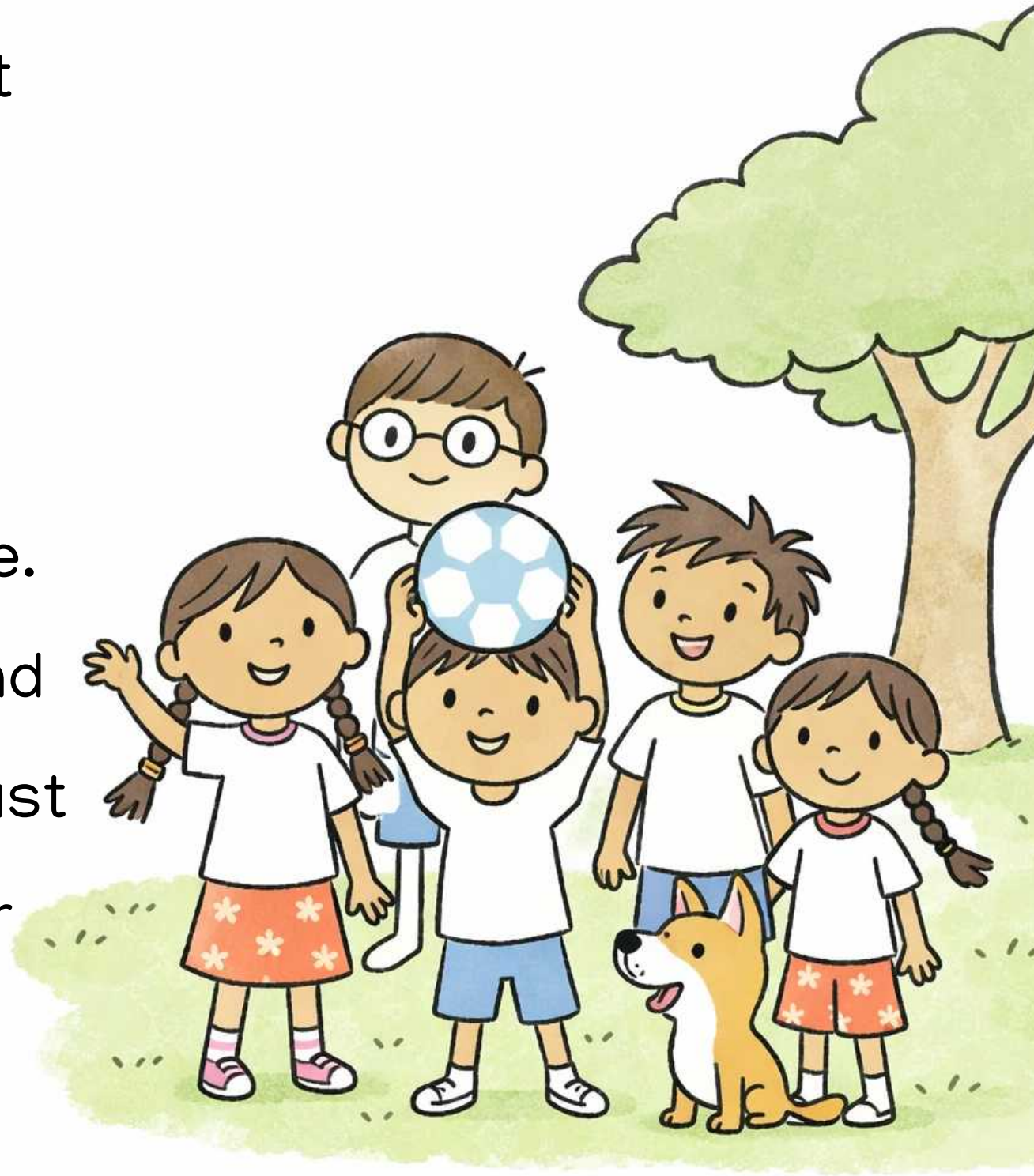


Go, Squad, Go!



We are a squad that plays football. We work well as a team and we are all good at parts of the game. Our team **passes** and **catches** fast. We trust each other to do our jobs.





She can run fast.

It is her job to get the ball down to the end we want. She **dashes** down the field and **rushes** past the other team with the ball.

He can turn which way he is going really fast! With a small flick of his foot, he **switches** the ball around and sends it on to a friend.



