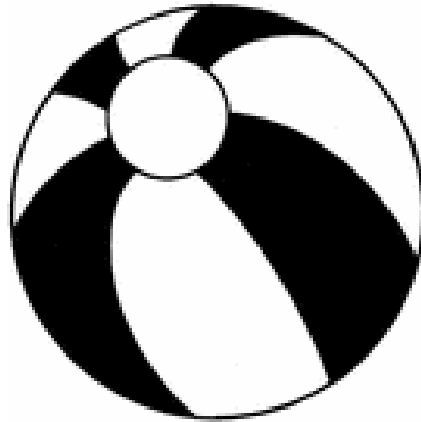


SAM'S RED BALL



Sam's red ball rolled down the hall. Sam's big brother, Paul, took Sam's red ball. Paul bounced the ball off the wall of the hall. "That red ball is my favorite toy of all! Please give it to me, Paul," said Sam.

But Paul was very tall. He shook his head, and that's not all. "Do you want your ball?" he said. "You are very small. How will you get your ball?"

Sam looked at Paul. He did not like this at all. "I will bawl. Then mom won't take you to the mall."

"You have a lot of gall," said Paul. "You win, Sam. Here's your ball."

Sam bounced his red ball against the wall. His cat Stan hit the ball down the hall. Sam watched it fall down the stairs. It bounced outside into the stall. Sam's goat, Saul, was in the stall. Saul took a bite of Sam's red ball. Saul ate Sam's ball all up. "Now I have no red ball," said Sam. "I should have shared my ball with Paul after all."

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ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT SAM'S RED BALL

1. Who bounced Sam's ball off the wall?
 - a. his brother Paul
 - b. his goat Saul
 - c. his cat Stan
 - d. his father

2. How did Sam get his ball from Paul?
 - a. He fought Paul.
 - b. He told his mother.
 - c. He said he would cry.
 - d. Sam's dog got the ball from Paul.

3. What happened to Sam's red ball at the end?
 - a. He shared it with Paul.
 - b. He lost it in the stall.
 - c. A goat ate it.
 - d. A cat stole it.

4. What is your favorite toy? Why?

Answers to *SAM'S RED BALL*

1. d
2. a
3. b
4. Answers will vary. Accept reasonable answers.