

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

Ball sports have been part of history for thousands of years. And no two of these sports are exactly alike!

Try to brainstorm as many ball sports as you can think of. For each one, picture the ball that is used and *why* it may be designed this way.

INVESTIGATE.

Real soccer balls are round, durable, and lightweight. How would you describe the soccer ball in your new Soccer Game?

Let's collect and/or create new balls that could also be used in your Soccer Game.

You'll need:

- Your Soccer Game
- A variety of materials that could make balls of different shapes, such as:
 - Balloons
 - Sand
 - Paper
 - Tape
 - Furniture glides
 - Ping pong balls
 - Styrofoam balls
 - Air dry foam
 - Wooden balls
 - Modeling clay

While the balls you find or make shouldn't be too much larger than your original soccer ball (you'll still want to be able to score goals, after all!), you can vary the ball's shape, weight, and even texture.

Once you have at least four new balls that can be used with your Soccer Game, compare each one to the game's original soccer ball and consider how they are different. Jot notes in the first two columns of the chart below.

Ball Description	How is it different from the original soccer ball?	Game Notes: How did it play?

INNOVATE.

Now grab a partner. Let's see how each new ball fares during a game of soccer!

First, play your Soccer Game with its original ball until at least two goals are scored. Pay close attention to how the ball plays.

Then swap in one of your new balls! Watch how it moves, how it reacts when it is kicked, and how easy (or hard!) it is to score a goal. Play back and forth with your partner until two more goals are scored. Then take a quick break to jot notes on how the ball played in the chart on the bottom left before you continue playing with the remaining balls.

Once you've tested each new soccer ball, discuss with your partner:

- Which new ball did you like best?
- Which new ball would you definitely *not* like to play with in the future?
- Which new ball was the most challenging to play with?
- Which new ball was the most fun?

As you put away your Soccer Game, be sure to keep the balls you liked so you can play with them again in the future!

Share an action shot of your Soccer Game being played with one of your new balls using #kidsworkshopexplore.



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