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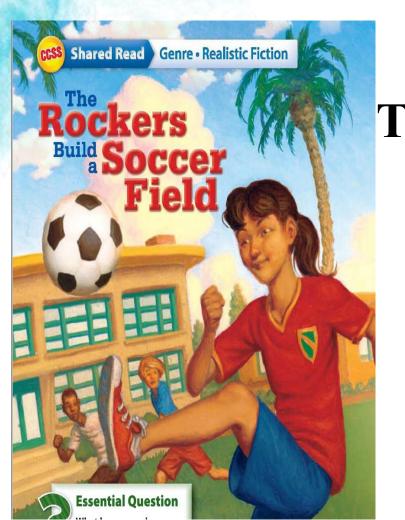
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## The Rockers Build a Soccer Field

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## Reading

Maria was practicing with her soccer mates in a tiny school yard. They were all from River Edge Rockers, a soccer team of their community. Suddenly, the ball flew into a deep hole at the edge of the yard. It was the third time that they had lost their ball this month. Without the ball Maria had to wave goodbye to her mates and went home, depressed. "If only there were a regulation soccer field! "she thought.

That evening, seeing her in low spirits, her father asked, "What was the matter, dear?" "I was just thinking about playing in a brand new soccer field!"Maria answered.

Her father smiled and said, "Tomorrow, a Town Council meeting is to be held to discuss about the use of that vacant(空着的) lot next to the <u>pet store</u>, Home for Pets, Why not take this opportunity to convince them we need a better field?"

The next day, with the company of her father, Maria and her <u>teammates</u> went to the meeting hall. On their arrival they saw Councilwoman Jill and some citizens already there. They took their seats. After Jill announced the start of the discussion, Maria stood up and spoke first. "Up till now there is no soccer field in our community, which certainly affects our physical health. Our team currently have to <u>practice</u> in a tiny school yard, and only when it's not already booked."

# Reading

Mrs. Lorries, owner of the pet store, <u>commented</u>, "I couldn't agree more. Kids do need such a field. "The Rockers applauded <u>excitedly</u> and the other citizens all agreed it would be a way out.

A soccer field would be a good use for that lot with overgrown weeds and some large rocks, but to build such one would need a small sum of money and maybe you even need to do all the work on your own." Councilwoman Jill smiled, "Can you manage it?"

Thinking for a while, Maria nodded with a <u>determined</u> look on her face, "The Rockers can do it! "We will turn it into a soccer field. "The teammates all cheered.

Para1:The following day, the team got together to share ideas for raising money.

Para2: A week later, the team gathered at the lot, carrying tools purchased with their earnings.

## **Understanding the story**

Maria was practising soccer with her teammates in a tiny school yard when the ball fell into a hole at the edge of the yard, which made Maria depressed and desperate for a soccer field of their own.

Back home, Hearing daughter's complaint, Maria's father suggested that they go to the City Council meeting the next day, trying to <a href="convince">convince</a> the government to let them have the <a href="vacant lot">vacant lot</a>, which was next to the pet store <a href="owned">owned</a> by Mrs. Lorries, for their soccer field.

Widely <u>supported</u> by the citizens in the community, Maria and her teammates finally managed to get the permission on one <u>condition</u>: they needed to work on their own to turn the <u>abandoned/deserted</u> lot into a soccer field of their own.

## Language learning

- 1.在院子的边上
- 2.向挥手告别
- 3.情绪低落/不高
- 4.崭新的足球场
- 5.那块空地
- 6.宠物店
- 7.趁这个机会
- 8.说服某人作某事
- 9.在爸爸的陪伴下
- 10.一到那里
- 11.一个解决方案
- 12.脸上带着坚定的表情

- 1. at the edge of the yard
- 2. wave goodbye toww.sunedu.com
- 3. be in low spirits
- 4. a band new soccer field
- 5. that vacant lot
- 6. pet store
- 7. take the chance/opportunity
- 8. persuade/convince sb. to do sth.
- 9. with the company of Dad
- 10.On/ Upon arrival
- 11. a way out, a solution
- 12. with a determined look on her face

## Design the plot: Underlined words

- Maria √
   teammates √
   soccer field √
   pet store √
- 2. convince practice comment manage
- 3. excitedly determined
  - **Tip 1:**

- Maria and her teammates worked together to raise enough money and managed to turn the abandoned lot into a soccer field.
- Their constant efforts finally paid off and a brand new soccer field was on the way!
- They offered to work at the pet store, feeing, walking and washing the pet dogs to earn money for the field.
- Looking at the brand new soccer before their eyes, they exploded with pride, imagining practising, passing the ball through the air and into the net.
- Looking back, they were delighted that they did manage to make a soccer field of their own.

