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Can You Hula?



Dolly and her friend Carmella were at the mall when they walked past a display of hula hoops. A saleswoman standing nearby asked them if they would like to try one. The girls had never used a hula hoop before and said they did not know how to do it. The saleswoman offered to demonstrate, so they decided to give it a try. They dropped their hoops to the floor many times before they finally learned how to make them keep spinning.

Soon, a small crowd had gathered to watch, and more children were interested in trying out the hula hoops. The saleswoman showed them all how to make the hoop go round and round. Then she had the idea of a contest to see who could keep the hula hoop going the longest. The winner would get a free hula hoop. The children formed a line and got ready with their hoops, and the saleswoman told them to begin. Soon, hula hoops began dropping to the floor, and one-by-one the contestants were eliminated, all except Dolly. She kept her hoop going the longest and won the prize. Everyone applauded. Dolly was thrilled and promised to share her hula hoop with her best friend Carmella.

Directions: Use the words in the Word Bank to complete the sentences below.

BANK

1. Dolly and Carmella were at the _____ together.
2. They passed by a stand selling _____.
3. The saleswoman _____ how to use one.
4. Dolly and Carmella _____ their hoops many times.
5. A _____ gathered to watch them hula hoop.
6. The saleswoman decided to have a hula hoop _____.
7. _____ kept her hula hoop going the longest.
8. Dolly promised to share her prize hula hoop with _____.

WORD

- contest
- dropped
- crowd
- demonstrated
- mall
- hula hoops
- Carmella
- Dolly