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One day, she sees a race poster and
decides to enter. Can she prove how
fast she is against a rival?

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Gabby loved racing on her sparkly bike. She zoomed up muddy paths and down muddy hills. She was only ten, but she was the fastest rider in her whole family. Everyone in her house loved bikes. Even the baby. Even the dog!

Gabby thought she might be the fastest rider in the whole neighbourhood, but she didn't know for sure. She'd never been in a real race.



One weekend, Gabby's mum asked her to deliver a rucksack of goodies to her grandma and grandad. Gabby put on her hoodie and sparkly helmet, then picked up her bike and protective pads. "I'll be back in no time," she told her mum.



"Hang on – you need to wait for Zac!" Mum said.

"Fine," Gabby sighed.

Zac was her older brother, but he was so slow!

"Hurry up, Zac!"

"I'm coming. Hold on." He grabbed his helmet and hopped onto his bike. He had to pedal hard to catch up with Gabby who was speeding ahead.

On the corner of their grandparents' street, Gabby saw something attached to a lamppost that grabbed her attention. She came to a halt suddenly. It was a race poster.



"A race! And it's today!" she gasped.

"Why don't you enter? You're very fast,"

Zac said.



Gabby really wanted to enter, but she was nervous. "What if I fall off and everyone laughs at me? What if I don't win?"

"Give it a go! After all, it's not about winning, it's about having fun," Zac encouraged her.