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# Simply Soccer



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# Introduction

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“Where are my cleats? Have you seen my soccer socks? I can’t wait to play today!” If you are a soccer mom, you recognize these shouts as the crew gets ready to head for the soccer field. Having been a soccer mom myself, I can say that the days of soccer games and fun are among my most memorable sport weekends!

Waking up early on Saturday mornings, getting everything ready for a fun morning of children’s soccer games—what a fun day we would have! With lawn chairs, sunscreen, and healthy snacks packed, we would head for the local field. The players were learning the rules of the game of soccer, learning about positions and plays, and most importantly, they were learning how to be team players and work together to play the game.

Soccer is one of the most popular games in the world these days, and kids around the globe are playing in huge numbers. With this new Download N Go™ title, the focus is on using the very popular game as a launching point for learning more about the sport, geography, history, science, and much more. With this study/lapbook, your child will investigate all kinds of things about soccer, including the history of the game, game basics, how to play, types of equipment, and the story behind this popular sport. Each day he will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to his Simply Soccer lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

With the Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That’s it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

From developing an understanding of the basics of soccer to learning about the various field positions and some fun plays, this is going to be an exciting adventure. Your child will be learning about:

- The history of soccer.
- How soccer is played.
- Great soccer players.
- The science of soccer.

So get ready for the adventure, and thanks for spending a week with us as we take off with *Simply Soccer*. While you are enjoying this study, look ahead to *Benjamin Franklin* and *Expedition China*—upcoming titles in the Download N Go™ Series that continues to grow!

**Note to parents:** Remember that Internet site content can change overnight. Please check the sites that you plan to use before your child visits them in the study.



# Day 1

## What is Soccer?

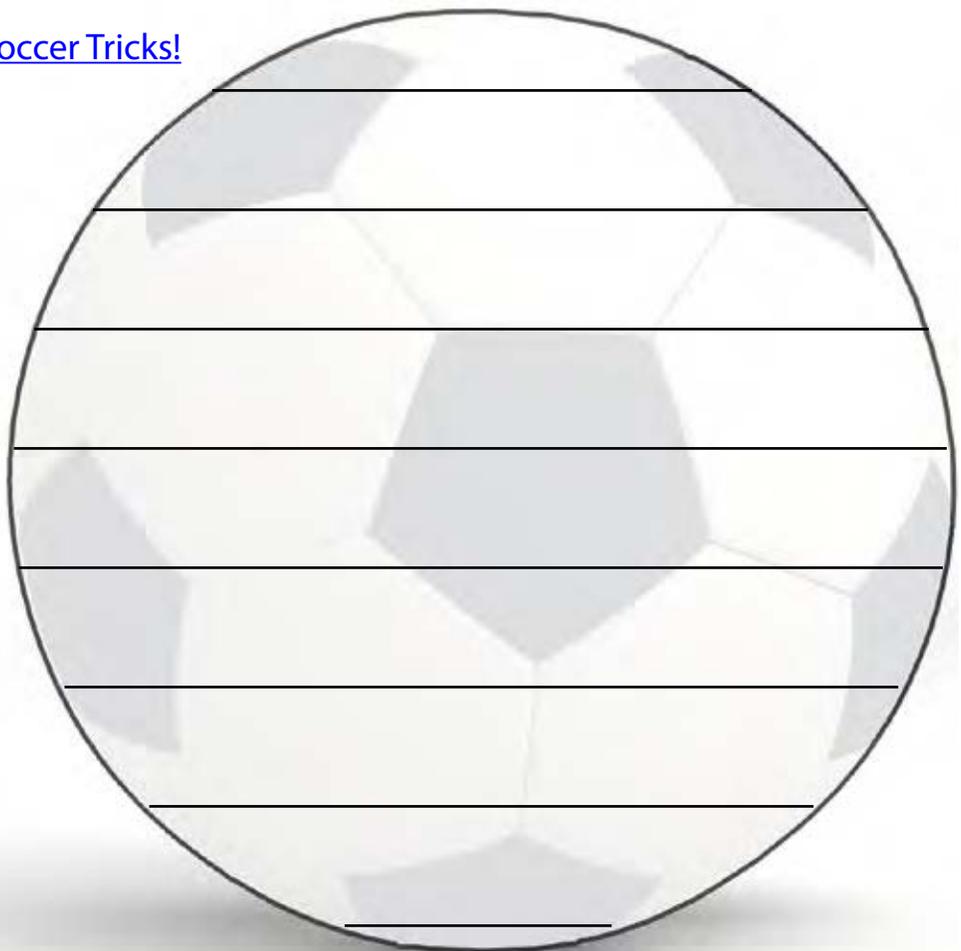
Games are plenty of fun, aren't they? There are many kinds of games—card games, board games, outdoor games, and video games. One of the oldest games around is a simple one, known in the United States as “soccer.” To play this game, all you need is a level place to play, a ball, and a goal at each end of the field. While this game is called soccer in the United States, it is called football in many other places around the world. It is one of the most popular games in the world, and what a fun topic for this week!

Before we jump into today's learning, let's take a few minutes to watch these videos about soccer:

Video: [Introduction to Soccer](#)

Video: [Awesome Soccer Tricks!](#)

You probably already know some things about soccer, and this is your chance to show what you know. What is soccer? *Write your own description of it to the right.* If you don't know, look up the definition [in this dictionary](#).



## Object of the Game

Now, when learning about any game, you need to know the object of the game. What does the word "object" mean when we are talking about the object of a game? *Write the definition below.*

Definition of Object (use the third definition)

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What is the object of the game of soccer? *Write your answer below.*

Soccer

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Add this [Object of the Game matchbook](#) to your lapbook.

## What is a Sport?

Soccer is considered to be a "sport." What is a sport? *Write your definition below.*

### Definition of Sport



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*Circle the sports you enjoy.*