With the underlined words as possible hints, we can picture the scenes that follow.

## **Design the plot: First sentence**

The following day, the team got together to share ideas for raising money.

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- 1. What were their ideas?
- 2. How did they put the idea(s) into action and raise/earn money?

Maria and her teammates manage to raise enough for the soccer field,

A week later, the team gathered at the lot, carrying tools purchased with their earnings)\_\_\_\_

- 1. How did they turn the vacant lot into a soccer field with the tools they carried?
- 2. How did they feel when they saw the work completed and their dream come true?

## **Design the plot:**

The following day, the team got together to share ideas for raising money



deliver newspapers/milk



**sunedu.com**work part-time at sho

take care of gardens for busy neighbours



donation performance



#### **Tip 1:**

Many ideas are suggested, but they only adopt a practical one. So they work together on one idea.

#### **Tip 2:**

All the ideas will work, so they organize them in time order, and carry them out one by one.

#### **Tip 3:**

All the ideas help, so the divide the team into smaller groups and each is assigned to a particular task.

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Performances, car wash and even a candy sale were suggested but none seemed practical. Suddenly Maria cried excitedly, "Maybe we can convince Mrs. Lorries to offer us some jobs in the pet shop."

## **Tip 2:**

All the ideas will work, so they organize them in time order, and carry them out one by one.

#### Example:

One idea after another popped up, all of which sounded practical. So in the very early morning, they undertook the newspaper-delivering in the neighborhood. After breakfast, the bright sunlight saw the group taking care of the gardens for the busy neighbors. In the afternoon, they worked part-time at the pet store, where they would feed, walk and wash the dogs.

## **Tip 3:**

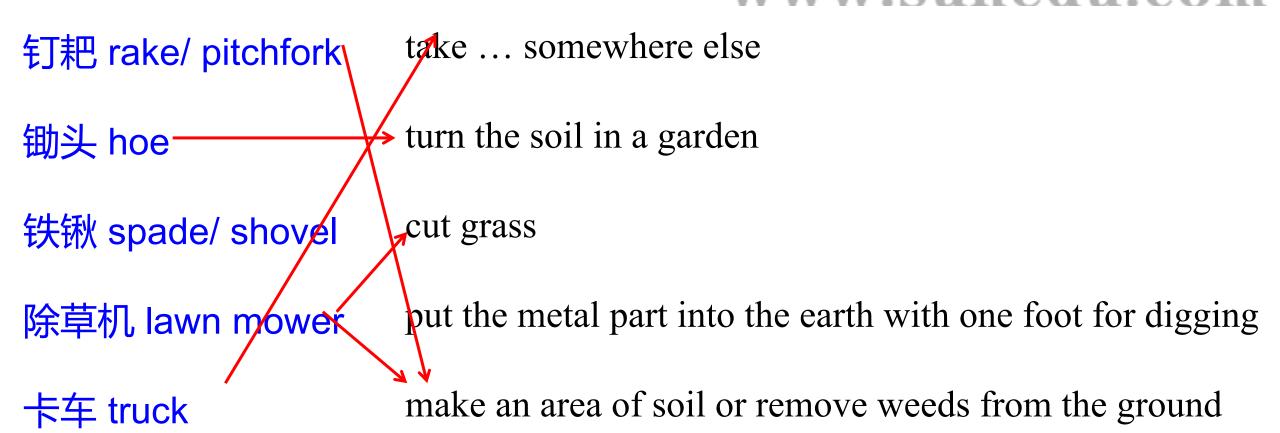
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#### Example:

One idea after another popped up, all of which sounded practical. So they divided themselves into several groups and were each assigned to one particular task. One undertook the newspaper-delivering in the neighborhood, and one group were up to taking care of the gardens for the busy neighbors. Amazingly, Maria managed to find a job at the pet store, where she would feed, walk and wash the dogs.

## **Design the plot:**

A week later, the team gathered at the lot, carrying tools purchased with their earnings.



Tip: As the names for the tools are unknown to most students, just focus on the verbs without referring to the tools.

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#### How to turn the abandoned lot into a soccer field?

- > Remove the weeds with a lawn mover or by burning
- Dig up the rocks with a spade/shovel
- > Smooth the ground with soil
- > Plant grass

## Describe the scene of building the field:

- First they removed the overgrown weeds and dug out the Vividly described? large rocks from the lot. Then they smoothed the field with the soil. Finally they planted grass on it.
- With the dream of a soccer field in mind, they immediately set out to work. The next few days witnessed the group removing the overgrown weeds and digging out the large rocks from the lot and having them taken away.

