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HOLIDAY
PROGRAM

Issue
#4

The Soccer Star

It's time
to MOVE!

Join our
SUPER-DUPER
exercise class!

Includes:

LEARN ALL ABOUT
SOCCER!

How to write a story!

Learn to draw
with AKI!

Chats with Sally!



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Hello there!

Who is feeling energetic today?
I am! I'm feeling as bouncy as a
jumping jelly bean.

There are so many ways we can keep fit at home
and I'm super excited to introduce you to my
friend Barry, whose job it is to help people stay fit.
Even little people like his daughter, Taraji! Isn't she
adorable?

Do you have a favorite sport? I don't really watch
much sports, but I do like to read. If I wear my
tracksuit pants while reading a book, could that be
counted as a sport?

See you next week!

Lots of love,
Sally
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Read with Sally!

What kind of sports do YOU like? Billie B. Brown
likes soccer, and Jack likes ballet. There are all
kinds of sports you can do to stay healthy!

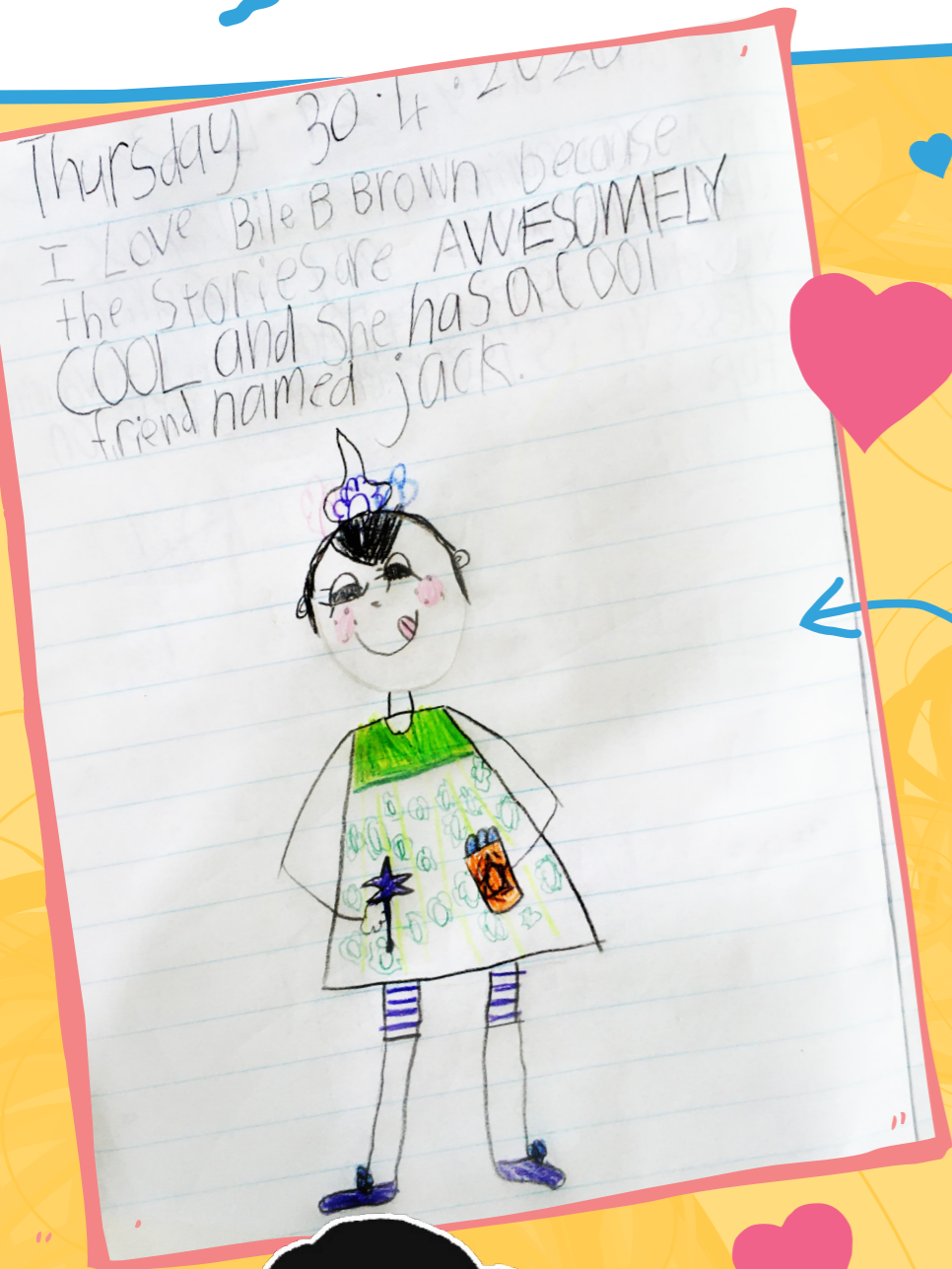
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Have you read *The Soccer Star* yet?
Why don't you read along with Sally and
see if you can finish it by yourself!

