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Lucy gets a communication aid



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Lucy loves
watching
basketball
on TV.



Her little brother
Ryan loves
baking. He is so
annoying.



Lucy and Ryan go to school together on the bus. Lucy used to hate going to school because everyone else could speak.



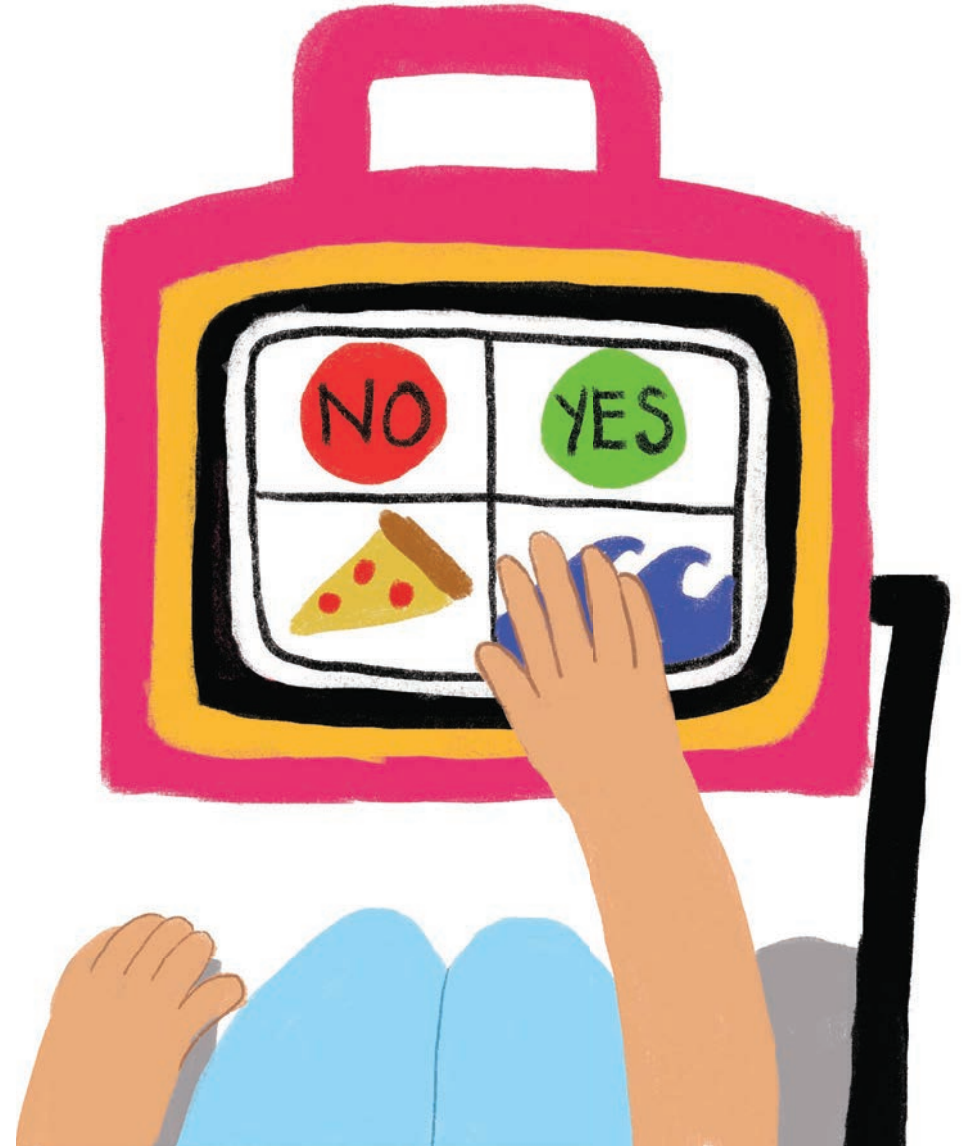
One day, Lucy's Mum took her to a clinic to see Aisha and Stuart.



Stuart said
that there were
lots of different
communication aids
and asked if Lucy
would like to try
some.



First she tried an Alltalker. It had a lovely pink cover and it was smart like Ryan's tablet computer.



But the pictures
were squiggly, she
could not find the
one she wanted.
The Alltalker wasn't
right!



Then she tried a LetsChat. It had a cool voice and she could control a computer.



But it was really
big and heavy! The
LetsChat wasn't
right, it was too
heavy!



Then she tried a
LOCA-VOCA. This
one was really small
and neat. She could
wear it on a strap
and use it when she
watched basketball
on TV.



But when Lucy tried to pick the picture she wanted, she kept pressing other pictures by mistake, it was really annoying. The LOCA-VOCA wasn't right, it was too fiddly!



Then Lucy tried the Taptalk. It had the same pictures as her communication board and it was easy to find her favourite TV programmes. She really liked this one!



Lucy asked Aisha if it came with a pink cover like the Alltalker. Aisha said it didn't but that Lucy could put some pink stickers on her talker when it arrives. The Taptalk was just right!



Lucy thought
it would never
happen, but
eventually her
Taptalk arrived.



Lucy couldn't wait to get to school to tell them about the basketball match.

Lucy loves using her Taptalk and now Ryan can't boss her about anymore!

