

Got It!





Jed stands by the fence with his ball. On the grass, a kid kicks a ball far up. It does not drop once. 'I can do that,' says Jed. 'I bet I can.'

Jed slips in past the fence and waves. The kid kicks the ball far up. It drops in a big arc, and it hits Jed in the chest. Thump!

'Ha!' Jed grins. 'That was not hard at all.'





They **start** to play,
and the kid is fast.

He darts past Jed
with the ball. Jed
runs **hard**, but he
can not catch him.

'I am fine,' pants Jed.
'I am just **starting**.'

Jed stops and looks.
Tap, tap, tap. The ball
rolls from leg to leg,
and it stops just
where the kid wants it.
'Wow,' says Jed. 'That
kid is **smart** with a
ball. It is like **art**.'





'Stop!' calls Jed. 'I must rest!' But the kid darts on with the ball. He will not stop.

Jed lunges to grab the ball, but the kid zips far past him.

Jed swings his leg and kicks the ball **hard**.

Crack! It zips **far** off the grass, and it rolls to the **car** path. The kid **darts** after it.



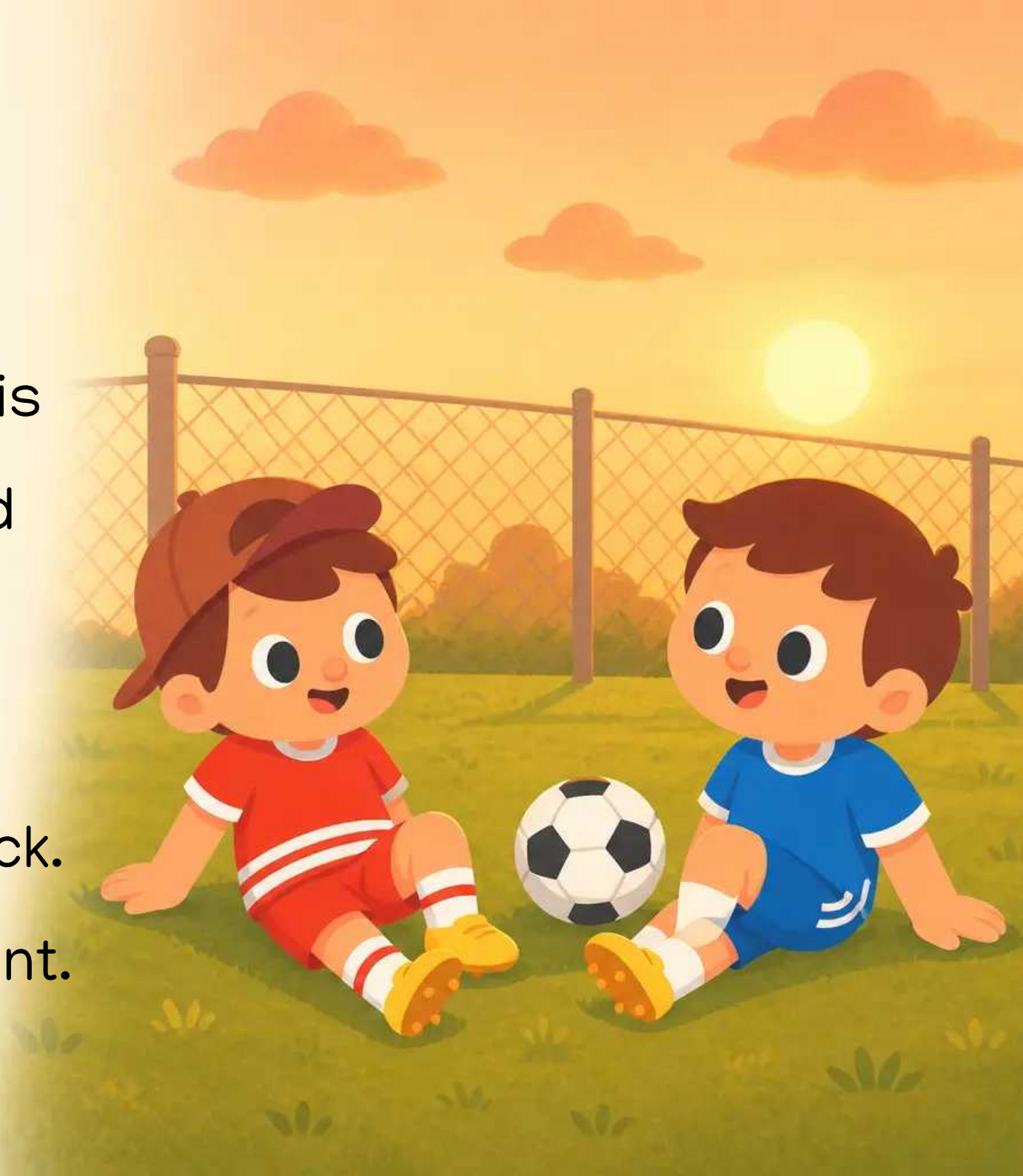
The kid runs onto the car path and bends to grab the ball. A bike zips at him, fast! 'Stop!' yells Jed. 'Stop, stop!' But the kid will not look up. Jed runs hard.



Jed grabs the kid's hand and pulls **hard**. They tumble onto the grass, safe from **harm**, and the bike zips past. The kid grips Jed's hand and looks up at him.



They sit on the hill
by the fence. It is
dusk, and the sky is
gold. Jed puffs and
pants. The kid
bumps Jed's arm.
Jed bumps him back.
That is all they want.





The kid **marks** his
name by the ball: Faf.
Then he talks with his
hands, quick and **smart**.

So that is it! Faf did
not **ignore** Jed at all.
Faf talks with his
hands.

Jed copies him. Faf
grins and claps.

Jed can not talk
with his hands
yet. His hands
get in a big snarl.

'Hang on, Faf,'
says Jed. He
bends and traces
his name: Jed.

Faf looks at the
marks and grins
a big grin.





Jed and Faf flop on
the grass. The sky
is gold. Two pals,
two balls. Jed is
glad he came to
play. He got a pal,
and a pal is more
than a game.



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Jed loves it when a ball never touches the ground, so when a kid on the field juggles like a pro, he jumps right in. His first big kick lands with a satisfying thump right in his chest, but keeping up with this fast, ball-taming stranger turns out to be a whole different game. Can Jed keep pace with a friend who is way smarter with a ball than he is? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 79: ar /ar/ & or, ore /or/ Review), this book practices words like 'hard', 'far', 'smart', 'start', 'car'.

Phonics Focus: ar & or, ore Review

arc, arm, art, car, dart, darts, far, hard, harm, ignore, marks, more, smart, snarl, start, starting

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