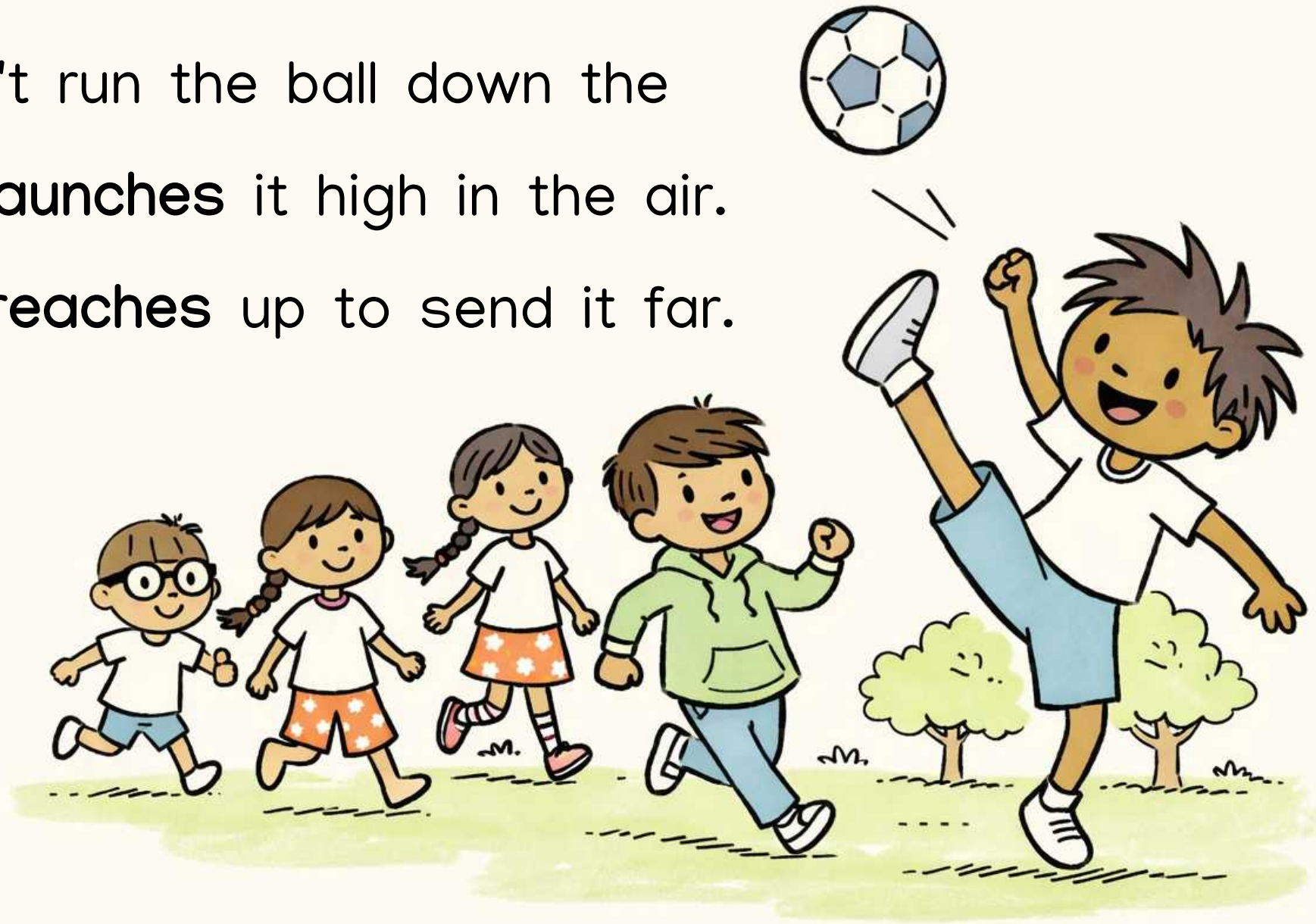


I can kick the ball
really hard.

Whack! I smash the
ball and it **crashes**
into the back of the
net with ease. That is
my role on the team.

He can kick really high.

If we can't run the ball down the field, he **launches** it high in the air.
His foot **reaches** up to send it far.