Mail Bag!



Meet
LILA!

Lila is 7 and drew this
FABULOUS
picture of Billie B. Brown!



Did you know Billie sometimes likes to solve mysteries? You can follow those adventures in the **Billie B. Mysteries series.**



Words are made up of parts called syllables. Each syllable has a vowel sound. A fun way to count syllables is to clap as you read each word.

Here are some examples:

Bat: 1 syllable (1 clap)

Monkey: 2 syllables (2 claps)

Forever: 3 syllables (3 claps)

See if you can clap the syllables for these words from *The Soccer Star*. Write down how many syllables each word has.

soccer

_____ syllables

bell

_____ syllables

sad

_____ syllables

playground

_____ syllables

banana

_____ syllables

anymore

_____ syllables

happy

_____ syllables

star

_____ syllables

together

_____ syllables

Today you are going to be a Billie B. Brown detective!



You are looking for words that have "sh" in them.

When you see **s** and **h** together they make a new sound - "sh."

Write down as many "sh" words as you can find in the book *The Soccer Star*.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



I found this many different words starting with "sh":
.....

Billie is a soccer star. What are some sports that you are good at? List them below.



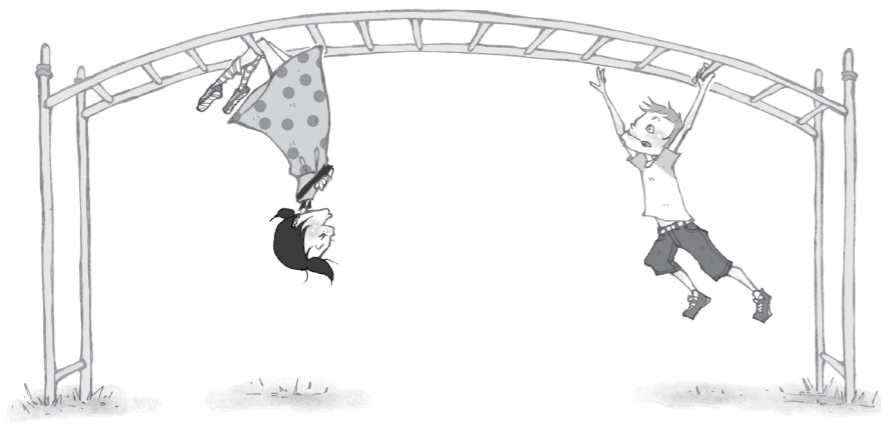
1.
2.
3.
4.



Draw a picture of you playing your favorite sport.



“Every lunchtime they play on the monkey bars together. Billie hangs upside down ... They can see the whole playground from there. It is a good place to eat lunch.”



Draw a map of your school's playground. Where do you and your friends play? Draw yourself on the map playing with your friends.

Map of my school playground

When we read books we pick up on **patterns** that authors use for their writing. We can use these patterns to help us become fantastic writers too! For this activity we are going to innovate on the book *The Soccer Star*. See if you can choose **new words** to fill in the gaps in this passage of text to make it your own. Get creative and see if you can use some interesting words. At the end, read the text out loud to make sure your new version makes sense.



Original passage of text:

Today a boy from their grade runs over. His name is Sam. Sam stands under the monkey bars and looks up at Billie and Jack.

Your turn! First, choose the names of your characters. Then fill in the gaps to create your own story.

Today a _____ from their grade
_____ over. _____ name is
_____. _____
under the _____ and _____
up at _____ and _____.

Sally's FUN facts about

SOCCER!



When I was a little girl I was **terrible** at ballet, but pretty good at soccer – just like Billie B. Brown! I liked to run fast and kick a ball, so my friends and I started a soccer team. None of us really followed soccer games on the television and we didn't understand all the rules, but we had fun anyway!

