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# Introduction

## Get Ready

This section introduces the content of the unit with a related picture and a question to stimulate learners' interest.

## Big Idea

This section introduces the core concepts or prior knowledge relevant to the topic of the unit.

**1 Children and Soccer**

**Key Words**

4 Listen and read the words.

lot barefoot weird  
circumstances constant grasshopper  
disagree mess victoriously challenge

5 Write the correct words for the definitions.

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**Get Ready**  
Why do you think soccer is the most popular sport in the world?

**BIG IDEA**  
Soccer is one of the world's most popular sports, but there are different opinions about how and why people play soccer.

Sports and Culture

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## Key Words

This section introduces the unit's Key Words and helps learners understand and practice them.

## Focus

This question helps learners know what to focus on while reading the passage.

## Reading Passage

The reading passage presents various nonfiction texts with illustrations and pictures.

**Children and Soccer**

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**Soccer: A Simple Game of Childhood**  
Kathy Kafer

For children, soccer is a simple game only requiring a ball, a place to play, and someone to play with. Children around the world play soccer in various **circumstances**.

Some, such as children in England, wear uniforms while other children play **barefoot** without any coaches. It doesn't matter if they're playing on a well-kept field or on a **dusty lot**; wherever and however they live, children enjoy playing soccer.

There are many sports that children can play, but soccer is special. It has **constant** action. Only one person can kick the ball at a time, but others try to steal it. Soccer is also a game of teamwork. It can help children feel they are part of a team or closer to their friends.

Playing soccer allows children to enjoy themselves. As the smiling faces in the picture of the children from Mozambique show, children are happy when they're physically active. For children, it's not a matter of winning a game or scoring a goal. What is important is exercising and being with friends.

What does Kathy Kafer think is more important for children than winning in soccer?

How do we know that soccer is such a big business?

England Brazil Mozambique Norway Britain Yemen

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## Check

Learners can quickly check their understanding before moving on to Reading Comprehension.

## More Words

More Words presents words other than the Key Words that are related to the topic.

The screenshot shows two articles on the left and a 'Reading Comprehension' section on the right. The first article, 'Not Everyone Wins at Soccer', discusses how soccer is popular but not everyone loves it, mentioning Kathy Kaler's opinion. The second article, 'Soccer Is Great for All Kids, Anywhere', discusses how soccer is a great game for children in different places. The 'Reading Comprehension' section includes multiple-choice questions and a short-answer question.

## Reading Comprehension

This section provides various reading comprehension questions. Learners can check how well they understand the passage by solving multiple-choice and open-ended questions.

## Reading Skill

This section helps learners outline the passage by using various reading skills.

The screenshot shows a 'Reading Skill: Authors Point of View' section with a table for identifying point of view and a 'Summary' section with a fill-in-the-blanks exercise. The table lists phrases like 'Soccer is a special sport because...' and asks to identify the author's point of view. The summary section asks learners to fill in blanks to complete a summary of the passage.

## Summary

Learners can summarize the passage by filling in the blanks with phrases.

## Build Language

This section presents the main sentence pattern in the passage. Learners can practice their reading and writing skills with the questions provided.

## Connect Your Ideas

This section allows learners to connect personally with the unit's topic by making them think about their own experiences.

## Workbook

The workbook enables learners to review the entire unit through three sections.

- Vocabulary Practice: Learners can review the Key Words and the More Words in the unit.
- Sentence Practice: Learners can practice reading and writing sentences from the passage.
- Reading Practice: Learners can check how well they understand the passage.

# Scope and Sequence

## Sports and Culture



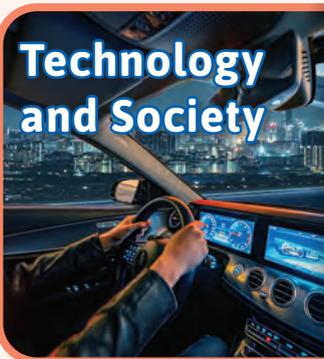
Unit	Title	Subject	Genre
1	<b>Children and Soccer</b>	Social Studies	Nonfiction
2	<b>Alaska's Iditarod: A Grueling Test of Person and Dog</b>	Social Studies	Nonfiction
3	<b>Rookie Leads Eagles to Finals</b>	Social Studies	Nonfiction

