Soccer Ball on a Saturday Morning
by Kimberly M. Hutmacher

I'm slammed into earth
Raced, chased, and punted.
I'm rocked. I'm socked.

I'm kicked, kneed,
Launched into flight.

I sail. I soar.
Flipping end over end.
Pound the hard ground.
A ball with no friend.
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   a. a soccer player's
   b. a soccer fan's
   c. a soccer ball's
   d. a soccer field's

2. What does the word skirt mean in line 6 of the poem?
   a. type of clothing worn by women
   b. soccer uniform
   c. to move fast
   d. to go around

3. The soccer ball in this story is...
   a. knocked around the field
   b. flat and has no air
   c. hoping to get to the goal
   d. being thrown across the field

4. What is the setting of this story? Tell where and when it most likely takes place.

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Match each vocabulary word from the story to the correct definition.

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_______ 2. puncted
_______ 3. skirt
_______ 4. pound
_______ 8. hard

a. unable to think clearly
b. antonym for soft
c. strike; hit; slam
d. completely
h. to move around an object

◆ Now try this: Write three sentences on your own. In each sentence, use one of the vocabulary words above.
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The poem, “Soccer Ball on a Saturday Morning,” is written a soccer ball's point-of-view. The ball describes its experience as it is kicked and bounced around a soccer field during a game.

Write a poem or paragraph from the point-of-view of any other type of inanimate object. You could choose an object at home, in your classroom, or in nature.

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   This story takes place on a Saturday morning on a soccer field.
   Also accept: outdoors, at a park, in a grassy area, etc.
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  - e. kicked

- **a 6. confused**
  - f. person you like to spend time with

- **d 7. totally**
  - g. ground

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