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Soccer Ball on a Saturday Morning

by Kimberly M. Hutmacher

I'm slammed into earth
Raced, chased, and punted.
I'm rocked. I'm socked.



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I'm kicked, kneed,
Launched into flight.

I sail. I soar.
Flipping end over end.
Pound the hard ground.
A ball with no friend.



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1. From which point-of-view was this poem written?
 - a. a soccer player's
 - b. a soccer fan's
 - c. a soccer ball's
 - d. a soccer field's

2. What does the word skirt mean in line 6 of the poem?
 - a. type of clothing worn by women
 - b. soccer uniform
 - c. to move fast
 - d. to go around



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4. What is the setting of this story? Tell where and when it most likely takes place.

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Match each vocabulary word from the story to the correct definition.

_____ 1. earth

a. unable to think clearly

_____ 2. punted

b. antonym for soft

_____ 3. skirt

c. strike; hit; slam

_____ 4. pound

d. completely



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_____ 8. hard

h. to move around an object

◆ **Now try this:** Write three sentences on your own. In each sentence, use one of the vocabulary words above.

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The poem, "Soccer Ball on a Saturday Morning," is written a soccer ball's point-of-view. The ball describes its experience as it is kicked and bounced around a soccer field during a game.

Write a poem or paragraph from the point-of-view of any other type of inanimate object. You could choose an object at home, in your classroom, or in nature.



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4. What is the setting of this story? Tell where and when it most likely takes place.

This story takes place on a Saturday morning on a soccer field.

Also accept: outdoors, at a park, in a grassy area, etc.

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c. strikes; hits; claps



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a 6. confused

f. person you like to spend time
with

d 7. totally

g. ground

b 8. hard

h. to move around an object

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