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# Goal!



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### **What's this story about?**

Watching Dad play football on a wintry day isn't much fun. Will he score a goal?



### **Talk together**

Look at the cover picture and notice the studs on the boots. Ask, "Why do you think football boots are like this?"

### **Read the story**

**W** = Word recognition   **G** = Language comprehension

- W** Look at the picture on page 1. Point out the hats and scarves and ask the child to think of a word beginning with 'c'. Then ask, "What kind of day was it?"
- W** Find 'everyone' on pages 2 and 3 before you read.
- W** Page 5, look at Kipper, and then look at the word 'miserable'. Say the beginning sounds together: m-i-s... and see if the child can guess the word.
- C** Read page 6. "Why was Mum cross?" (Explain the yellow card.)
- C** Page 8, guess what the children called out.
- C** Ask the child to read the whole story to you. Praise the child for reading well.



It was a cold day.



Everyone got wet.





Everyone got cold.

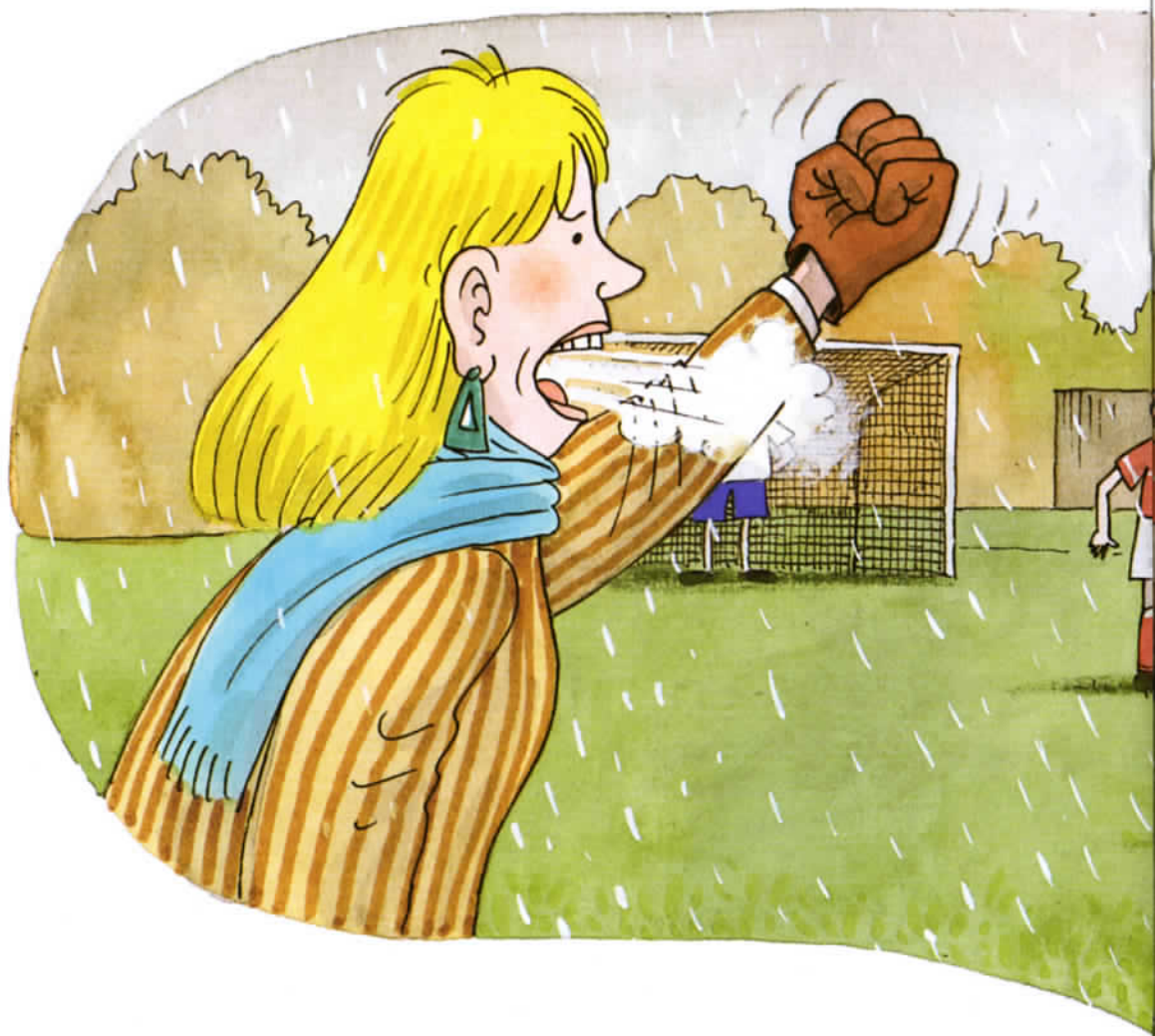


Floppy got tired.





Kipper got miserable.



Mum got cross.







Dad got a goal.

## ***Play a game***

### ***Word football***

*This game helps the child notice the length of words.*

- Ask the child to find a two-letter word in the book. Then you find a three-letter word. Then the child four, and so on. You will say "None" for the seven-letter word.

### ***Other ideas***

*You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.*

- Take turns to think of words which are the opposite of 'cold', 'wet', etc.
- Find 'got' on the pages in the story. Practise spelling 'got'.



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Dad plays football.

This story practises these words:

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