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# Not Now, Pep

By Guy Belleranti

Lily and Mom wanted to exercise.

Their dog Pep wanted to play.

Pep brought his ball.

“Not now, Pep,” Lily said. “Mom and I need to run.”

Lily and Mom ran on the grass.



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Lily and Mom danced on the grass.

Pep brought his leash.

Lily laughed. Mom laughed, too. “Yes now, Pep,” they both said.

Pep ran. Pep jumped. Pep danced.

Pep gave Lily and Mom wet kisses. Lily and Mom gave Pep big hugs. Then Lily, Mom, and Pep exercised together with a fun walk!

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1. What does Pep want to do?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Pep brings Lily and Mom four things. What are they?

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_



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4. How is Pep feeling at the end of the story?

Circle the best answer.

scared      happy      sad      tired      mad

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

1. exercise

a. move around to music

2. leash

b. when you wrap your arms around someone



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5. grass

e. dog toy

6. hugs

f. short green plants that cover a yard

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In the story, "Not Now, Pep," Lily and Mom have fun exercising. Then they take Pep for a walk. Even Pep has fun exercising!



How do you like to exercise? Write your answer on the lines below. Use complete sentences.

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## ANSWER KEY

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1. What does Pep want to do?

Pep wants to play.

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