

Chapter 1

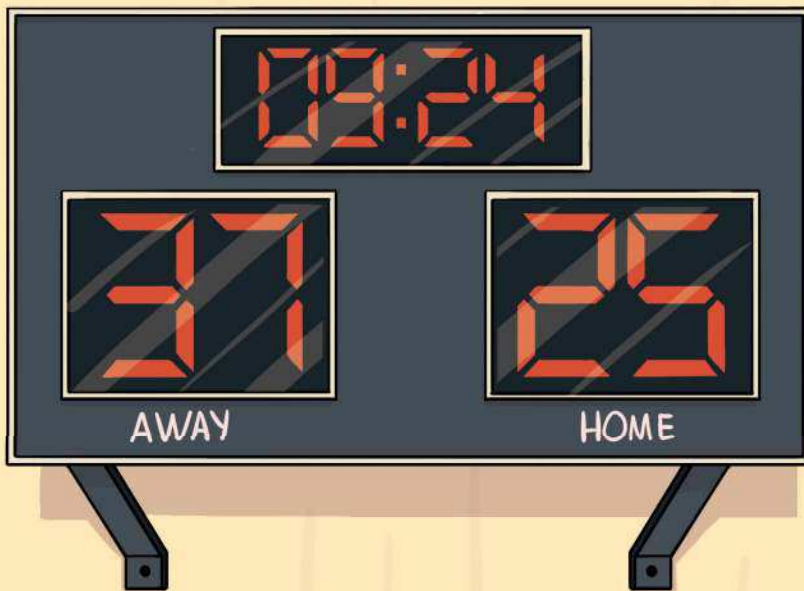
It was after school and the girls' basketball team were playing a game against another local school. Everyone in the team really enjoyed playing. The girls loved passing, catching and dribbling the ball. They all ran around the court as fast as they could.



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The girls ran with the ball and bounced it at the same time. Mai was great at this. Amira was really good at catching the ball. She was taller than the other players. She scored points by throwing the ball into the basket. Zara was a fast runner and really keen to play well. She ran all over the court, catching the ball and passing to her team mates. Yet they hardly ever won a game.



Leila sat in her wheelchair on the side lines watching her school friends. She was happy watching her friends play even though she couldn't join in. She wished she could play too but knew she couldn't. She sat watching and cheering the loudest to encourage and support them.

They needed all the help they could get.

Miss Garcia, who coached the team, knew this as well. She walked over to Leila.

