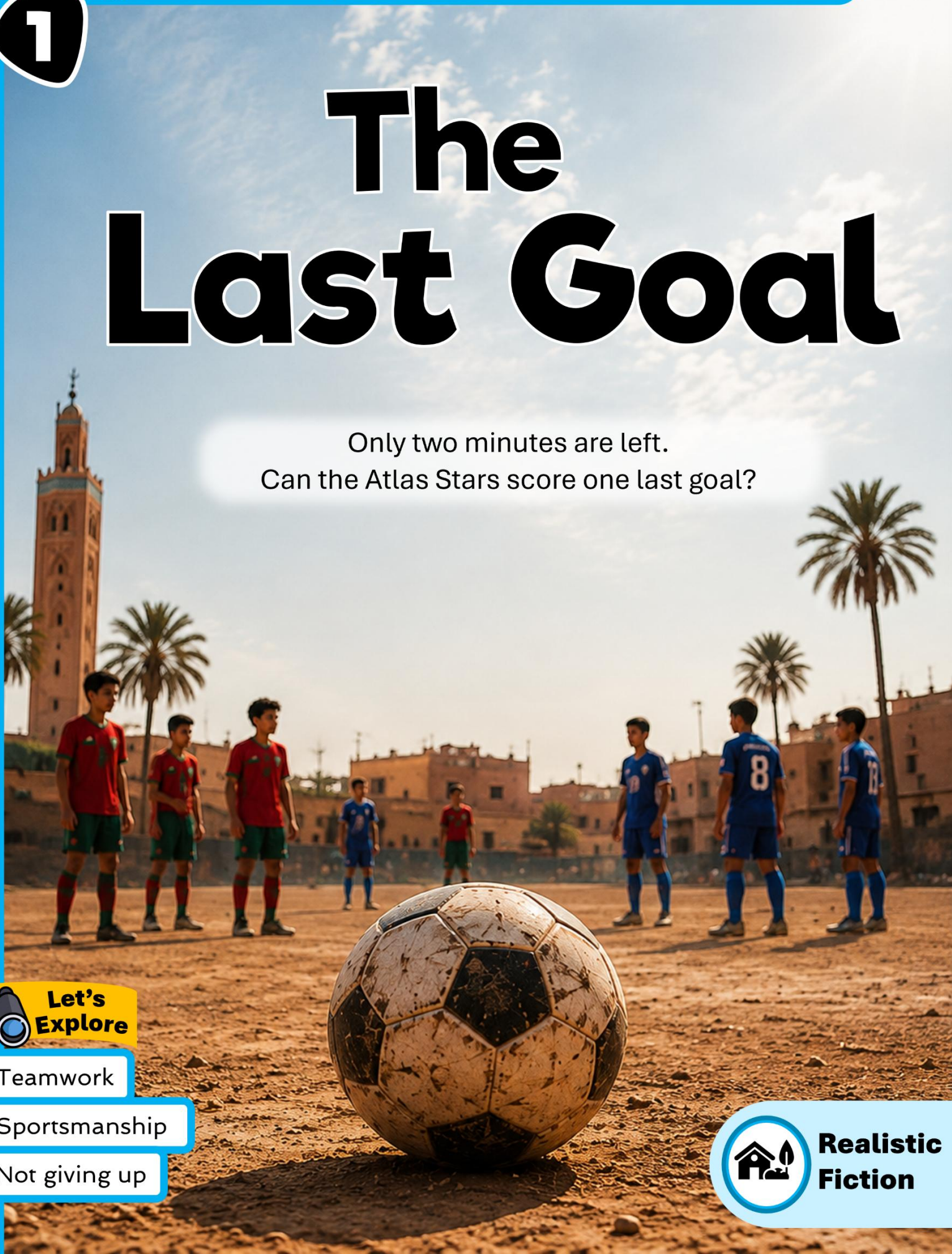
Emerging 1

Pre-A1 to A1

Story Quest Graded Readers

The Last Goal

Only two minutes are left.
Can the Atlas Stars score one last goal?



Let's Explore

- ★ Teamwork
- ★ Sportsmanship
- ★ Not giving up

Realistic Fiction

المملكة المغربيـــة
Kingdom of Morocco

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About this Series

This graded reader is part of Story Quest, a series that supports Moroccan students in building their English language skills. Its stories encourage curiosity, build confidence, and foster a lifelong love of reading.

The Story Quest series was developed through collaboration between the Ministry of National Education, Preschool and Sports, Curriculum Directorate, and Amideast. Together, we help students strengthen their English while opening doors to new ideas, cultures, and opportunities.

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Welcome to Story Quest!

Every story is an ADVENTURE.

- Open the book.
- Discover new words.
- Meet interesting characters.
- Explore new ideas.

And most of all... enjoy the story!



Your Reading Journey



Story Snapshot

Genre

Realistic Fiction	These stories are about people and events that could happen in real life.

Reader Level

1 Emerging Pre-A1 to A1	These books use simple words, short sentences, and helpful pictures.

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

Look at the picture and answer the questions.



1 What game are the boys playing?

a) basketball b) soccer c) tennis

2 How do they look before the match?

a) sad b) bored c) excited

3 The boys in the picture play for the Atlas Stars. Who do you think will win?

a) Atlas Stars b) Palm Lions

Words and Phrases to Know

Complete the sentences.

dusty
runs
tired
kicks
hug
net

1 

He _____ fast.

2 

The ball is in the _____.

3 

The field is _____.

4 

He is very _____.

5 

He _____ the ball very hard.

6 

They _____ each other.



Ready? Your **Story Quest** begins now!

Listen as you read. Enjoy the journey!



Enjoy the Story!

The Last Goal

Hamza, Idder, Nabil, Youssef, and Imran are boys from Marrakech. They play soccer for the Atlas Stars. They play against the Palm Lions.





The sun is hot, and the field is dusty.

The score is 1–1. Only two minutes are left. The boys are very tired.

"One more chance!" Imran shouts to his friends.



They stop for a second. They look at each other. They say their secret phrase:

"Stars shine together!"

This makes them feel strong. They start to run fast.

Youssef kicks the ball to Idder. Idder runs and kicks it to Nabil. Nabil kicks the ball hard.

It goes into the net!

For one moment, the field is quiet. Then everyone shouts: GOAL!



The fans cannot stay still. Some children jump up and down. People are waving small flags and shouting the players' names. Parents are clapping loudly.





The game is over. The Atlas Stars win. Everyone is happy. They shout and smile. The boys hug each other and cry. They are one big, happy team.

They will remember this special day forever!

Keep Exploring!

Check your Comprehension

Read these statements and tick (✓) True or False.

True	False	
☐	☐	1. The Atlas Stars and the Palm Lions are boys' teams.
☐	☐	2. The match is hard.
☐	☐	3. The weather is cold.
☐	☐	4. The boys say: "The stars run fast."
☐	☐	5. The Atlas Stars win the game.
☐	☐	6. The Atlas Stars players are sad.

Make Connections

Answer the questions.

1. How did you feel about the match in the story?
   _____
2. Who is your favorite football player?
   _____
3. What is your favorite national football team?
   _____
4. What is your favorite football club?
   _____
5. How do you usually support your favorite team?
   _____

Answer Key

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

1. b
2. c
3. a or b. Read to find out!

Words and Phrases to Know

1. runs
2. net
3. dusty
4. tired
5. kicks
6. hug

Keep Exploring!

Check your Comprehension

1. True
2. True
3. False
4. False
5. True
6. False

Make Connections

Answers will vary.