

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 105B Look What I Can Do!

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Elinor's Question: What am I good at doing in soccer?

Logline: After Elinor observes her classmates excel at different soccer skills she discovers her own ability - and Ari's too!

Curriculum Goals:

LS8. - Begin to understand that there are many different kinds of living things and how they may be the same or different. (Elinor notices that all her friends have different soccer abilities that are related to their bodies.)

SEP7. Engaging in argument from evidence: a. Engage in discussions before, during, and after investigations. b. Support thinking and argue ideas with evidence. (Elinor discusses her observations with Mz. Mole and through the song she comes to the conclusions that everyone is good at something.)

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Main Characters: Elinor, Ari, Olive, Mz. Mole

Secondary: Silas, Sally, Mary, Lizzie

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1 MZ. MOLE 1
All right class, who's ready to
play soccer?

3 ELINOR 3
I can't wait to start playing!

5 ARI 5

Oof! Ok, maybe I should learn to
play first.

6 ELINOR 6
Oh, Ari. What are you reading,
Olive?

The kids <GIGGLE>.

8 ELINOR 8

Well, my favorite part of any game
is the PLAYING part! Let's go!

Elinor runs up to catch up with Mz. Mole and the other kids follow. We're now at the field, which is a clearing in the forest near some trees. The kids gather around Mz. Mole as she empties the bag of balls out onto an area of grass beside her.

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 MZ. MOLE

Ok, kids! Soccer is a wonderful
game where you play with a ball in
all kinds of different ways.

 (she demos)

You can run with it, kick it, or
bounce it off your body, but the
only thing you CAN'T do is use your
hands, unless you're the goalie.

Elinor looks on excitedly. Olive looks up from her book and points at the nearest NET.

10 OLIVE 10
The goalie's the one who tries to
stop the ball from going in the
net, right Mz. Mole?

11 MZ. MOLE 11

That's right, Olive. I see you
found my rule book! (to all)
Goalies can use their hands, but
everyone else has to use the other
parts of their body - like their
FEET!

Mz. Mole walks up to a nearby ball and does some super duper fancy footwork with it.

12 MZ. MOLE 12

But the most important thing is to
just have fun and do your best.
Remember, everyone is good at
different things!

Then Mz. Mole Kicks the ball! It flies over the surprised kids's heads--

--bounces off the LOG BENCH on the sidelines--

--and returns to Mz. Mole as if that was her intention.

The kids are wowed <SFX: WHOOOA>.

13 ARI 13
 (aside, to Olive)
That was... AMAZING!

Mz. Mole strolls up to the various balls she poured out of the bag. One by one, she gently kick-passes the balls around to the various kids, who run up and start playing with the balls. She then passes one to Ari.

14	Ooh!	ARI	14
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Excited, Ari does a quick sloop through the air and instinctively grabs the ball with his hands before landing back on the grass. Seeing this, Mz. Mole blows a <SHORT WHISTLE!>

15 MZ. MOLE 15
Ah-ah...! Remember, Ari. No hands.

Ari looks at the ball in his hands. Shocked to realize that he's holding it, he drops it like a hot potato!

16 ARI 16
Ahh! How did that get there? Sorry!

Mz. Mole passes the last ball to Elinor, and she gleefully goes after it. Olive and Elinor start VERY GENTLY kick-rolling the ball to each other.

17 ELINOR 17
Here ya go Olive!

18 OLIVE 18
Right back 'atcha, Elinor.

19 ELINOR 19
Over to you, Ari!

Elinor passes the ball to Ari.

20		ARI	20
	Ok,	watch THIS move!	

He winds up to kick the ball and connects, slipping at the same moment, causing him to do a little backflip.

21 ARI 21

Whoa!

Olive helps Ari up.

22 OLIVE 22
<giggles> Maybe not *that* move.

23 ARI 23
Thanks, Olive.

Elinor bops the ball over to them again and they continue playing.

At that moment, Mz. Mole calls the kids in again. Mz. Mole has moved a bunch of the soccer balls into a bunch at mid-field. The other kids are gathered nearby, ready for her next instruction.

24 MZ. MOLE 24
Okay, are you ready to try some fun
soccer moves?

25 OLIVE 25
I'm ready!

Sally nods in agreement. Elinor, arriving at the sideline, drop-rolls her ball over to Mz. Mole, then raises a hand, excitedly.

