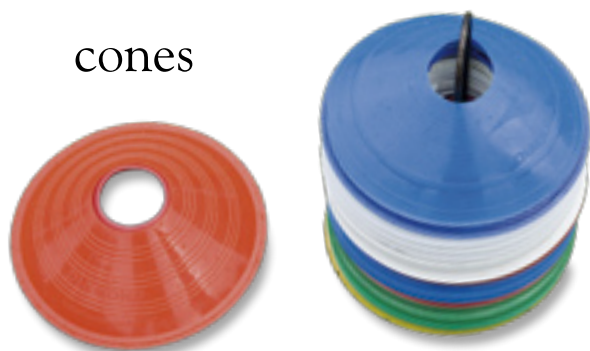
Erik started dribbling around the cones.

“Keep your head up,” said Coach Smith, “so you can see both the ball and the field.”

Erik tried looking up and dribbling.

“Dribbling is hard work!” he said.

cones





“Let’s shoot some goals,”
said Coach Smith.

The players kicked the ball
at the goal one by one.

Erik tried and missed.



goal



“Keep your eye on the ball and aim for a corner of the goal,” said Coach Smith. Erik tried again and scored!





“Remember,” said Coach Smith,
“the team that scores
the most goals wins!
But it’s more important
to try your best and have fun.”

“Let’s take a water break.
Then, we’ll play a game
of soccer,”
said Coach Smith.
He split the group
into two teams.



whistle



Coach Smith blew a whistle to start the game.

Henry kicked the ball from the center of the field, and passed it to Erik.





Erik dribbled the ball
and passed it to Beth.
Beth kicked the ball
into the goal.
“Super teamwork!”
said Coach Smith.

“The score is 1-0,” said Coach Smith, “and it’s the yellow team’s turn to kick off.”



The game went on.

The players passed and dribbled
the ball up and down the field.





Coach Smith blew a long whistle
to end the game.

Erik's team cheered.

They had won!

Everyone shook hands.
“Good game!” said Erik
to the players on the yellow team.



Coach Smith talked about the game while the players cooled down.





“Are there any questions?”

asked Coach Smith.

“When’s our next practice?”

asked Erik.

“Next week,” said Coach Smith.

“Until then, remember
to practice your skills at home.”

Glossary



Goal a net that players try to get the ball into



Goalie a player who tries to keep the ball out of the goal



Muscle a body part under your skin that makes you move



Shin guards pads that protect your lower legs



Whistle a loud instrument used to start and stop a game

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 **READERS**

My name is

I have read this book








Date

Erik is going to his first soccer practice. Join him as he finds out how to play for the team!



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Stunning photographs combine with lively illustrations and engaging, age-appropriate stories in DK READERS, a multilevel reading program guaranteed to capture children's interest while developing their reading skills and general knowledge.

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With DK READERS, children will learn to read—then read to learn!

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