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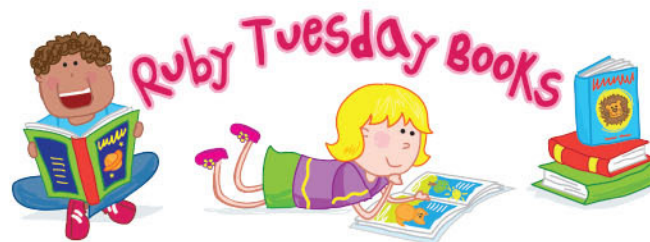
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The picture on the front cover of this book shows children in Rwanda riding wooden bikes. Turn to page 8 to find out more about how adults and children use wooden bikes in Africa.



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All the places in this book are shown on the map on page 22.



It's Time to Play!

In Thailand, jumping rope is a popular game. Children make their own long ropes by looping lots of rubber bands together.



In the United States, a playground, a broom handle, and a tennis ball are all that's needed for a game of stickball.





In France, boys and girls hold on tight to this playground carousel.



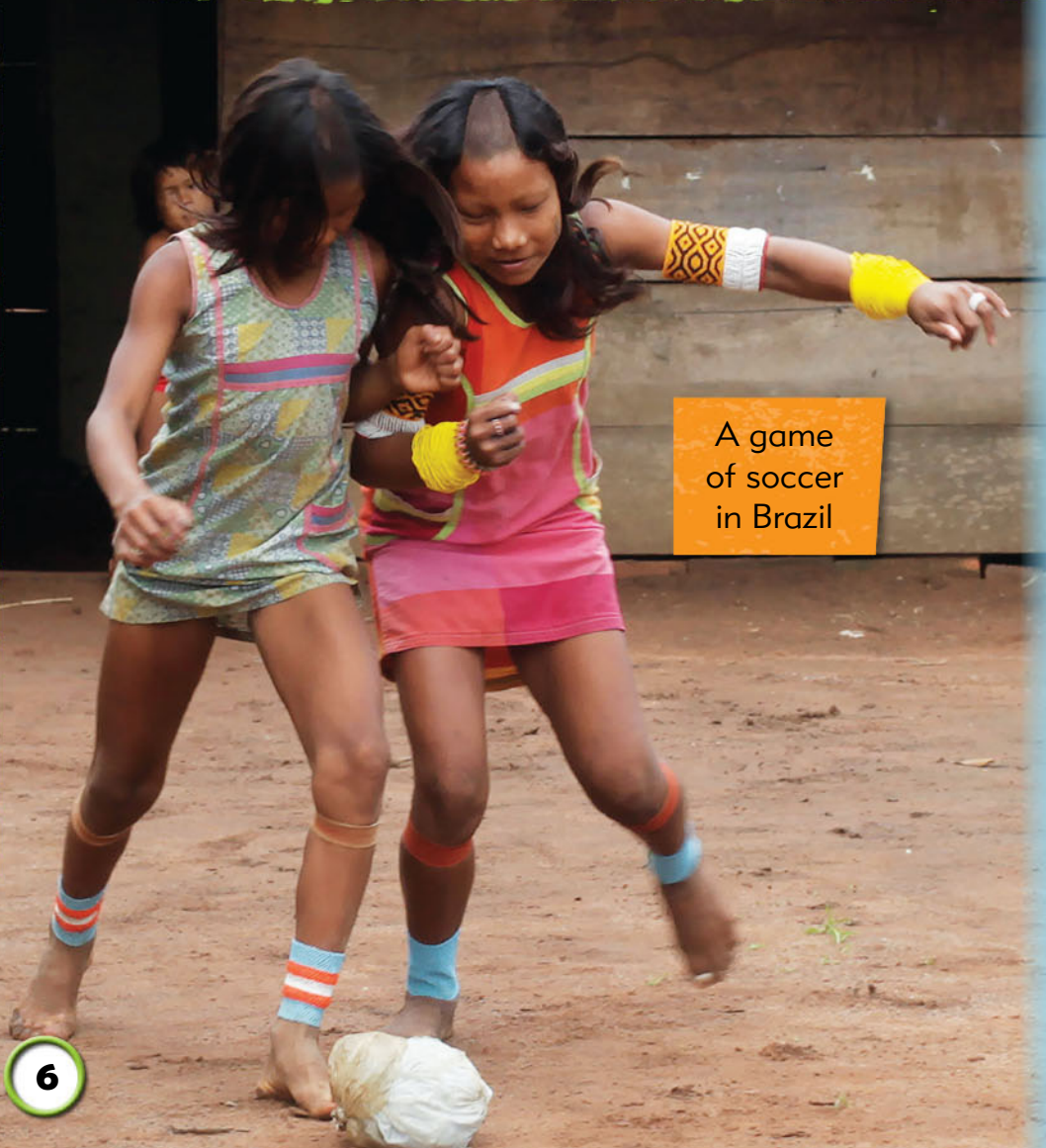
These boys in Ethiopia are enjoying an outdoor game of foosball.

Taking turns at wheelbarrow rides is great fun for these kids in Vietnam.





A Game of Soccer



A game
of soccer
in Brazil


All around the world,
kids love to play soccer.

Many children live in
poverty, though.

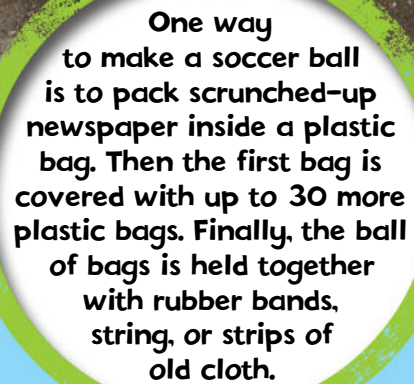
Their families cannot
afford to buy them
soccer balls.

For some soccer-crazy
boys and girls, that's not
a problem.

These **inventive** young
players make their own
soccer balls from
plastic bags!

Two young boys are sitting on a concrete ledge in front of a corrugated metal wall. The boy on the left is wearing a yellow and blue school uniform and is holding a soccer ball made of crumpled newspaper and plastic bags. The boy on the right is wearing a white and pink school uniform and is holding a long piece of string, which they are using to bind the ball together. They are both wearing yellow sandals.

These boys in Kenya are making a soccer ball.

A circular callout box with a green, textured border. Inside, there is a paragraph of text explaining the process of making a soccer ball from recycled materials.

One way to make a soccer ball is to pack scrunched-up newspaper inside a plastic bag. Then the first bag is covered with up to 30 more plastic bags. Finally, the ball of bags is held together with rubber bands, string, or strips of old cloth.

