Name _____



Literal or Infer

Directions: Read the passage carefully. For each question, decide whether it is **Literal** or **Inferential**. Then, like a detective, **underline or point out the exact textual clues** that support your answer. Finally, explain briefly how the clue supports your answer.

The sun was setting as Elena stepped onto the soccer field for her team's championship game. The crowd's cheers echoed across the stadium, and Elena tightened her shoelaces nervously. She remembered how the team had practiced every day after school, even in the rain, to prepare for this moment.

When the whistle blew, Elena sprinted after the ball, her heart racing. She slipped once but quickly got back up, determined not to let her teammates down. Near the end of the game, she kicked the ball past two defenders and scored the winning goal. The stadium erupted in applause, and her teammates lifted her onto their shoulders. Elena grinned, realizing that all their hard work had been worth it.

1. What sport was Elena playing?
    - Type: _____
    - Textual Clue: _____
2. Why did Elena tie her shoelaces nervously before the game?
    - Type: _____
    - Textual Clue: _____
3. What happened after Elena scored the winning goal?
    - Type: _____
    - Textual Clue: _____
4. How can you tell that the team had worked very hard to prepare for the championship?
    - Type: _____
    - Textual Clue: _____

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