She is the best at jumping to tap the ball with her head. She never **misses!**

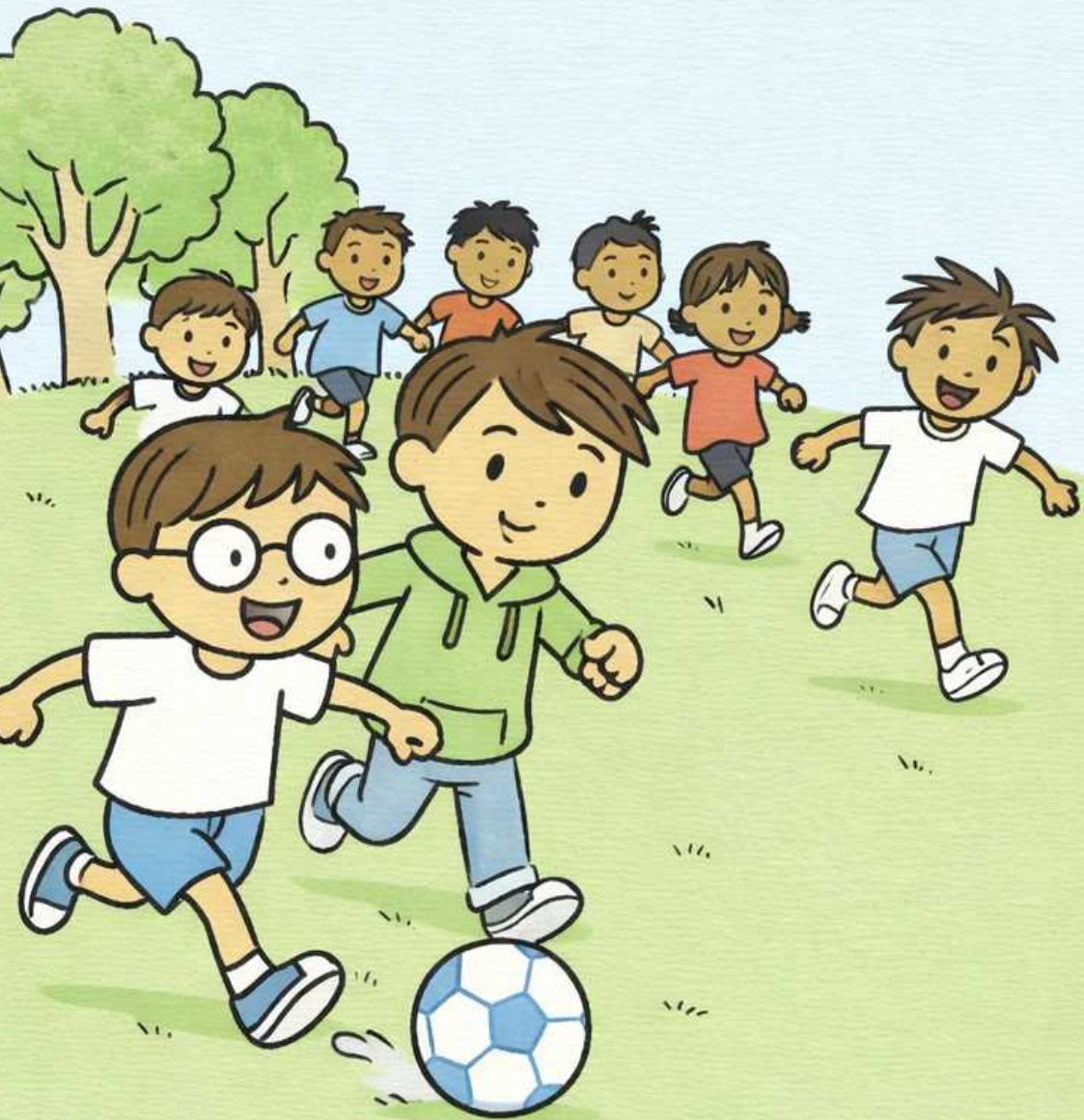
She has spent a lot of time on that skill.

We are warmed up
and good to go!

We get to play at a
high level now. Our
coach **watches** us with
pride. The other team
pulls up in their bus.

It is time to start the
game.





They play hard.

When our squad
matches up with a
team like this, we
have to give it all we
have got!

We can play hard too.

We each play our part in the team. We play to our strengths. Our squad thrashes other teams because we work so well.





We win!

When we each
play our role and
our team **passes**
well, we can be
our best. We
trust our friends
to do their part.



Go, Squad, Go!

Meet the squad - five kids, one dog, and zero chance of losing! At least, that's what they tell everyone before the big championship match. But when the other team's bus pulls up and out steps the biggest, tallest, most serious-looking squad ever, can our heroes really back up their big talk? With a speedy runner, a tricky dribbler, and a header who practices every lunchtime, this team has skills - but will teamwork be enough? This decodable reader practices es plurals in words like

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catches, crashes, dashes, launches, matches, misses, passes, reaches, rushes, switches, thrashes, watches

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