Nehemiah’s Dream
HASHIMWIMANA Nehemiah

Pre-reading questions:
• Do you prefer to play or watch soccer?
• What is your favorite soccer team?
• Who is your favorite soccer player?

One day, Nehemiah dreamt he had become famous all over the world as a football player for APR FC* from Rwanda. Soon after he joined APR, they played against another Rwandan team, Rayon Sport. Nehemiah vowed to make Rayon Sport’s fans angry. The captain of APR encouraged Nehemiah to achieve his goal. All of the fans of APR soccer club went to watch the match. Before the match approached on November 28, 2012, Nehemiah gave an interview to journalists.

They asked him, “How many goals will you score?”

He answered, “As many goals as the fans wish, and as many as will guarantee the success of our team.”

When the match finally began, there were many spectators in the stadium. Nehemiah scored the first

* APR FC: “Armée Patriotique Rwandaise Football Club”
goal. The whole stadium stood up, shouted, and danced. While they were dancing, he scored another goal. The score was now two for APR and zero for Rayon Sport. The match ended like that.

The staff of Rayon Sport decided to give Nehemiah money so that he would leave his team because he seemed so good at playing, like Cedric*. In no time, he became famous all over the world and the big soccer clubs like FC Barcelona, Real Madrid, Manchester United, Arsenal, Chelsea, and Manchester City began to try to recruit him.

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* Cedric: Cédric Amissi, a player for Rayon

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