

Essie kicked at the grass and groaned. Her team, the Tigers, were tied with the Rangers, and there were only five minutes left until the end of the game.

"You've got to block those passes," shouted Ken, the Tigers' captain. "That's three times they've scored because of our mistakes. What's the matter? Are you tired?"

Essie clamped her teeth together. "No," she said.

She wasn't tired – she was angry. She knew she had made a mistake, and she didn't need Ken to tell her.

"OK, team," Ken said. "Remember, keep your eyes on the ball. Block it, then kick it forward."

"Come on, everyone," Ken shouted. "The game isn't over yet."





Are you OK,
Essie?



What does
Ken know?