What is your favorite sport? There are so many amazing sports to choose from, but soccer is by far the most popular around the world and in lots of places it's called FOOTBALL. I decided to find out some more about soccer so I looked up some fun facts to share with you.

DID YOU KNOW?

Soccer is a sport played between two teams of eleven players. It is played by **250 MILLION PLAYERS** in over 200 countries, making it the world's most popular sport. Amazing!

Fact #1

Fact #2

No one knows exactly when soccer was created, but some people believe a version of soccer was played in China over **2,000 YEARS AGO**. Wow!

Fact #4

Women started playing soccer around the same time as men did in England, but people used to think it was only a game for men. **What?** Luckily, women's soccer started to become very popular in the 1990s.

Fact #3

The first soccer balls were made from sewn-up clothing that was filled with little stones. Ouch! In Europe during the Middle Ages, soccer balls were made from inflated pig bladders. Ew!

SOCCER STARS:

- Who has the most Olympic soccer wins? **The US women's soccer team!** They have won four out of five possible gold medals. Go team!
- The only player to ever score in three different world cups is **David Beckham**. David Beckham became famous when he played with Manchester United. Cool!
- Brazilian soccer legend **Pelé** has won the most World Cup championships. He was on the teams that won the World Cup back in 1958, 1962 and 1970. He helped Brazil with three of their five World Cup championships. And he was voted the 20th century's **best soccer player**. Awesome!

Fact #5

A professional soccer game is **90 minutes** long. The 90 minutes is divided in two 45-minute halves.

Hooray!



How to write a GOOD STORY



Hi there!

How did you do with giving your character a **BIG PROBLEM**? Did you work out how to get them out of trouble again? Good! This is the simplest way to write a story:

1 Invent a character.

2 Give them a **BIG PROBLEM** that they have to sort out.

3 Don't make it too easy for them to fix the problem. Make them fail a few times to make the story more exciting. We want our readers to keep turning the pages!

4 Find a solution to the problem.

In the past two issues, Billie B. Brown author Sally Rippin shared her tips on how to write the beginning and the middle of a good story. In the final part of this three-part series, she offers advice on how to end a story.
HURRAY!

There are lots of things you might want to add to your story. You might want to illustrate it. You might want to turn it into a book. I used to make lots of books when I was young, just by folding up bits of paper. Usually I would make a fancy cover, too. Be careful, though – sometimes I would spend so much time on the cover that I wouldn't feel like writing my story!

You might even want to write your story like a comic. I did this a lot and it's a great way to create stories if writing is a bit tricky for you. Even stick figure comics are fine! You can make lots of them really quickly that way, especially if you have lots of great ideas.

Of course, if you want to be good at anything, you know what you have to do, don't you? That's right. **PRACTICE!** I've been practicing writing stories for over forty years and some days it is still hard work. But I keep on trying. And you should, too.
GOOD LUCK!



How to stay

FIT and HEALTHY

with **BARRY!**



Barry!

Barry's daughter,
Taraji!



When you were a little boy, what did you think you would like to be when you grew up?

I always wanted to be a professional soccer player. Now I am a personal trainer and love making people happy by helping them to look after their bodies.

Meet Barry! He's made a fabulous video with his **TOP 5 TIPS** for staying active!

Barry Don was born in Kenya, but came to live in Australia nearly five years ago. Since then he has been working as a personal trainer, but his most important job is Papa to Taraji who is only two years old.



What is your favorite thing that you and Taraji like to do when you are not working?
We love racing together on our scooters.

What is your and Taraji's favorite healthy food to eat?

Bananas – they are gummy and also give us lots of energy.

What is the best exercise we can do while we are at home to stay fit?

Keep active by making fun obstacle courses at home or in your backyard! For example, see how many handstands and cartwheels you can do in a row!