26 Me too! ELINOR 26

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28             MZ. MOLE                                     28
Splendid! Now, in soccer you have
to move fast, so first, let's do
some running...

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The kids line up. Mz. Mole readies her whistle to blow again.

29 MZ. MOLE 29
Ready?... Go!

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<WHISTLE!> The kids start racing across the field, full
sprint.
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Elinor, Olive (still holding the book) and Ari run as fast as they can, and are having fun running -- but to their surprise, Silas Cheetah blows past them (he's really fast!). The trio are amazed. <SFX: ELINOR, ARI, OLIVE WHOOOAA WALLA>

At the NET at the other end of the field, Silas arrives first, followed a long beat after by the other classmates, then Elinor, Olive, and Ari. Ari looks winded but tries not to show it.

30 ELINOR 30
Silas! You're really fast!

31 ARI 31
 (panting)
 Whoo! That was a lot of running! I
 usually fly when I'm in a hurry.

32 OLIVE 32
 (consulting the rule book)
 Hmm, there's nothing in the rules
 that say you can't fly, Ari.

Ari perks up.

33 MZ. MOLE 33
 (calling)
 Okay! Come on back!

The kids start racing back, Ari bringing up the rear.
Finally, he stops, shrugs, and flies instead.

WIPE TO:

2. EXT. SOCCER FIELD BORDERING FOREST - DRILLS MONTAGE

Mz. Mole has the kids gathered around her. The soccer balls
are spaced in intervals along the mid-field line.

34 MZ. MOLE 34
 Now let's try moving the ball in
 different ways.

SERIES OF SHOTS - Mz. Mole demonstrates actions she wants the
kids to try, then one by one, we see various kids try them:

ON A SOCCER BALL - being dribbled forward by a pair of
feet... which we reveal are Mz. Mole's. She's moving the ball
along the field, keeping it just ahead of her.

35 MZ. MOLE 35
 This is called "dribbling"...

She stops, turns back to face the kids, then passes the ball
back to them.

36 MZ. MOLE 36
 ... and "passing"!

Elinor dribbles the ball ahead of her with some difficulty,
then tries to pass the ball to Olive, but she doesn't kick it
quite right and it goes way to the side.

Mary, one of the goat twins, stops the ball. She does a
little fancy footwork, then turns her body away from Elinor
and Olive. She looks back and uses her leg to kick the ball
up backwards. (SEE DESIGN ATTACHED) The ball does a graceful

arc and lands and rolls exactly where Elinor is. Elinor and Olive are super impressed.

37 OLIVE 37
Mary and Lizzie are good at this!

They look on and see the twins expertly pass the ball back and forth.

It's Ari's turn. He tries to dribble the ball but stumbles.

38 ARI 38
Whoa, whoa!

He trips and ends up with the ball in his hands again. Mz. Mole gives another <SHORT WHISTLE!>

39 MZ. MOLE 39
(calling good-naturedly)
Arrrrriiii! Remember, no hands!

Ari smiles sheepishly, puts the ball down, and resumes his awkward dribbling.

WIPE TO:

ON A SOCCER BALL, stationary on the ground.

40 MZ. MOLE 40
Now let's see how far you can kick
the ball!

WIDER to see Mz. Mole KICK it, sending the ball OS. She gestures back to the kids for them to go.

Elinor kicks her ball. It goes a moderate distance.

Olive kicks her ball. It goes farther than Elinor's.

Ari kicks his ball. It goes off at an angle, nearly missing some of the other kids.

Ari reacts sheepishly to his mistargeted kick.

41 ARI 41
Sorry!

Sally Beaver steps up to her ball. She thinks about it for a second. Then she has an idea. Instead of kicking it with her foot, she winds up and with a twist of her body, she whacks the ball with her big tail - hard!

The ball goes REALLY far, all the way into the net at the other end!

Elinor, Olive, and Ari are awed.

42	ELINOR/OLIVE/ARI	42
	Oooh, your tail is really strong!/ Great kick, Sally! /That was amazing!	

Sally gives an 'aw shucks' reaction.

WIPE TO:

ON A SOCCER BALL - being BOUNCED lightly on a KNEE. REVEAL that Mz. Mole is now keeping the ball up with her knees.

ON: Elinor, Ari, and the other kids, all trying to do it. Each one of them struggles amusingly to do it and they all lose their ball quickly.

43	ARI	43
	Whoa, this is hard!	

Elinor struggles to do it, but keeps trying happily.

