After the High Tide



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Level 21

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Reading Record	Pages 2–8	229

Key Teaching Points

- Discuss Cody's disability and how he copes with it.
- Talk about the importance of waiting patiently when fishing.
- Explain the movement of the tide and how it affects fish.

Key Questions

- Why does Cody have an artificial leg? *(Literal)*
- Why do you think Theo's dad was going fishing, too? *(Inferential)*
- Why do you think Cody wanted to keep the trip a secret? *(Inferential)*
- Did the lucky chair help Theo catch the fish? Why? *(Inferential)*
- What sort of person do you think Cody is? Why do you think this? *(Applied knowledge)*

Vocabulary Enrichment

- Notice that adverbs add to the the meaning of verbs; e.g. *smiled secretly.*
- Revise digraphs in initial, medial and final positions; e.g. *rushed, cheer.*
- Find the dictionary meaning for these words: *comfortable, amazement.*

Links with other PM Books

PM Early Chapters	Level 18	Cody Meets Theo
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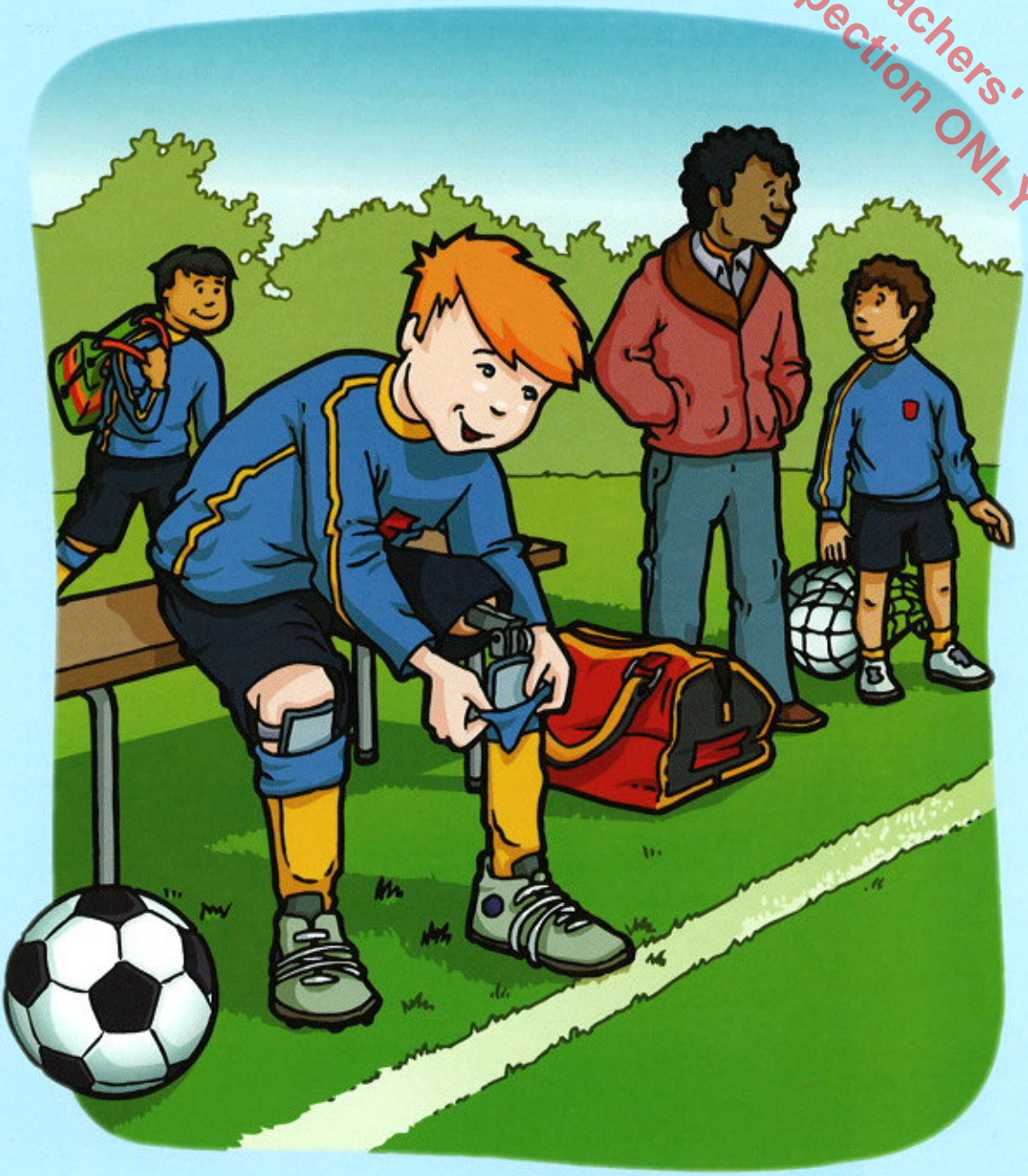
Chapter 1

No Football for Theo



Cody pulled his football sock over his artificial leg.
When he was four years old,
he had been in a car accident
and one of his legs had been too badly injured to save.
But having an artificial leg didn't stop him
from playing football.
Today, he was playing for his school team.