## Archaeological Discoveries



4	<b>Under the Ashes</b>	Social Studies	Nonfiction
5	<b>Mummification in Ancient Egypt</b>	Social Studies	Nonfiction
6	<b>Famous Sunken Cities</b>	Social Studies	Nonfiction

## Technology and Society



7	<b>GPS: A Tool for Everyone</b>	Science	Nonfiction
8	<b>Driving into the Future of Car Safety</b>	Science	Nonfiction
9	<b>Robot Bees to the Rescue?</b>	Science	Nonfiction

## Environmental Challenges



10	<b>Changing Climate, Changing Earth</b>	Science	Nonfiction
11	<b>What's Your Carbon Footprint?</b>	Science	Nonfiction
12	<b>Plastic Pollution: Garbage Patches</b>	Science	Nonfiction



Key Words	Reading Skill	Build Language	Page
barefoot, challenge, childhood, circumstances, constant, disagree, lot, mean, victorious, weird	Author's Point of View	Soccer is <b>such</b> a big business <b>that</b> more people watch soccer on TV than any other sport.	6
crucial, endurance, establish, grueling, navigate, pioneer, settler, sweep, trail (n.), wilderness	Chronological Order	Bad weather <b>made it impossible for</b> planes to fly.	14
daring, dash, hair-raising, halftime, intercept, occur, tie, touchdown, trail (v.), underdog	Summarizing Information	The winning touchdown occurred <b>with the Eagles trailing</b> by three points.	22
archaeologist, descendant, eruption, excavate, ignore, loom, remains, restore, shatter, vineyard	Main Idea and Key Details	Pompeii was a place <b>where</b> local farmers could sell their crops and livestock.	30
afterlife, amulet, coffin, decay, embalm, mummification, preserve, purify, reunite, valuables	Sequencing	It was important to preserve the body <b>so that</b> the soul could recognize it and rejoin it.	38
artifact, complicated, irrigation system, network, off the coast, resident, ruins, sunken, vessel, wicked	Compare and Contrast	Around the world, ancient cities have sunk beneath water <b>rather than</b> beneath ash.	46
accurate, attach, calculate, distress, encounter, locate, rescue, satellite, tag, tracking device	Author's Purpose	<b>There is nothing scarier than</b> a face-to-face encounter with a bear!	54
alert, attentive, brake, breakdown, flammable, obstacle, rollover, sensor, slippery, traction	Making Predictions	<b>No matter how</b> amazing these advances are, people should be attentive all the time while driving.	62
blossom, differ from, hive, narrow, nectar, pollen, practical, rely on, remotely, specialize	Compare and Contrast	<b>In order for</b> robot bees to specialize, researchers would have to design thousands of differently shaped robot bees to do the work of real bees.	70
bleaching, collapse, emit, famine, greenhouse gas, heat wave, ice sheet, prolonged, threaten, wildfire	Cause and Effect	Vehicles emit these gases into the air. <b>So do</b> houses, buildings, and factories.	78
carbon dioxide, contributor, eliminate, equivalent, fertilizer, gallon, primary, result in, tractor, yield	Author's Purpose	Fertilizer was brewed up in a factory, <b>which</b> resulted in the creation of two gallons (7.5 l) of CO <sub>2</sub> .	86
biodegrade, circulate, consume, debris, drift, entangle, gyre, litter, suffocate, toxic	Cause and Effect	The Great Pacific Garbage Patch can likely be sailed through <b>without</b> people <b>noticing</b> .	94

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# Children and Soccer

Focus

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459 words

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## Soccer: A Simple Game of **Childhood**



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Check

How do we know that soccer is such a big business?

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Brazil



Mozambique



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**Check** What does Kathy Kafer think is more important for children than winning in soccer?

Norway



Bhutan



Yemen





## Not Everyone Wins at Soccer

Rachael Ray

Soccer may be the world's most popular sport, but not everyone loves it. I **disagree** with Kathy Kafer when she says that the most important things about soccer are exercising and being with friends. In the pictures, I see children running and playing their hardest because they want to score and win. In the picture from Yemen, the children in the back look upset.

The girls from England don't look like they're having fun. The two girls closest to the ball are pushing each other. **Besides**, only one team can be **victorious**. I see a picture of happy children holding up a trophy, but I bet the losers feel sad. When someone loses a game or gives up a goal, that player's teammates get mad. Sometimes, soccer can make friends say **mean** things and get angry at one another.



