



Elsa Scores a Goal
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Elsa turned nine today. She received a present from her friends.



"Happy Birthday! This ball is for you. Come and play with us!" said Marsia.



Elsa received her present with mixed feelings.
She felt both happy and shy.



Marsia looked at Elsa, "Let's go to the field."



Marsia grabbed the ball out of Elsa's hands.



Thump thump.

The ball bounced on the ground.



Marsia kicked and passed the ball.



"Elsa, come and join us!" Marsia yelled.



Elsa sat silently in her wheelchair.



"Should I go?" she wondered.

"Yes!" she decided.



Marsia wanted to help push Elsa's wheelchair. She asked, "Elsa do you want some help?"



Elsa responded, "Thanks, but I can do it myself!"



Marsia passed the ball to Elsa. Elsa received the ball and passed it on.



Elsa scored a goal.



"Congratulations, Elsa!" said Marsia.



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