

# *Pep and His Pals*



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## **A Pep Baker Story**

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## Chapter 1

### Simple/Blends

Pep plan since block spend knack best  
chest last class dusk well skills left

### Suffixes

planned thinking lived jumped spending  
slapped talking tossed funny planned

### Red Phrases

been a fun night                      they were there  
sports and words                      their bomb talks  
said at the mall                        would toss a ball

## **Chapter 1**

### **The Next Big Name**

Pep and his pals had a plan. It was a fun plan.

It had been a plan of the kids since they were ten. Pep and his pals planned to spend the night in the mall.

It was Pep's plan for he was the best kid at thinking. His thinking skills had all the moms and dads talking. Pep's best pal was Kevin. Kevin was best with words and was so funny. Jim lived up the block and he got on well with all the kids in class. No kid would get mad at Jim. Last of Pep's pals was Nick. Nick had a knack for sports. The gals in class think Nick is the bomb!

The kids were in their last class and it was P.E. 11

Kevin and Jim had just got hit with balls in their 22

chests. The class was on dodge ball and Nick was the 33  
last one left that had not got hit with a ball. 44

Pep and his pals jumped on Nick and slapped 53  
him on the back. 57

“OK pals,” Pep said to his pals. “This is the 67  
night. Get to the mall at dusk.” 74

“This is the best plan!” Nick said and then 83  
tossed a ball at Kevin. 88

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| said | their | ball | would | mall |
| they | been  | talk | were  | live |

## Chapter 2

### Simple/Blends

went grub much left black quick shop  
held just cash spend things shock glance

### Suffixes

walked munched locked hopped blacken  
jumped going singing standing glancing  
yelped pushed clapped grabbed shocked

### Red Phrases

pizza at the mall                      they could walk  
watch until dark                        playing at night  
what guys do there                      he said what?

## **Chapter 2**

### **At the Mall**

Pep and his pals walked into the mall and went to get some grub.

“Let’s get a big pizza!” Jim said. The kids munched on as much of the pizza as they could. A lot of the moms and dads had left the mall for it was dark. It was just Pep and his pals at the mall!

“Quick, let’s get to the bed shop. We can get under a bed until the mall cops have left,” Pep said.

The kids hid under the bed until the mall cops locked it up for the night. Then Jim hopped up and jumped on the bed.

“We can do just what we want to do!” said Kevin.

“We are going to have fun tonight,” said Pep.

“But we have to spend cash on all the grub we eat.

We must put all the things back that we have fun

with.”

The kids skipped up the mall singing a song and playing tag. Then Jim stopped in shock. He had a glance of some men in black standing in the next hall. The men had masks on and sacks on their backs.

“Bad guys!” Jim yelled and then pushed his pals past the hall. 8  
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“What do we do Pep?” Kevin asked. 19

“Let me at them,” said Nick. 25

“Not yet Nick,” Pep said. “We have to think and do the best thing.” 34  
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The kids watched as the bad guys split up and 49  
then grabbed stuff and put it in their sacks. 58

Pep clapped his hands and then said, “Nick, 66  
Kevin, Jim...I have a plan.” 72

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| pizza | could | there | guys | ball |

## Chapter 3

### Simple/Blends

cell   cops   then   split   shop   kept   sacks  
desk   scam   rods   snuck   golf   stand   shelf

### Suffixes

stuffing   grabbed   blasted   scary   shopping  
glanced   quickly   fishing   yelled   standing  
knocked   slipped   batting   ending   golfing

### Red Phrases

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| have to call          | come hold the guys |
| two told me           | they rolled from   |
| were all on the floor | by the balls       |

### **Chapter 3**

#### **A Home Run For Babe**

“OK I’ll call the cops on my cell. Then we will have to hold the bad guys at the mall until the cops come.” Pep told the kids the rest of his plan and then they split up.

Jim and Nick went left to the CD shop. Pep and Kevin went to the top of the mall. The bad guys kept stuffing watches and DVDs from shops into their sacks.

Nick grabbed the CD he wanted and then Jim and he went to the front desk. The pals put the CD on the mall intercom. A scary song blasted from the intercom in all the shops of the mall. Jim glanced at

two of the bad guys. They were scared of the song and dropped the fishing rods they were holding.

Nick and Jim then snuck into the shop the bad guys were in. Nick went to the golf stand and Jim split to the slingshot shelf. Jim grabbed a slingshot and some BBs. Then he let one fly and it hit one of the bad guys in the back.

“Ow!” the bad guy yelled. Jim hit the 2nd bad guy with two BB’s in the chest and leg.

“Let’s scram” the bad guy said but Nick was all set. He knocked a shelf of golf balls on the floor and they rolled in front of the men in black. The bad guys slipped and fell. Then Nick hit the ON switch in a golf cart and the cart rolled at the men quickly.

The bad guys ran from the cart and jumped 64  
from its path into a batting cage. Jim switched on the 75  
balls and they shot at the bad guys. The men ducked 86  
but ended up getting hit by lots of balls. They were 97  
knocked out and Nick and Jim slapped hands. 05

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| two | have | floor | told | watch |

## Chapter 4

### Simple/Blends

last pants next socks dresses long cloths  
glad song held hands shock cops swell

### Suffixes

stuffed jumped filling fisher dressed  
flicked switched lifted flapped handed  
sprinted quickly batting winked lastly

### Red Phrases

watched their balloons each light  
snakes and spiders the front door  
what ghosts walked here's a card

## **Chapter 4**

### **Pep and the Cops**

Pep and Kevin watched as the last two bad men stuffed pants and socks into their sacks. The pals hid next to some dresses. They were glad when the scary song went on in the shop and the bad guys jumped.

