

The Football Match



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has been learnt.

Talk about these words with your child before reading this book.

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It is Saturday and Sam is playing football today. He packs his football boots into his bag. Mum, Dad and Pam are all going to see him play. The match is being held at the park at three o' clock. Sam hopes his team will win.





“It’s time to go,” says Sam. “I mustn’t be late!”

They all get in the car and drive off. Soon they arrive at the park, in good time. Sam runs off to join his team mates. Mum, Dad and Pam sit on a bench near the pitch.

“Sam and his friends play well. I hope they win,” says Dad.



The referee starts the match. The two teams run around, chasing the ball. Sam gets the ball. He runs with it up the pitch to the goal.

“In the goal, Sam!” shouts Dad.

Sam shoots, but he misses. The ball hits the cross bar. The match continues.



Near the end of the match, one of Sam's friends gets the ball. He runs with it to the goal and shoots, but he misses.

The mums and dads all cheer their son's team.

Then, with just one minute to go, Sam got the ball again. He ran to the goal.

"Shoot Sam, go for it!" shouts dad again.

Sam shoots, and ... in the goal it goes!

Dad cheers. Mum cheers and Pam cheers.

The referee ends the match and Sam's team
are the winners thanks to Sam!

His friends all pat him on the back and cheer.

As they go home they talk about the match.

“Your shot was the best one, Sam,” says Dad.

“You are a good football player!”