Aria and the New School

Name: _____ Date: _____



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Aria hesitated. Soccer was her favorite sport, but she felt shy. Finally, she nodded. A few minutes later, she kicked the ball past the goalie and scored! Her new teammates cheered and gave her high fives.

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She was nervous and lonely at first, but happy after she made friends.