

Marina Explains

Marina is blind, so she has different ways of doing some things. Her friends are curious, so they ask her questions.



Marina, how do you pick out matching clothes when you get dressed?

My mom and I make braille cards describing each piece of clothing and pin those cards to my clothes. In the morning, I read what's in my closet and choose what I want to wear.



Do you play sports?

Yes, I play on the Mighty Mountain soccer team. We use a ball with a beeper in it, so I can hear where the ball is.



Do you play a musical instrument?

Playing soccer (and reading *Henry Skreever* books) keeps me pretty busy so I haven't had time for a musical instrument. But they have music sheets in braille, so maybe one day I'll take lessons.



How do you know where you're going? How do you keep from bumping into things?

My teacher taught me how to use a cane. It helps me know if there is anything near me. But when I'm at home, I don't use it because I already know where everything is. It's like when you go to the bathroom in the middle of the night. You don't turn on all of the lights, you just know how to get there, right? It just takes some practice!



How do you like kids to act when they meet you?

Just like they would with anybody else—that way I can decide if I like them or not. If they're nice, we can get to know each other and maybe become friends.