

The Soccer Game

Genre: Fiction **Reading Level:** 400L **Grade:** 1st

It is the last game of the season. Mia's soccer team, the Blue Tigers, is 15
playing against the Red Dragons. The score is tied two to two. There are only 30
five minutes left in the game. 36

Mia plays defense. Her job is to stop the other team from scoring goals. She 51
runs up and down the field, watching the ball carefully. 61

Suddenly, a player from the Red Dragons kicks the ball hard toward Mia's 74
goal. The ball flies through the air. Mia's teammate, the goalie, jumps up to 88
catch it. But the ball bounces off his hands! 97

Mia sees the ball rolling toward the goal. She runs as fast as she can. Just 113
before the ball crosses the line, Mia kicks it away. She saved the goal! 127

"Great save, Mia!" shouts her coach from the sideline. 136

Now the Blue Tigers have the ball. Mia kicks it to her teammate Lucas. Lucas 151
dribbles down the field. He passes the ball to another teammate named Zoe. 164
Zoe takes a shot at the goal. 171

The ball sails into the net! The Blue Tigers win the game three to two! 186

The team runs to Zoe and cheers. The coach gives everyone high fives. Mia 200
feels proud of her team. They worked together and never gave up. 212

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the name of Mia's soccer team?
2. What position does Mia play?
3. Who scores the winning goal for the Blue Tigers?
4. What lesson does the story teach about teamwork?