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# A Great Day for Soccer



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In this story, you can learn all about "r"-blend sounds. Here are some words to sound out.

trail	bring
cross	trunk
bridge	track

These are words that you will see in this story and many other stories. You will want to learn them as well.

over go great should can

These are some more challenging words that you will see in this story.

cousin	answer	riddle
ready	through	know



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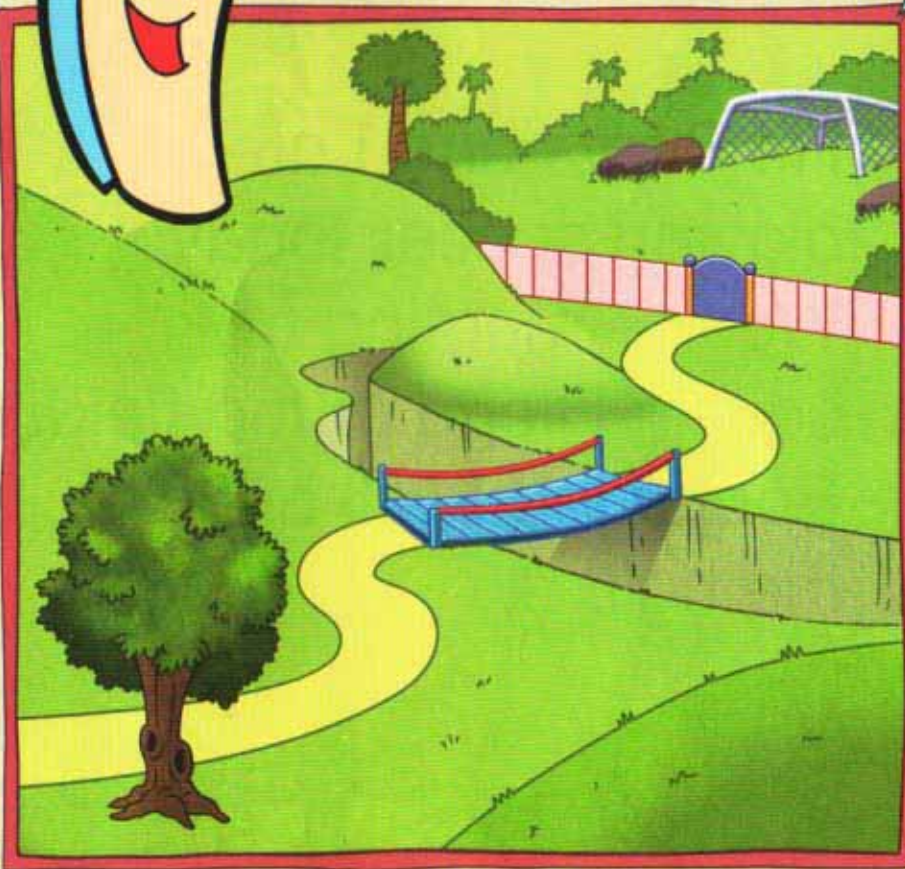
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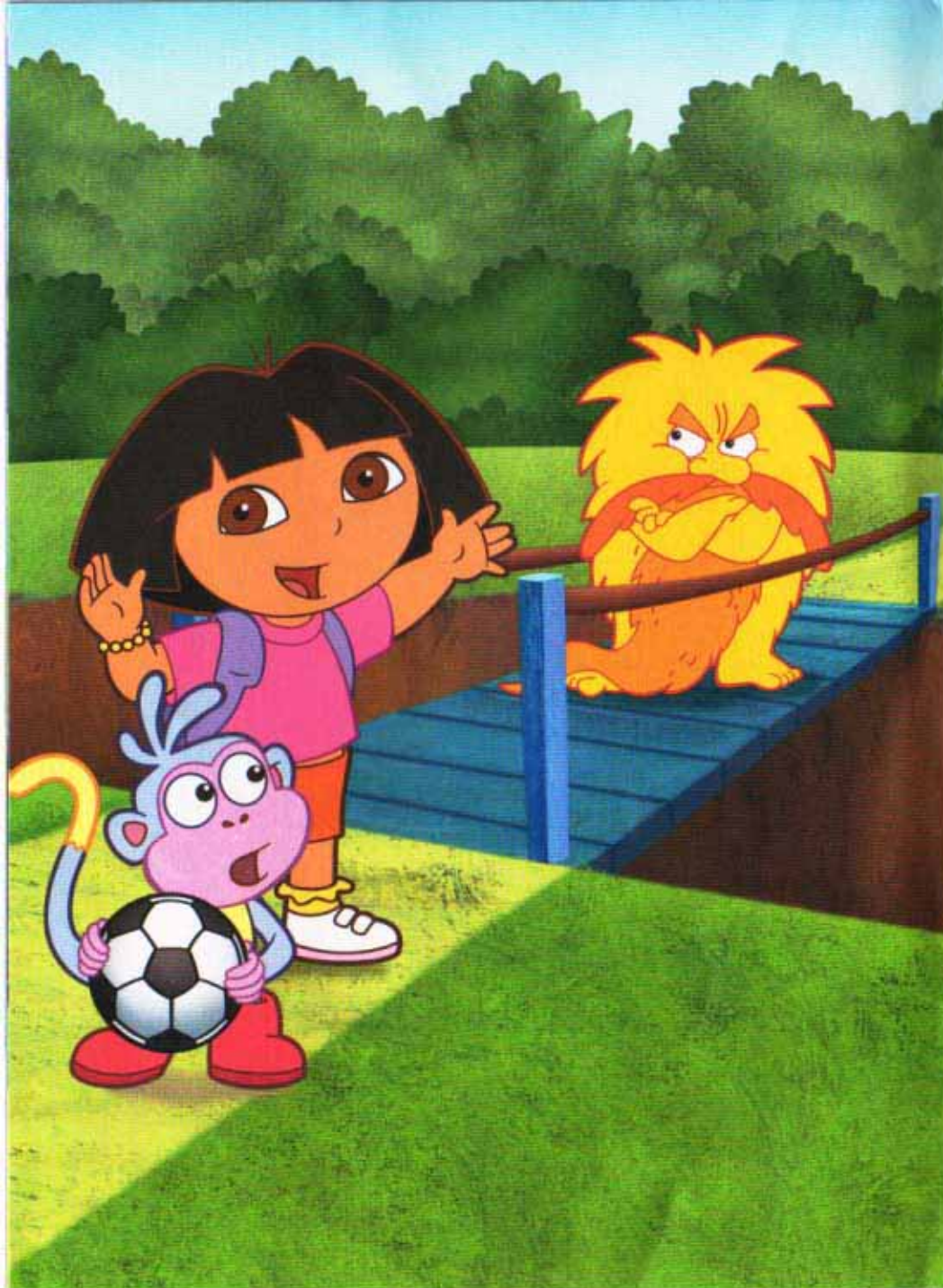
Hi! Boots and I are playing soccer today. We are meeting my cousin Diego at the field. Boots and I will bring the ball.