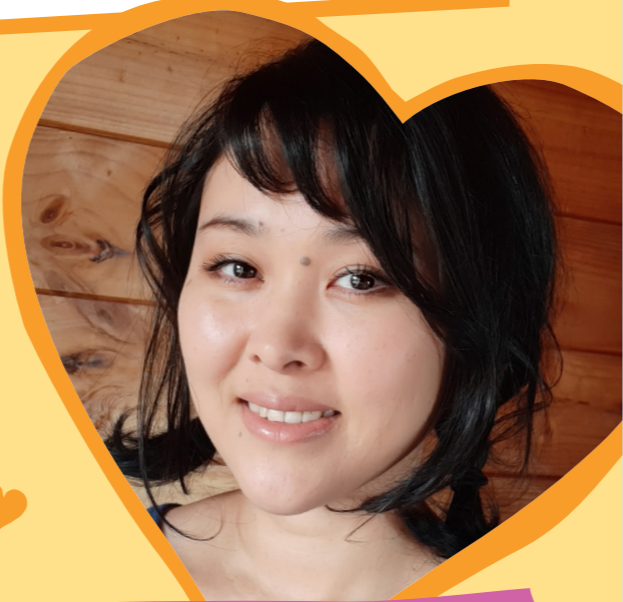
There are lots of ways we can stay fit and healthy. Let's meet Barry and his daughter, Taraji – they're going to show us some super-duper fun exercises!

PUSH PLAY! ↗

Learn to Draw with AKI FUKUOKA

The amazing illustrator of Billie B. Brown!

It's time to learn how to draw butterflies AND cupcakes with Billie B. Brown illustrator Aki Fukuoka! Watch this video and give it a try!

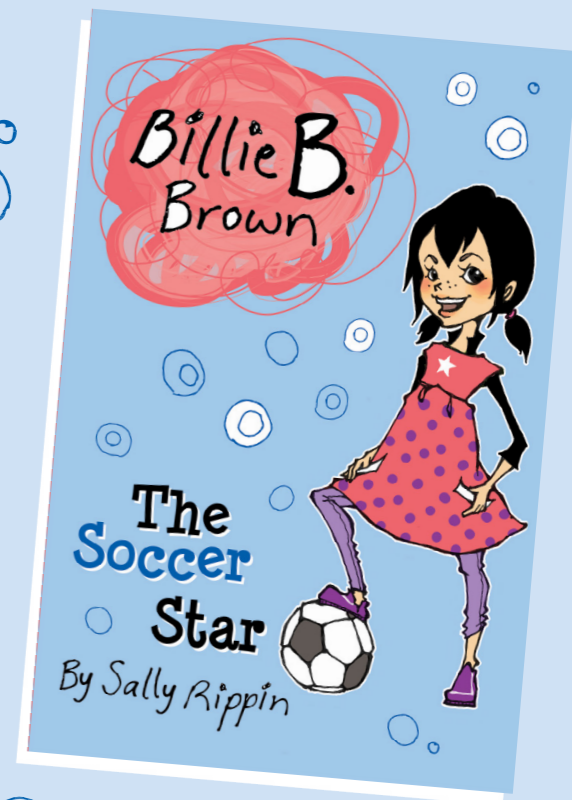


Billie B. Brown has her very own coloring book—it's called *The Super-duper Coloring Book!*

The Soccer Star

QUIZ!

How well do YOU know the Billie B. Brown book, *The Soccer Star*?



Take this quiz to find out!