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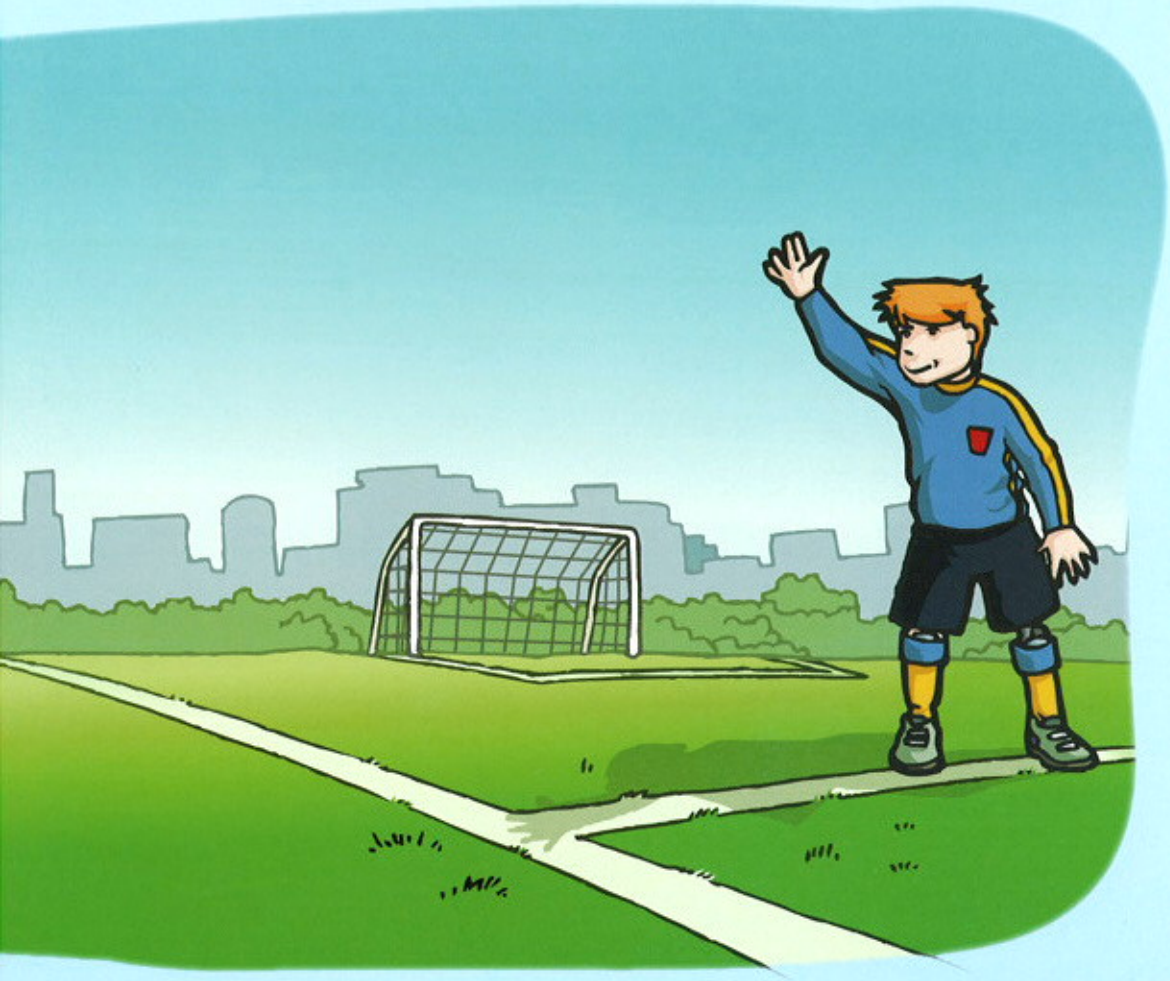
As Cody ran onto the football field,
he waved to his friend, Theo,
who was sitting at the sideline.



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"Make sure you cheer for us, Theo!" Cody yelled.

Theo had wanted to join the school team,
but two weeks ago he had fallen
down the stairs at school and had broken his leg.



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After the game, Cody rushed over to sit beside Theo.
"We beat them," he said excitedly.
"I'm glad I got that goal!"

"Me, too!" grinned Theo.

"I wish you'd been able to play today, Theo,"
said Cody.
"You must get so bored sitting around,
waiting for your leg to mend."

Then he smiled secretly, and said,
"But you won't be bored tomorrow!
Dad and I have a surprise for you.
We're coming to get you at eight o'clock.
See you in the morning!"

