

## See-saw

It was always the same problem in the park. Chloe loved the see-saw but her older brother preferred the swings and the slide. Even if he was prepared to spend time with her on the see-saw in their little local park, he was too big and heavy. She would sit on her end and the moment he sat on the other end she was propelled into the air and stayed there. Nothing moved until her brother got off and then she plunged to the floor.

The whole idea of a see-saw was balance and what she needed was a friend of approximately the same size as her. Unfortunately there was nobody else in the park at the moment – just her brother and her mother who was busily talking on her phone.

Then along came Bridget. She didn't know that the girl's name was Bridget until she started talking to her but Bridget was exactly what she needed as a see-saw companion. Not only was Bridget the right size and age, she too was fond of the see-saw. They started off: up and down, up and down, and continued for ages having a lovely time.

After a while her brother became jealous and wanted to join in – or spoil things for the girls – but they would not let him join them and continued their play until it was time for Chloe to leave.

Chloe saw this as a big success. Not only had she had fun, she had also made a new friend. In addition she had upset her brother (always a good thing) and on future visits to the park, if Bridget was not there, her brother would quite happily play with her on the see-saw.

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