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## Kickin' it on the Field: Soccer Basics for Beginners

### Short Answer Key

1. The goalkeeper's role is to protect their team's goal and prevent the opposing team from scoring by stopping or deflecting shots on goal.
2. A soccer field is rectangular and marked with lines, including a center circle, penalty area, and goal area. Goals are placed in the center of each goal line.
3. Shin guards are protective gear worn on the legs to prevent injuries, especially on the shins, from kicks or collisions with other players.
4. A goal is scored when the entire ball crosses the goal line between the goalposts and under the crossbar.
5. The halftime break allows players to rest, hydrate, and receive instructions from their coaches.

