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Hi, my name is George. I am eight years old and I love soccer. This is my friend Tom. We play on the same team.

Every week we go to the park to train with Tom's Dad. He's our coach. We are getting good at tackling.

This is the goal. We try hard to kick the ball between the posts. It's hard to get the ball past the other team's goal keeper. Goal !

When we are bigger we will play on a full size field with eleven players on the team. I will wear fancy soccer boots with blades on the sole to help me run fast.

I dream about playing for my country one day just like my soccer heroes. Goal!

I love Soccer



Did you know?

In Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the USA and Canada this sport is called soccer but throughout the rest of the world it is called football.

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Answer these questions

1) How old is George? _____

2) Who coaches the soccer team? _____

3) When and where does the team train? _____

4) What is a goal keeper? _____

5) Why do you think blades help you run fast? _____

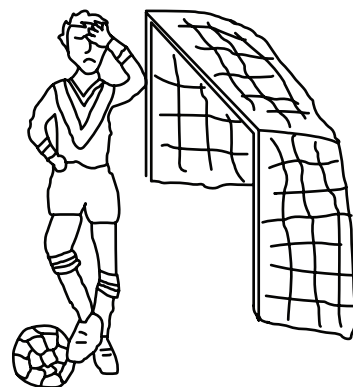
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Tom and George walked through the school gate together. George was excited about the beginning of the new soccer season. I can't wait until this afternoon. said Tom.

Yeah, its going to be great. Your dad is a really good soccer player. replied George. I hope we score lots of goals this year.

Me too. said Tom. It isn't easy to get the ball into the net.

Your dad will help us. replied George.



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Explain these soccer terms.

1) Shoot. _____

2) Pass. _____

3) Dribble. _____

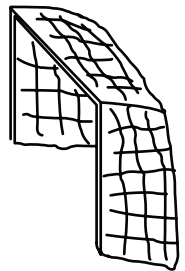
4) Head. _____

5) Tackle. _____

6) Dive. _____

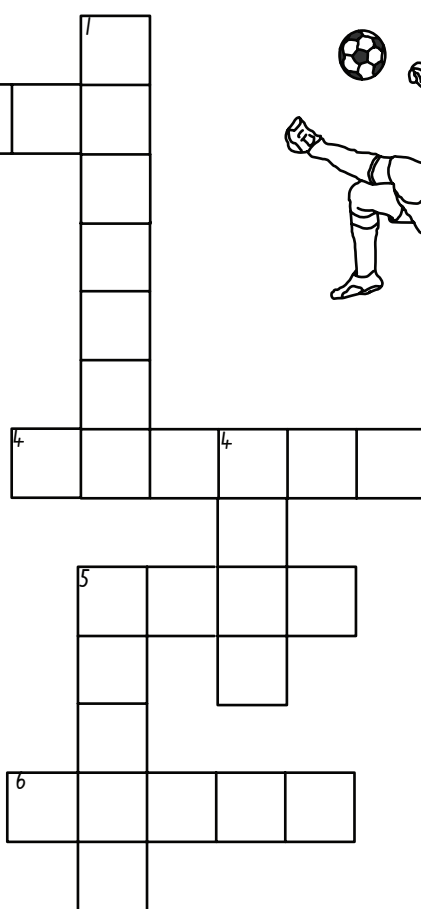
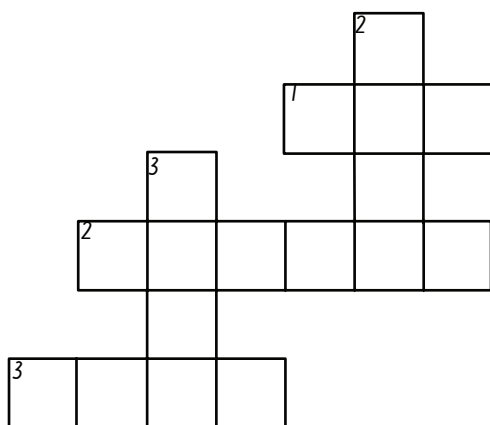
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Draw a picture of you and your friends playing soccer.



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Clues Across

- 1) This game is called football in some parts of the world.
- 2) To take the ball from the opposition with the feet.
- 3) An adverb for running.
- 4) To strike the ball with your head.
- 5) To stop the ball going into the goal.
- 6) A person who trains a soccer team.

Clues Down

- 1) To travel, lightly tapping the ball with your foot.
- 2) Posts that mark the scoring spot.
- 3) To kick the ball to a team member.
- 4) The goal keeper does this to catch the ball.
- 5) To aim a kick at the goal.