## Soccer Is Great for All Kids, Anywhere

Eric Chang

I think it's amazing that kids play the same game in so many different places. I agree with Kathy Kafer that soccer is a great game for children. It might feel **weird** to play while wearing robes like the kids in Bhutan; however, playing barefoot like the kids in Mozambique could be a fun **challenge**.

If I had to move somewhere else, I'd bring my soccer ball to help me make friends. People don't talk much on a soccer field, so we wouldn't have to speak the same language. All I'd have to do is start kicking a soccer ball.

Reading Time: \_\_\_\_\_ m \_\_\_\_\_ s

**Check** Who agrees with Kathy Kafer, and who doesn't?

**More Words:** response dusty physically score besides

**A Choose the correct answers.**

1. What is the passage mainly about?
  - a The various health benefits of playing soccer
  - b The reasons that children play soccer to win
  - c The opinions of some people on children playing soccer
  
2. What has the closest meaning to “point of view” in the first paragraph on page 8?
  - a matter
  - b sight
  - c opinion
  
3. Which of the following is NOT one of Kathy Kafer’s opinions about soccer?
  - a Children have a lot of fun playing soccer.
  - b Winning the game is important for children.
  - c Soccer lets children spend time with their friends.
  
4. Why is Eric Chang impressed with soccer as a sport? Choose two answers.
  - a Children play soccer all over the world.
  - b Even if the players don’t win, they enjoy the game.
  - c It is something children can do together even if they speak different languages.
  
5. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true about soccer?
  - a Children anywhere in the world can play it.
  - b Everybody plays the game for the same reason.
  - c More people watch it on television than any other sport.

**B Answer the questions.**

1. Why is soccer special according to Kathy Kafer?

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2. Which part of Kathy Kafer’s opinion does Rachael Ray disagree with?

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3. How would Eric Chang make friends if he moved to a new place?

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# Reading Skill: Author's Point of View

Complete each person's point of view with the correct phrases.



Kathy Kafer

Soccer is a special sport because children play it all around the world.

- Soccer allows children to feel \_\_\_\_\_ and to enjoy themselves.
- Soccer allows children to exercise and to be with friends.



Rachael Ray

I \_\_\_\_\_ Kathy Kafer's opinion that the most important things about soccer are exercising and \_\_\_\_\_.

- The players want to win the game.
- When they don't win, they would \_\_\_\_\_.
- They can push one another and say \_\_\_\_\_.



Eric Chang

I \_\_\_\_\_ Kathy Kafer that soccer is a great game for children.

- People can play it together even if they don't speak \_\_\_\_\_.
- He'd bring a soccer ball to help him \_\_\_\_\_ if he moved to somewhere else.

agree with  
make friends

mean things  
become upset

part of a team  
disagree with

being with friends  
the same language

## Summary

Fill in the blanks to complete the summary.

Children everywhere around the world play soccer. Kathy Kafer believes that soccer is special due to its \_\_\_\_\_. Children play soccer to enjoy themselves. She thinks exercising and being with friends are \_\_\_\_\_. Rachael Ray disagrees and thinks that children play hard because they want to win. She writes that only one team \_\_\_\_\_ and that the losers probably feel sad. Eric Chang agrees with Kathy Kafer that soccer is \_\_\_\_\_ for children. He thinks that children can play soccer together even if they speak \_\_\_\_\_. He adds that he would play soccer to make friends if he \_\_\_\_\_.

different languages  
moved to a new place

constant action and teamwork  
more important than winning

can be victorious  
a great game



## such ... that

Read the sentences and fill in the blanks by using “such ... that” and the given words.



Soccer is **such** a big business **that** more people watch soccer on TV than any other sport.

Those are **such** wonderful pictures **that** I want to have them up on my wall.



1. It is \_\_\_\_\_ I've read it several times.  
(a great book)
2. They are \_\_\_\_\_ they win most of the games they play.  
(good gamers)
3. This is \_\_\_\_\_ the students need to remember it.  
(an important fact)

## Connect Your Ideas

Which writer's opinion do you agree with? Why do you feel that way?

**Example** I agree with Kathy Kafer the most. I think that most children play soccer because they want to exercise and to be with their friends. When I play soccer, I don't care about winning or losing. I just want to have fun.

**Your Own** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_