

# Gabby Doesn't Like Competing



## Peppy Pals

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## About the book

Peppy Pals is a series of award-winning mobile games, books and movies about the five animal friends Sammy the horse, Reggy the dog, Gabby the rabbit, Izzy the owl and Kelly the cat, each of whom have unique personalities.

The book-series focuses on friendship, emotions, teamwork, and appreciating one another's differences. Peppy Pals is a great conversation starter for adults and children. Remember, all emotions are allowed and worthwhile.



## The plot

Sammy, Reggy and Gabby are playing basketball. Gabby, who has never played before, wants to try but finds it much more difficult than anticipated. This book is about trying new things, dealing with setbacks and teamwork.



## Tip

Look at the front cover together. What is happening in the picture? What emotions do the friends show? What do you think will happen on the next page? At the end of the book you will find "Questions to discuss" that you can use as conversation starters. Try to go through the scenario in the Peppy Pals' app and assign words to the different emotions that the friends show. This will make learning both more fun and more interactive!

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Today Gabby, Sammy, and Reggy are out in the schoolyard playing basketball. They are taking turns doing different tricks.



Sammy kicks the ball up and down. Reggy balances the ball from nose to rear. It is impressive to see how long Gabby can balance the ball with no hands.



“I’m really good at basketball,” says Sammy eagerly.  
Sammy easily makes a basket on the first try.

Reggy likes to compete and wants to show off for everyone. With just one try, Reggy also gets the ball in the basket.

“A perfect shot!” Reggy says proudly.

The friends want Gabby to try, but Gabby does not really like to compete and becomes insecure and nervous.

*Sammy and Reggy both managed to make a basket on the first try and I've never played basketball before... what if I miss the basket and they laugh at me?*





Despite feeling so nervous, Gabby decides to give it a try. Gabby musters up all the strength that a little rabbit can, and then throws the ball.



“Oh no! The ball wasn’t even close to the basket,” says Gabby, disappointed.

Reggy sees Gabby’s disappointment and throws the ball back to Gabby for a second try. “Come on! Try again,” encourages Reggy.

Gabby makes several attempts to get the ball in the basket, but starts to get discouraged in the end.



Reggy thinks it is unfair. Of course it is harder for little Gabby to throw such a big ball.



Then Reggy comes up with an idea to cheer Gabby up and goes over to stand next to Gabby. Sammy seems to read Reggy's thoughts and goes over to stand beside Reggy.



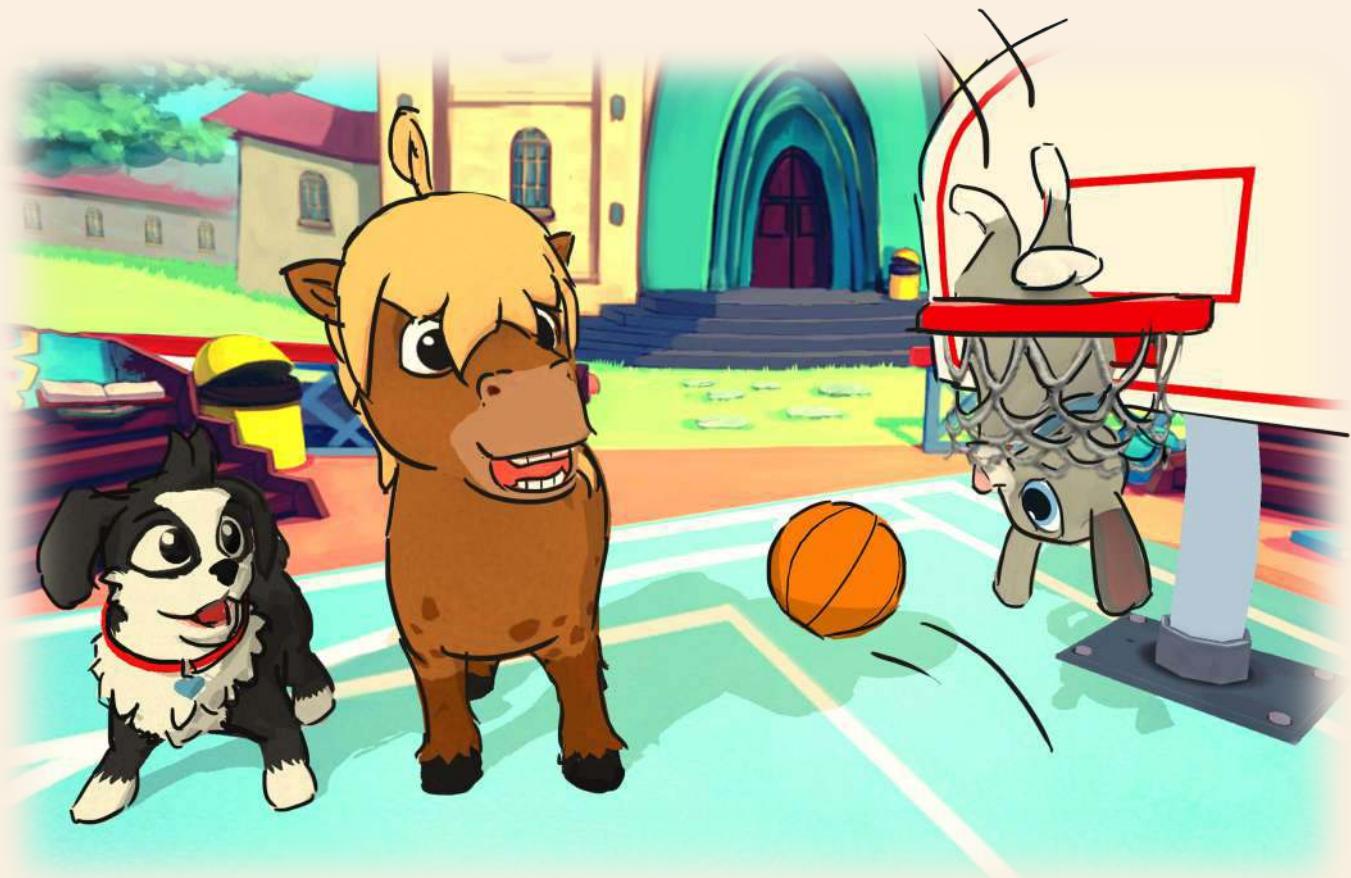
“You’re good at jumping, Gabby! Work up some energy and use us as stairs!” cheers Sammy.