1 How many freckles does Billie have?

2 In *The Soccer Star*, what does the "B" in Billie B. Brown stand for?

3 Fill in the blanks! Every lunchtime, Billie and Jack play on the _____ bars together.

4 While Billie and Jack eat lunch, a boy from their grade runs over. What is his name?

5 Circle the right answer: Sam thinks girls can't play ...

basketball music soccer
cards cricket

6 In Chapter Two, where does Billie wait for Jack?

7 What are Jack, Benny and Sam going to make for their project?

8 Circle the right answer: Ella and Tracey are ...

movie stars best friends
guinea pigs school teachers

9 What does Billie ask Jack to bring to the park?

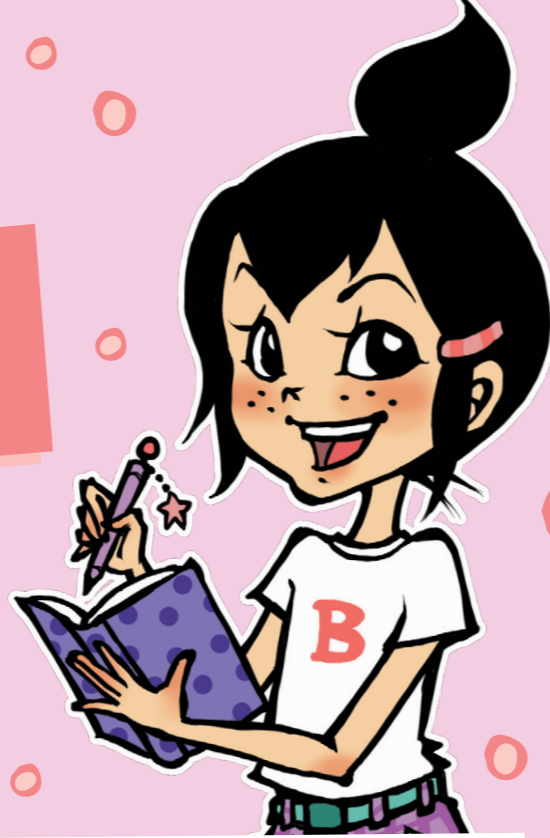
10 Fill in the blanks! In Chapter Four, the new soccer player wears a red _____ and red _____ socks.

Answers 1. Fifteen 2. Brave 3. Monkey 4. Sam 5. Soccer 6. By the drinking fountain 7. A soccer field 8. Best friends 9. His soccer ball and his red cap 10. A red cap and red stumpy socks

Do you keep A DIARY?

Billie B. Brown does!

Sometimes it's fun to look back and see how much you have grown up!



The best thing that happened this week was

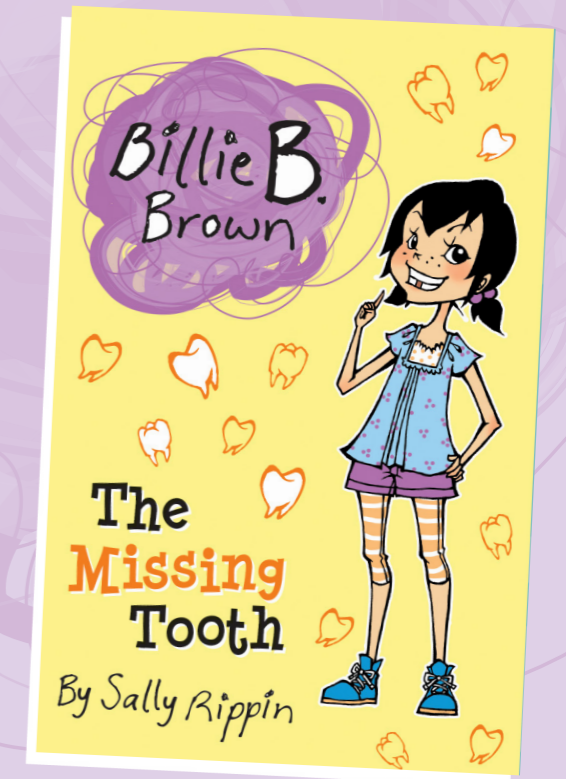
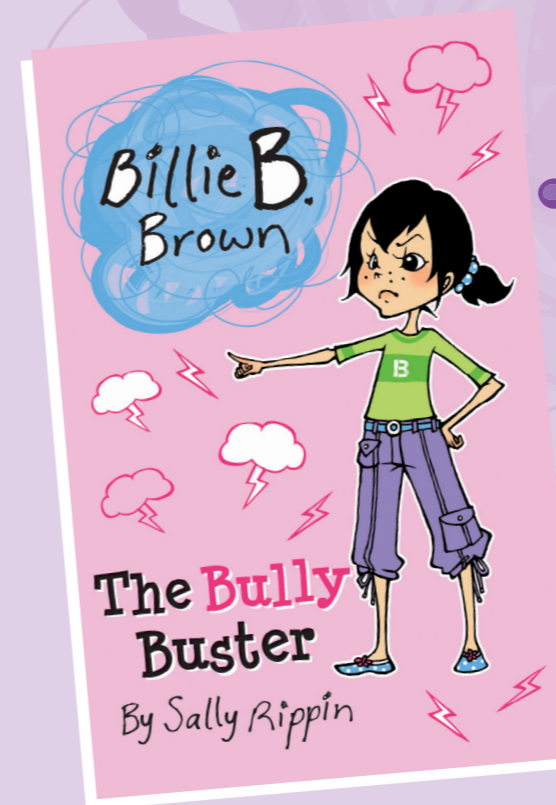
This week, I have been reading

by

Something that made me smile was

The funniest joke I have heard is

If I could have a superpower, it would be



Don't miss Billie's latest adventures!



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