

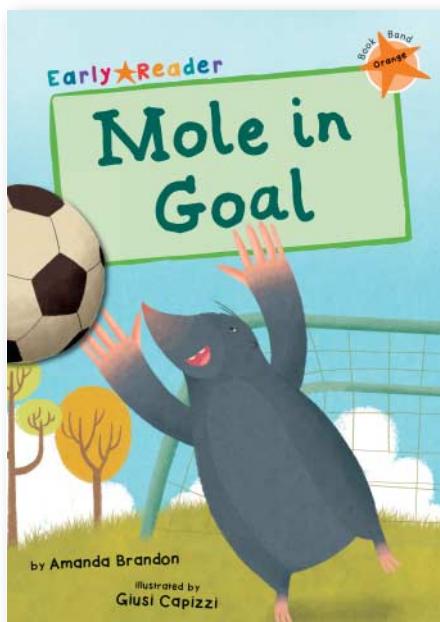


# Maverick Activity Pack

## What is a Maverick Activity Pack?

This activity pack is for teachers and parents to help build comprehension and engagement when guiding their students and children in their reading journey. There are many activities in this pack that can be used alongside our Early Reader stories to encourage children to get stuck in after enjoying the story.

## This Activity Pack is for:



**Mole in Goal** Early Reader  
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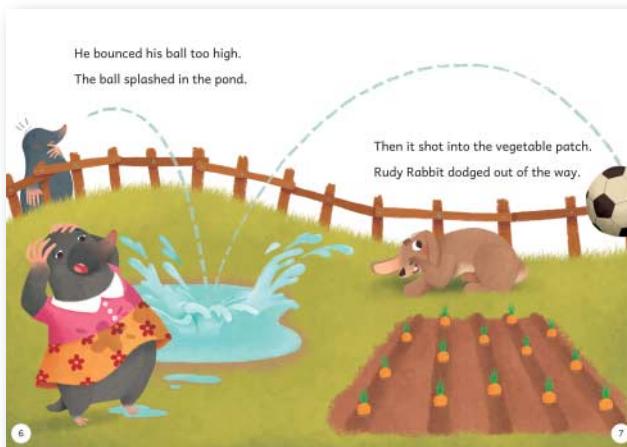
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Mole really wants to play football but there's one problem: he can barely see! His friend Rudy knows Mole could be a goalie with his huge hands so they work out a way to help Mole practise. With a ball that rattles, Mole is able to hear the ball to work out where it is. Will his skills be up to scratch when the Rabbit Rovers are up against the River Rats though? You bet!



He bounced his ball too high.  
The ball splashed in the pond.

Then it shot into the vegetable patch.  
Rudy Rabbit dodged out of the way.

Rudy said, "You could be a goalkeeper  
with those big paws. You can play on  
our team."

Mole was pleased. "But how will I see  
the ball?" he asked.



Rudy made a special rattling ball  
so Mole could hear it.



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# Colour Me In!





# Fill in the Gaps

Can you remember the words from the story?

1. Mole loved \_\_\_\_\_. He wanted to be in a team.

tennis      netball      football

2. This time he smashed the ball into \_\_\_\_'s greenhouse.

Badger      Rudy      River Rats

3. "A mole kick a ball? That's \_\_\_\_\_!"

good      great      impossible

4. "You could be a \_\_\_\_\_ with those big paws."

carrot      goalkeeper      striker

5. He dived but... "Caw! Caw!" It was a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Tip:  
If you can't remember  
which word is the right one,  
have another read of the  
story to see if you can  
spot it!

crow      rat      rabbit

6. Mole \_\_\_\_\_ the ball just as the final whistle blew.

shot      saved      missed



# Fill in a Letter

## What is the missing letter?

1. He wanted to be in a te\_\_m.

a      e      y

2. Then it shot into the veg\_\_table patch.

e      g      d

3. His big front pa\_\_s pulled five bunches at a time.

r      w      u

4. Mole pra\_\_tised listening for the ball.

k      t      c

Tip:  
If you get stuck,  
sound out the letters and see  
which one makes a word.

5. With one \_\_inute left, the score was 2-1 to the Rabbit Rovers.

h      m      f

6. "And our team will alwa\_\_s need a mole in goal!"

y      d      i

# Word Search

w	p	w	k	r	y	c	w	r	f
h	a	p	a	a	v	l	r	q	o
i	o	m	r	t	d	i	a	o	a
s	i	o	s	t	u	s	b	w	c
t	t	l	t	l	b	t	b	g	b
l	q	e	r	i	m	e	i	o	a
e	l	w	i	n	a	n	t	a	l
i	h	u	k	g	t	z	z	l	l
r	o	m	e	o	c	u	w	w	l
w	c	l	r	n	h	y	t	v	y

## Words:

- |                              |                              |                                |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> ball   | <input type="radio"/> match  | <input type="radio"/> rattling |
| <input type="radio"/> goal   | <input type="radio"/> mole   | <input type="radio"/> striker  |
| <input type="radio"/> listen | <input type="radio"/> rabbit | <input type="radio"/> whistle  |



# Write Your Own Story

**Write your own story using the characters in the book.**

# Answers

**Fill in the gaps:**

1. football
2. Badger
3. impossible
4. goalkeeper
5. crow
6. saved

**Wordsearch:**

w	p	w	k	r	y	c	w	r	f
h	a	p	a	a	v	l	r	q	o
i	o	m	r	t	d	i	a	o	a
s	i	o	s	t	u	s	b	w	c
t	t	l	t	l	b	t	b	g	b
l	q	e	r	i	m	e	i	o	a
e	l	w	i	n	a	n	t	a	l
i	h	u	k	g	t	z	z	l	l
r	o	m	e	o	c	u	w	w	l
w	c	l	r	n	h	y	t	v	y

**Fill in a letter:**

1. a
2. e
3. w
4. c
5. m
6. y