



Cast



Work with the children to allocate characters and prepare a short performance. Discuss the stage directions in advance and make sure the children understand how to follow the script.

- Narrator 1:** It was the first day of school, and Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo were not happy.
- Scootaloo:** Featherweight got his pony mark in the summer holidays! How can *we* get our pony marks?
- Narrator 2:** Then, Apple Bloom came.
- Apple Bloom:** Did you hear about Diamond Tiara? She has a new job at *The Pony School News*. We can write stories for her – then we can get our pony marks!
- Narrator 1:** Diamond Tiara talked to Sweetie Belle, Scootaloo, Apple Bloom, and the other ponies.
- Diamond Tiara:** I have a lot of new ideas for *The Pony School News*.
- Narrator 2:** Sweetie Belle, Scootaloo, and Apple Bloom wrote some stories for Diamond Tiara.
- Narrator 1:** Apple Bloom wrote about Ponyville in the past. Scootaloo wrote about baby animals. Sweetie Belle wrote about her favorite hats. They all gave their stories to Diamond Tiara, but she was angry.
- Diamond Tiara:** This isn't news. Write some exciting stories!

- Scotaloo:** How can we find interesting stories?
- Narrator 2:** Then, Sweetie Belle saw something that was funny.
- Sweetie Belle:** Featherweight, take some photographs of this!
- Narrator 1:** Snips and Snails both had bubble gum on their bodies! The ponies wrote the story for *The Pony School News*. They called it “Snips and Snails and Bubble Gum” by Gabby Gums. “Gabby Gums” was the ponies’ newspaper name.
- Narrator 2:** All the ponies laughed when they read the story. Snips and Snails were not happy, but Diamond Tiara was very happy!
- Sweetie Belle:** Let’s write lots of Gabby Gums stories. Then we can get our pony marks!
- Narrator 1:** Sweetie Belle, Scotaloo, and Apple Bloom wrote lots of stories about their friends’ problems. Some stories were funny, but some were not.
- Narrator 2:** Now, all the ponies in Ponyville wanted to read Gabby Gums’s stories. They ran to the school shop to buy the newspaper.
- Narrator 1:** Some ponies were not happy.
- Twilight Sparkle:** I don’t like these stories. Gabby Gums is writing about our lives.
- Applejack:** I think Gabby Gums is really funny.
- Twilight Sparkle:** Gabby Gums mustn’t write about our friends’ problems. It’s not right.
- Narrator 2:** The other ponies laughed at her.

All the ponies: We love reading about our friends' problems!

Narrator 1: Sweetie Belle, Scootaloo, and Apple Bloom didn't like writing about their friends.

**Sweetie Belle,
Scootaloo, and
Apple Bloom:** We want to write about other things, too.

Narrator 2: Diamond Tiara was angry.

Diamond Tiara: Ponies only want to read Gabby Gums's stories.