Pep had been filling up balloons with air. Then he put a long cloth on each balloon and held them in a fisherman's net.

As the song went on, Pep clapped his hands at Kevin. Kevin flicked the lights of the shop on and off and on and off quickly. With this, Pep let the balloons go and switched on a fan. The balloons with cloths on them lifted up and flapped at the bad guys.

“Ghosts!” a bad guy yelled. The bad guys sprinted to the front of the shop but stopped in shock. Pep and Kevin had let the snakes and spiders go from the pet shop next door. The snakes and spiders blocked the men from running off.

“What’s going on in this mall?” the bad guys yelled. “We’re trapped by snakes and ghosts!”

“And cops!” Pep yelled as the cops pulled up to the mall. They quickly ran in and grabbed the bad guys. Pep and Kevin walked to the cops.

“So, you are the kids that helped us catch the Sack Men!” the top cop said and patted Kevin on the back.



“You will get the next two bad guys in the 10  
sports shop. Our pals have them trapped in the 19  
batting cages,” Pep said. 23

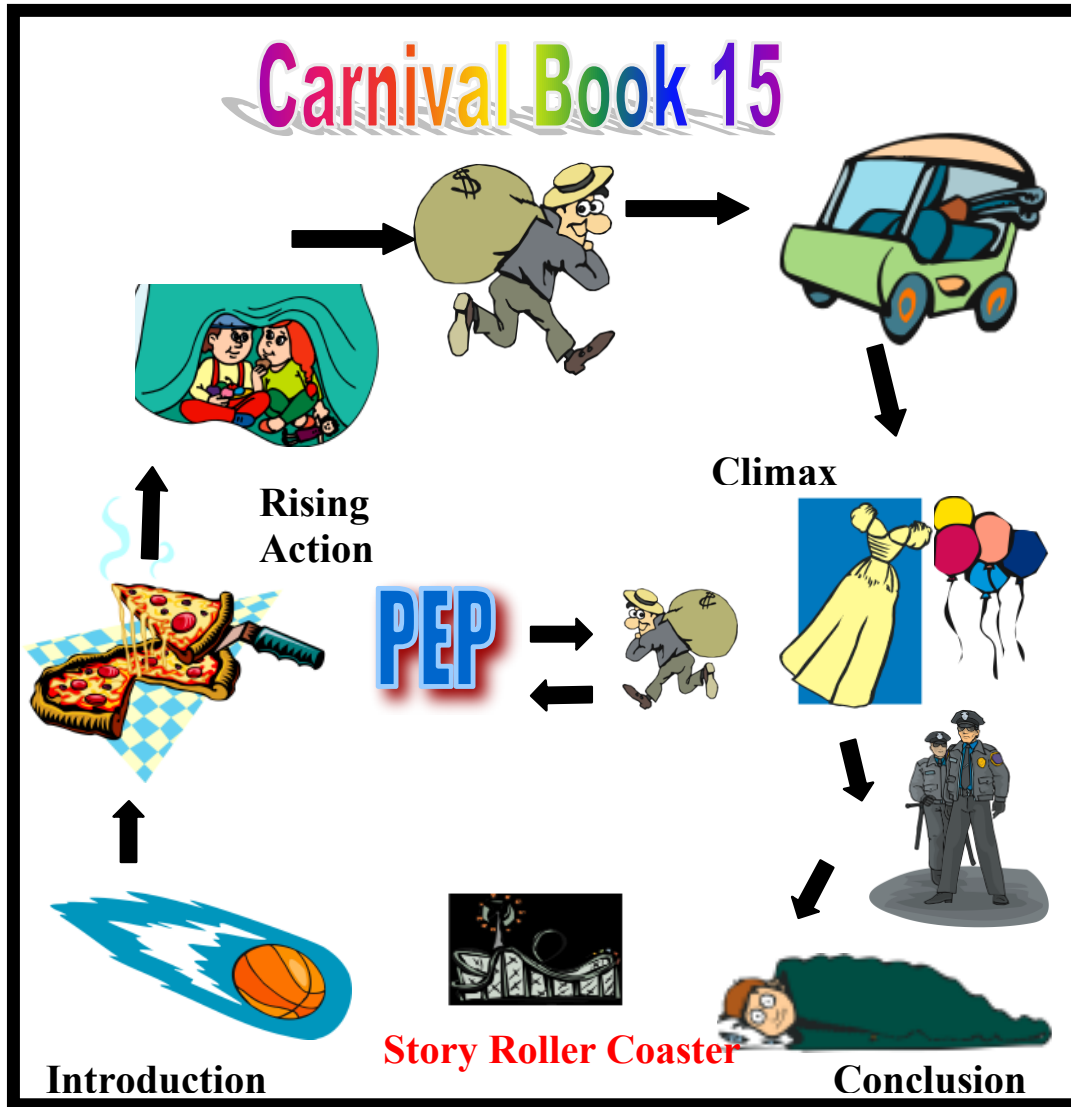
“Here’s a gift card for you kids for helping us,” 33  
the top cop said. 37

“Swell,” said Pep. “But what we want is to 46  
spend the rest of the night at the mall.” 55

“Hmmm... I think we could let that happen,” 63  
the cops winked. The cops left with the bad guys 76  
and Pep and his pals got their wish. They spent the 87  
night at the mall! (1.1) 91

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