

My Amigos!

Charlie and Tony meet in the park to play soccer. What games do you like to play with your *amigos*? Answer the questions below.

My *amigos* and I like to play:

We like this game because:

Check for Understanding

- Tony and Charlie go to the park to play soccer. What do you like to do at the park?
- Making new friends isn't always easy. How do you make new friends?
- Charlie says he feels silly when he tries to speak Spanish. (p. 12) What can he do to make himself feel less silly when he speaks *en español*?
- *Amigos* can be very different even though they enjoy some of the same things. Think about your friends. What are some ways you are different? What are some things you have in common?

In this book, two young roosters meet and begin to play a game together. At first, they only notice each other's differences, but then they begin to see they have many things in common. Can just one game help make a friendship?



? Before reading, you could ask ...

What do you see on the front cover of this book?

What kind of games do you like to play with your friends?

The title of this book is *Amigo*, which means *friend*. Describe your friends.

November Family Reading Tip of the Month: Talk About What Your Child Is Reading

Talking with children about the books they read is the best way to build brain power and help them understand what they are reading. Ask questions that help children understand the *who, what, when, where, why, and how* components of books.

You can:

- Discuss interesting facts, and compare them with what you already know about a subject.
- Imagine how the story might be different, and talk about it together.
- Create a new ending to the story.

Encourage children to talk about what they are reading every day!



Clap and Count!

Let's count and clap **syllables**! Look at the picture of the backpack. Say the word, and clap once for each **syllable**. How many **syllables** can you count? The word *backpack* has two **syllables**: *back* + *pack*. Now you try!

Syllables are small groups of sounds you hear in a word.

backpack 			park 			rooster 		
1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
soccer 			ball 			elephant 		
1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
music 			amigo 			goal 		
1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3

Answer Key
backpack (2), park (1), rooster (2), soccer (2), ball (1), elephant (1), music (3), amigo (2), goal (1)

Bonus Activity

How many **syllables** are there in:

Your first name? _____

Your last name? _____

Your best friend's name? _____

New and Interesting Words

Here are some "awesome-good" words and ideas that appear in your story!

in common
(p. 6)

If you say two people have something **in common**, you mean that they share something similar. For example, they enjoy some of the same things. Charlie and Tony have a **common** love of soccer.

What do you have **in common** with kids in your class?

en español
(p. 12)

When someone says that something is **en español**, they mean it is in Spanish. Tony often speaks **en español**. What words do you know **en español**?

crow
(p. 21)

Crow is another way to describe the sound a rooster makes. Charlie says Tony's **crow** is cool. Can you demonstrate the different **crow**s Charlie and Tony make?