To get there, Map says we must walk past the Bumpy Tree Trunk, over the Grumpy Old Troll's Bridge, and through the Gate. Let's go!



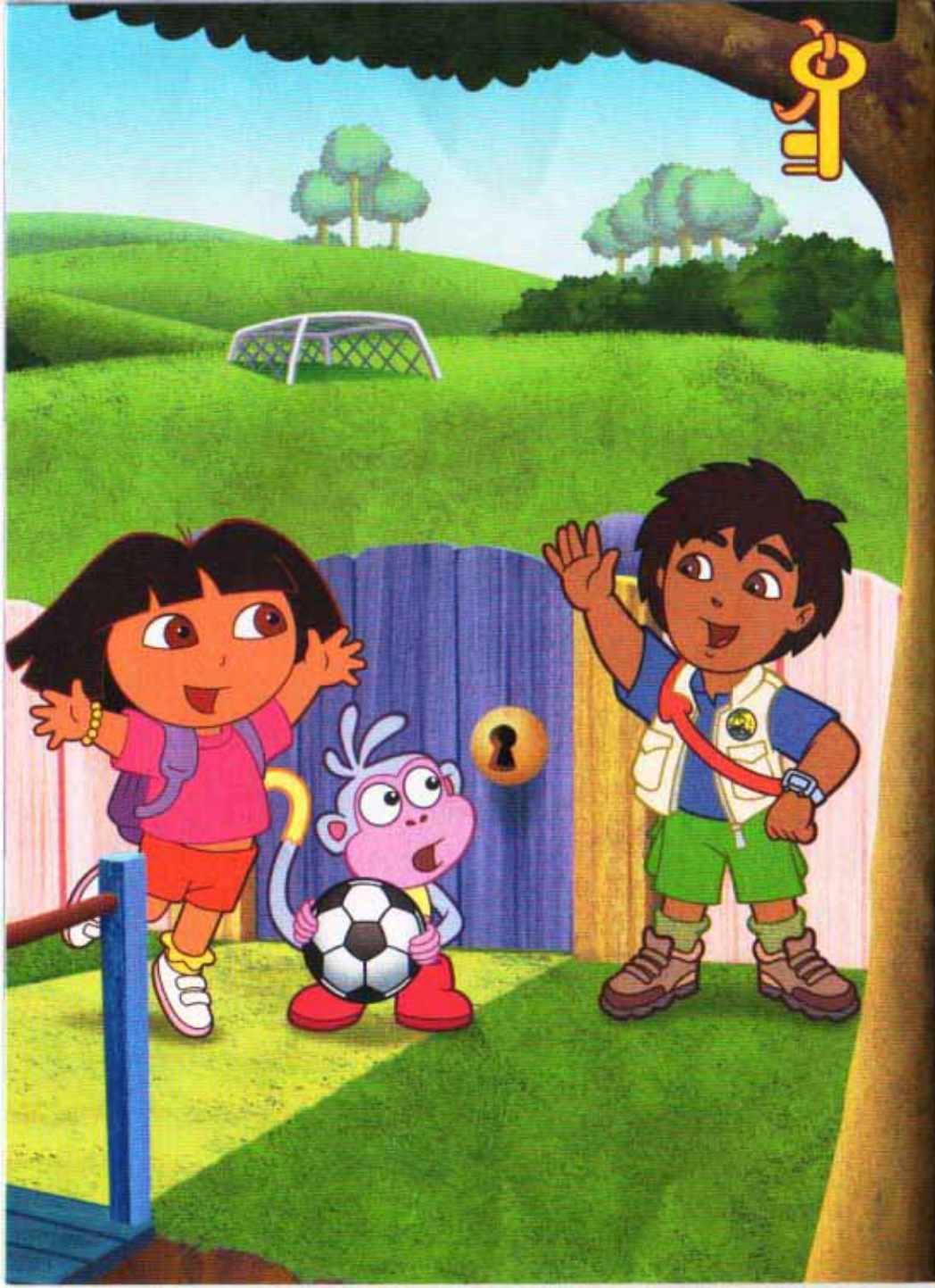
Oh, no!  
There are two trails.  
Which track should  
we take?  
Let's look at the  
tree trunks.  
Map said to go past the  
Bumpy Tree Trunk.  
Come on!



Here is the Grumpy  
Old Troll's Bridge.  
We need to answer  
his riddle  
so we can cross.  
Are you ready?  
Let's try to solve it!

