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# The Missing Baseball Part 1

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

The Sharks, a talented Little League baseball team, were getting ready for their big game against the Dolphins. The team had been practicing for weeks and was excited to show off their skills on the field. But there was one big problem - their autographed baseball had gone missing!

The Sharks' autographed baseball was very special to them. It was signed by their favorite professional baseball player, and they



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purpose.

The coach gathered the team together and said, "We need to find our baseball before the game starts. Let's think about where we last saw it and who might have been near it." The team started brainstorming and remembering the last time they used the baseball during practice. They recalled that they had left it on the bench near the field.

The Sharks decided to split up and search different areas. Some players went back to the field, while others checked the bleachers and the nearby snack bar. As they looked around, they noticed a



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group of kids from another team playing catch with a baseball that looked just like theirs. The Sharks rushed over and asked if they had seen their autographed baseball. The kids explained that they had found it on the bench and thought it was just a regular ball.

The Sharks were relieved to have found their missing baseball. They thanked the kids and got ready for their game. With their lucky baseball back in their possession, the Sharks played with



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2. What was the cause of the problem in the story? What was the effect?

3. What was the problem in the story, and how was it solved?

4. Based on the passage, why did the kids from another team start playing catch with the Sharks' baseball?

