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Soccer Struggles

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Imagine the character has written to you for help in an advice column. Write a short “advice letter” back to the character, using real-life solutions and practical suggestions. Be sure your advice is encouraging, specific, and realistic.

Eli was excited to join the school soccer team, but things didn't go the way he hoped. During practice, he often missed passes and had trouble keeping up with the drills. Some of his teammates grew frustrated and stopped passing him the ball. Eli started to feel discouraged and even thought about quitting the team. However, he still loved soccer and dreamed of improving his skills. One evening, he overheard his coach telling another player that practice outside of team time can make a huge difference. Eli wondered if there was a way he could rebuild his confidence and show his teammates he could contribute.

Advice Column Prompt: Pretend Eli has written to you for help. Write an advice column response to him.

- What should Eli do to get better at soccer?
- How can he rebuild his confidence?
- What can he do to show his teammates he is trying?

Write your response as if you are giving him real-life advice.
