She Shoots She Scores!

I learned to shoot basketball at school and that was exciting. My first year on the Tyler Tiger basketball team was only OK until something occurred to me: I didn’t know how to shoot a basketball! I tried everything from throwing really hard to barely even trying.

Finally I gave up and asked my head coach, Mr. Hanson. Even though he gave me great tips and pointers, I still missed it all the time. Now I was getting scared because our first game was in less than five days! I was running out of time.

“Aha!” I thought to myself, “What I really need to do is practice.”

The next day a girl from my basketball team, Clarissa, called to invite me over to shoot hoops at her house. I almost said “No.” but then I remembered that I needed to practice so I said “OK I’ll be right over!”

When I got to Clarissa’s house, she and her mom had made sandwiches for lunch. She said I could have one. After lunch, we started practicing shooting hoops over and over. We practiced the tips and pointers he had given us. I even got a basketball through the hoop! I was so happy, and I hoped I could do it again at the game.

A few days later I was in my new orange and black tiger jersey with a #4 on it getting ready for my first ever basketball game. Clarissa gave me a high-five. My other friend Marie cheered me on. I was nervous and I missed all of my first few shots. She told me to keep trying. I didn’t give up. On my last shot I just threw it in and SWISH I made it!

That’s how I learned to shoot a basketball and that was exciting!

The moral of this story is to never give up!