Gabby wiggles back and forth before jumping on top of Reggy first, and then Sammy. Then, just when Gabby is about to throw the ball in the basket, something unexpected happens.



Oh no! Gabby flies into the basket along with the big ball!



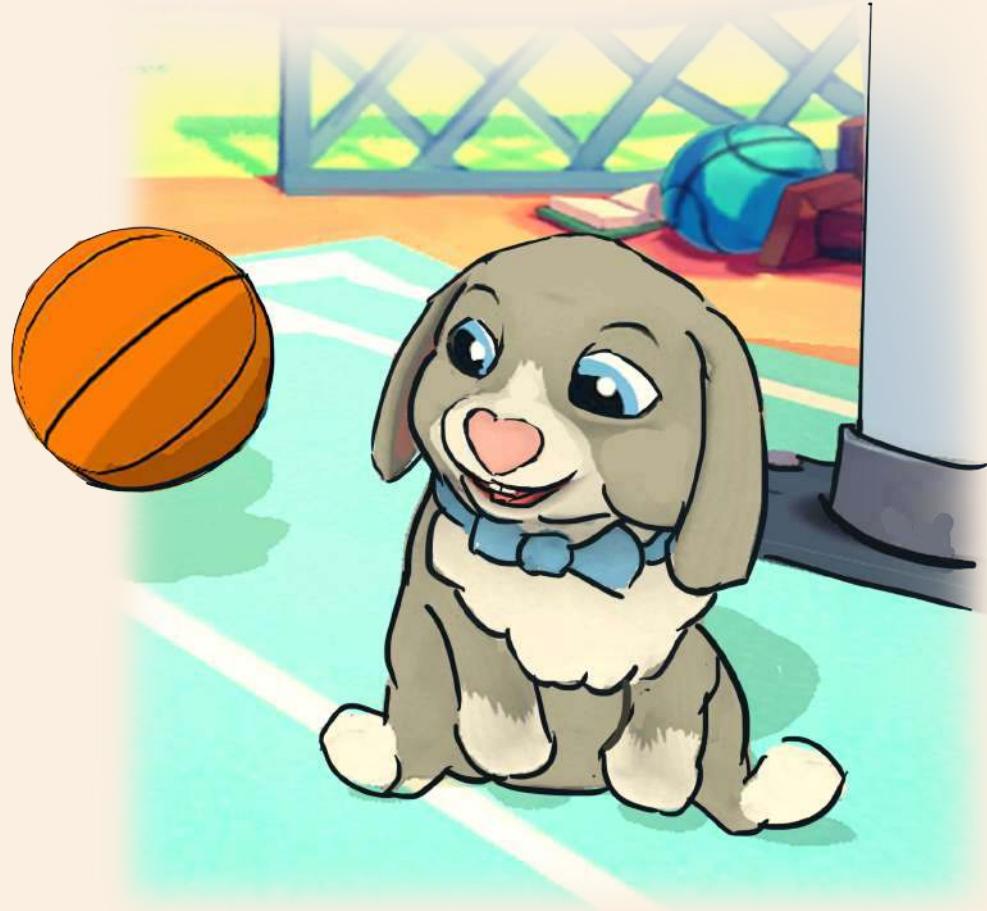
Both the ball and Gabby tumble out of the basket. Reggy and Sammy cannot help but think that it is a little bit funny.



“Oh no! Are you okay, Gabby? It’s the ball that’s supposed to go in the basket, not you,” say the friends.



“Either way, I made the basket!” says Gabby, laughing, and the friends finally dare to laugh too.



It is easy to believe that everyone likes the same things. While Sammy and Reggie love to compete and win, Gabby just wants to play and have fun.

*Even though I was nervous, it was fun trying something new. It did not matter that I missed the basket at first, Gabby thinks. The important thing is that I tried!*

*What do you do when you are going to try something new?*



## Questions to discuss

- ♥ Sammy and Reggy are good at playing basketball. Gabby has never tried it before. How do you think Gabby feels before the first throw?
- ♥ Gabby failed to get the ball in the basket. What did the friends find out about Gabby instead?
- ♥ How do you feel when you want to try something you have never done before?
- ♥ What do you think it takes to be good at something? Does being good at something make you like it more?
- ♥ How does it feel to be good at something? How does it feel to be not so good at something?
- ♥ Gabby felt like it was a competition and got nervous when she saw how good Sammy and Reggy were. How do you feel about competitions?
- ♥ What do you do when you want to encourage a friend to try something new?
- ♥ Sammy and Reggy help Gabby make the basket. How do you think Gabby feels when the friends help?
- ♥ Is everyone good at the same things? Why/Why not? Talk about how different skills and/or advantages and disadvantages can make us good at different things.

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