After smoothing the field with the soil brought somewhere
else, they took one step further by planting grass on it. With
all the work done, a soccer field of their own was finally born.

Tip: 为了避免写动作链时的单调,可以采用无灵主语、动作从句化、表达高级化等策略丰富你的表达。

The following day, the team got together to share ideas for raising money. Performances, car wash and even a candy sale were suggested but none seemed practical. Suddenly Maria cried excitedly, "Maybe we can convince Mrs. Lorries to offer us some jobs in the pet shop. All her teammates agreed it was a great idea as it would not only raise enough money but could afford them good time with cute dogs. Things turned out as they had expected. The following days witnessed their efforts feeding, washing and walking dogs and they were handsomely rewarded. (82)

A week later, the team gathered at the lot, carrying tools purchased with their earnings. Seeing the field covered with dirt, rubble, and weeds, Maria kicked into action with her teammates, scooping up debris and depositing it in a rented truck. Then they removed the large rocks together from the field and filled the holes left by the rocks with enough soil. After they planted grass on it, they were enthralled by the new field. "We made it. Together we turned a rough lot into our dream soccer field." Maria exclaimed, bursting with pride. (79)

#### 考场作文:

第二节 读后续写(满分25分)

Paragraph 1:

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The following day, the team got together to share ideas for raising money. At thought of practicing in a brand-new SOCCET field, Maria and her teammates desired to raise enough money as early as they could. They stood in circle, frowned and brainstormed. Minutes later, everyone shared his opidea. Some thoughtworking in the pet store was a perfect idea; others decided to collect vacant bottle to raise money. No sooner had they figured out what to do than they strove to finish their own task. Exhausted yet excited, they tried their best to raise money everyday for fear that they would lose their expecting soccer field.

Paragraph 2:

A week later, the team gathered at the lot, carrying tools purchased with their earnings. These diligent kids' eyes twinkled with excitement, they clutched their fists with <u>determined</u> look. Then they began to work after exchanging a radiant smile of understanding. They threw out the large rocks and made the annoying weeds disapper. Neglecting the hot weather and dirty mud, they focused on the ground under their feet, imagining what it would be inimuhours later. With their unremmitting joint effort, the vacant lot eventually gained a new life. Looking at the new saccer field, Maria and teammates shrieked with a sense of success and merriment.

#### 点评:

- 1.本段情节简练,人物设置 简单,让读者马上进入故事情 景中。
- 2.语言表达丰富,像stand in a circle, no sooner... than...,等给读者以画面感的体验,也非常符合故事里角色的定位。。
- 3.运用了分词结构作状语、 句子副词置于句首等,辅之以 心理活动、身体动作、情绪描 写等手段,使整篇文章简洁而 不简单。

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A week later, the team gathered at the lot, carrying tools purchased with their earnings. Overgrown weeds and large rocks were really a challenge for these soccer enthusiasts, but with the dream of a soccer field in mind, they immediately set out to work. The next few days witnessed the group removing the overgrown weeds and digging out the large rocks from the lot and having them taken away. After smoothing the field with the soil brought somewhere else, they took one step further by planting grass on it. With all the work

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Paragraph 2:

A week later, the team gathered at the lot, carrying tools purchased with their earnings. Veter mined and definite, they were all to establish their own earthly paradise. A kid ploughed the ground, another crammed it with grass to build the meadow and Maria, as well as her teammates, heaved the iron framework, plunged it deeply into the dirt and screwed it tightly. Ultimately, a fabulous soccer field glittered against the vivid blue sky, with the stunning spectacles of the setting sun. Maria and the teammates, frantic with rapture, dashed to the field and began a new race.

#### 第二节 读后续写(满分25分)

Paragraph 1:

The following day, the team got together to share ideas for raising money. Maria Suggested that they could do part-time job after so school. At that, other teammates modeled their heads and declared. "Lets do it!" The next day, when the school bell rang, Maria dashed towards the pet store and explained her plan to Mrs. Lorries out of breath. Seeing the determined look on her face, Mrs. Lowies offered her a job patting her back gently with a warm smile. Therefore, Maria started looking after pets after school. She stayed at the pet store until night every day but when she thought the soccer field, joy welled up inside her.

A week later, the team gathered at the lot, carrying tools purchased with their earnings. They all knew that it's was the last and most important step. So they set aside all the avilable time and burried themselve in this work. Some of them mo--ved off the large rocks and grass as well as others added nets to the ground. Although the sun burned their skin and dust covered their face, they still continued their work excitacily. Yew days later, the soccer field was finished. Maria hugged her teammates tightly and big smiles lit up on their face. Most importantly, they all realized that team work could create everything and if you wanted to gain something you