Olive meanwhile, is holding a ball and looking at her leg. She bends a knee and realizes this is going to be difficult for her. She thinks about it for a second, then has a flash of an idea. She consults her book and smiles.

Back on Elinor trying, she hears some steady ball bouncing and looks over to Olive, who is juggling the ball with her trunk -- and she's doing it expertly!

Ari looks surprised.

44	ARI	44
	Are you allowed to do that?	

Olive continues bopping the ball up with her trunk while she opens a page in the rule book with her hands.

45	OLIVE	45
	You can use anything except your hands, Ari! So: yes!	

Olive beams as she keeps juggling the ball with her trunk.

ANGLE ON: Ari and Elinor watch their friend with admiration.

46	ARI	46
	Wow... Who knew Olive had a 'nose' for soccer!	

47 ELINOR 47
 (giggling)
Go OLIVE!

Olive happily waves.

Elinor resumes trying again, somewhat unsuccessfully. A little winded now from her efforts, she goes to sit on the log bench, joined by Ari.

ARI
Training to be a super sensational soccer star is hard work, huh?

Elinor looks over at their other friends playing and doing really well.

Yeah... ELINOR

She smiles, but doesn't quite look like her usual perky self. Ari looks a little unsure now too.

Mz. Mole sees them from the field and comes over to them.

50 MZ. MOLE 50
What's the matter, soccer stars?

51 ELINOR 51
 <sigh> I'm really excited about
 playing, Mz. Mole... but I don't
 know what I'm good at.

52 ARI 52
Me neither.

53 MZ . MOLE 53
Hmmm . . .

Mz. Mole thinks about it for a beat, then seems to have an idea.

54 MZ. MOLE 54
What do you mean by that exactly,
Elinor?

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QUICK CUTAWAYS of the other kids doing what we've seen them do well up to this point, as Elinor mentions them. As she begins to talk, she perks up, happy to be talking about things she knows and noticed.

SILAS - continuing to run super-fast, around other classmates on the field.

56 ELINOR (O.S.) 56
Silas is a really good runner. He's
a cheetah, and cheetahs have long
legs that help them run fast.

57 ARI (O.S.) 57
Super fast!

Silas stops and we can see he has slightly longer, runner legs.

GOAT TWINS - dribbling and passing the ball between them across the grass.

58 ELINOR (O.S.) 58
And Mary and Lizzie are really good
at dribbling and passing the ball.
That's because goats have extra
strong legs they use for climbing
and kicking.

We see Mary making a perfect backwards kick to Lizzie.

59 ARI (O.S.) 59
Right on target.

SALLY - hitting a ball with her tail and sending it flying.

60 ELINOR (O.S.) 60
Sally is great at kicking the ball
with her tail. Beavers have really
big, strong tails that help them
swim.

We see Sally wiggle her tail proudly.

61 ARI (O.S.) 61
There's no stopping that tail!

OLIVE - bouncing the ball above her head with her trunk.

62 ELINOR (O.S.) 62
And Olive is really good at
bouncing the ball with her trunk.
Elephants can do all kinds of
things with their trunks, like push
things, or grab things!

BACK ON THE BENCH - Elinor and Ari continue facing Mz. Mole.

63 ARI 63

Wow! I hadn't noticed all of that
before. I wish I had a trunk!
(mimicking a trumpet) Tooot!

64 ELINOR 64

Everyone is good at something, but
what am *I* good at, Mz. Mole?

Elinor shrugs and looks puzzled. Mz. Mole takes it all in.

65 MZ. MOLE 65
Well, Elinor, I think you ARE
really good at something.

Elinor perks up.

66 ELINOR 66
Really?

67 MZ. MOLE 67
Yes! You are really good at
NOTICING THINGS! Not everyone sees
all the little things that you do!

68 ARI 68
Yeah, you're a superstar at
noticing things, Elinor!

69 ELINOR 69
 (thinks about it for a
 beat)
I guess I am... But... is that good
for soccer?

70 MZ. MOLE 70

Of course it is! Playing is also about working together and noticing what your teammates can do. For example, I bet you could tell us what Ari is good at in soccer.

71 ARI 71
Oh, I don't think I'm good at
playing soccer.

Elinor thinks about it for a beat.

72 ELINOR 72

Well, Ari... I noticed your wings
are really wide. And you can fly up
really high. And I noticed that you
are really good at grabbing the
ball with your hands.