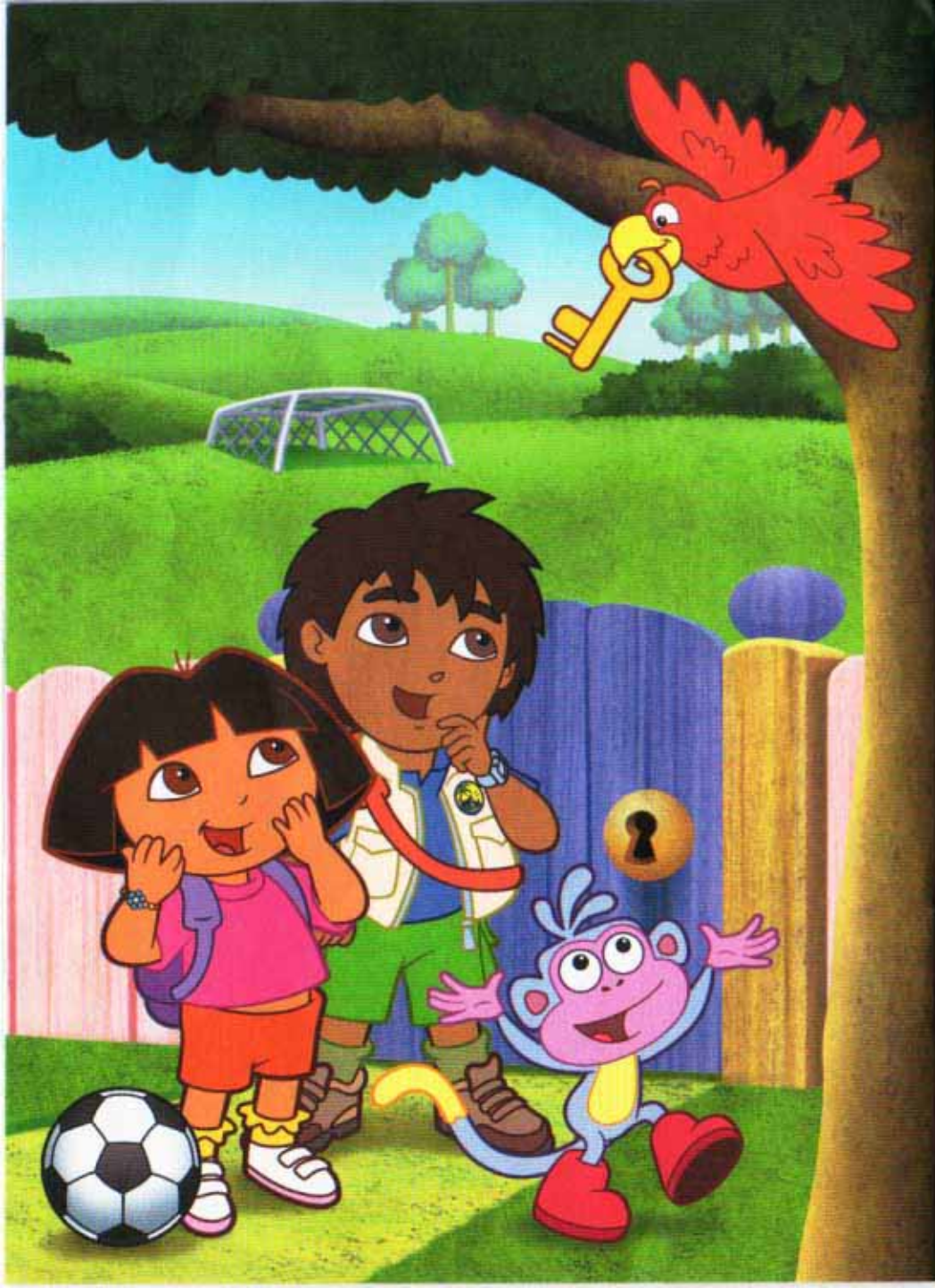


He says:  
“You play this game  
with your feet,  
not your hands.  
Kick the ball and  
make a goal if you can.”  
Do you know the answer?  
Right!  
It’s soccer.



We made it across  
the bridge!  
Look, here's Diego!  
Now we all need to go  
through the Gate.  
Oh, no.  
It's locked!





Do you see the key?  
Right!  
It's in the tree.  
Diego asks a bird  
to bring it down to us.



Great!  
Now let's play! Ready?  
Score!

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What happens when we go to the soccer field to play? Read this story to find out and learn all about “r”-blend sounds.



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