73	ARI	73
	Yeah, it's a problem.	
74	ELINOR	74
	No, don't you see? I think you'd be really good at being the goalie! Goalies can grab the ball with their hands!	
75	MZ. MOLE	75
	And wings!	
76	ARI	76
	Hey, I like that!	
77	MZ. MOLE	77
	See, Elinor? When you look closely, you see that everyone is different, and everyone is good at different things!	
78	ELINOR	78
	That is SO interesting! We need more observations!	

Elinor runs from the bench onto the field, followed by Ari and Mz. Mole.

3. EXT. SOCCER FIELD BORDERING FOREST - SONG SEQUENCE - CONT.

SERIES OF SHOTS - While they sing, they race onto the field to observe the kids doing soccer drills, with an emphasis on seeing what each of their bodies allow them to do well. In addition to Silas and Sally, we focus on the Goat Twins' dribbling and Olive's deft ball-handling with her trunk.

79	ELINOR/ARI	79
	(singing)	
	ELINOR: Some kids are really tall, And others are really quick!	
	ARI: Some kids are really small, And some can really kick!	
	BOTH: Ring-a-ding-ding it's great to sing	
	We're all good at different things!	
	ELINOR: Playing games is fun for all!	
	ARI: Whether you are tall or small!	
	BOTH: There's always a place for you! No matter what you can do!	
	Ring-a-ding-ding it's great to sing, We're all good at different things! Ring-a-ding-ding it's great	
	(MORE)	

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ELINOR/ARI (CONT'D)

to sing,
We're all good at different things!

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At the end, they grab the ball and are excited to go play again.

80 MZ. MOLE 80
Who's ready to play a game?

81 ELINOR/ARI 81
Me!/Let's go!

4. EXT. SOCCER FIELD BORDERING FOREST - GAME SEQUENCE - DAY

Mz. Mole divides the class into two teams of four, and with another blow of her <WHISTLE>, the game playing begins.

Silas Cheetah runs really fast to get the ball.

Sally Beaver gives the ball a big tail kick.

The goat twins do some amazing dribbling and passing.

All the while, Elinor and Ari and Olive are enjoying themselves running around going after the ball and occasionally kicking it. Olive gets the ball and starts bopping the ball on her trunk again.

82 OLIVE 82
<giggles> I LOVE soccer!

83 ELINOR 83
Me too!

At that moment, Mary bops the ball with her leg, up and over most kids.

Elinor sees it go up -- and takes a biiiiiig HOP, getting to the ball, and bouncing it back with her ears.

When she lands, her friends all cheer!

84 OLIVE 84
Elinor! You're really good at
jumping to the ball when it's up
high!

Elinor looks down at her rabbit feet. Lifting one up, she beams.

85 ELINOR 85
I guess my rabbit legs and feet are
good for hopping!

86 OLIVE 86
And your ears are good for stopping
the ball - which...

Olive pulls out the small RULE BOOK (from her back pocket or waistband), quickly flips to a page, and reacts with a smile.

87 OLIVE (PLEASED) 87
...you're can do because they're
not your hands!

Elinor and Olive <GIGGLE!>.

At that second, Mary Goat makes a run for the goal. She gives the ball a good kick.

88 ELINOR 88
Whooooa...

ANGLE ON: it flies through the air towards the goal, going over Sally Beaver's head as it goes. Ari is the goalie, standing by the left goal post, and the ball is sailing toward the upper right corner of the net. Ari does a few wing beats and quickly swoops to the right, and with a deft extension of his wing, he stops the ball with his hand.

89 OLIVE 89
Wow! Nice save, Ari!

90 ARI 90
Thanks, Olive!

Ari repeats the fancy footwork dance from the beginning of the episode.

91 ARI 91
Oh yeah! Super Sensational Goalie
Soccer Star!

92 ELINOR 92
<giggles> We make a great team
because we're all good at different
things!

QUICK SHOTS of the various kids continuing to play. As they play, Elinor sings the--

SONG REPRISE:

93 ELINOR 93
(song)
Ring-a-ding-ding it's great to sing
We're all good at different things!
(MORE)

ELINOR (CONT'D)

There's always a place for you!
No matter what you can do!

SONG ENDS.

Mz. Mole ends the soccer practice with a <WHISTLE BLOW!>

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MZ. MOLE

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Ok kids, now who wants some
lemonade?

<SFX: KIDS CELEBRATING YAAAAY!!!> WIDE on the kids racing off
the field.

IRIS OUT.