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# Katie remembers getting her communication aid



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Katie is 23 years old,  
she loves Boccia and  
RaceRunning.



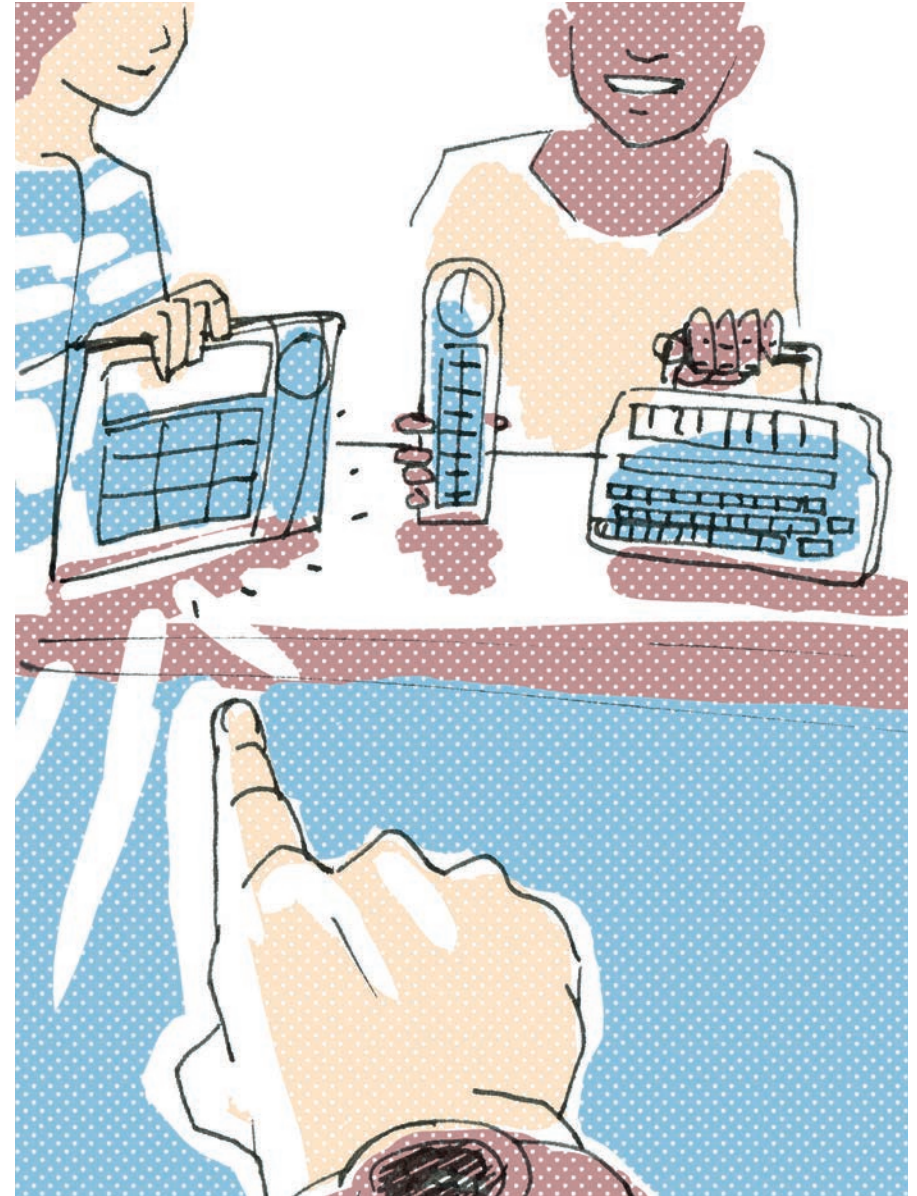
Katie uses a  
communication aid and  
a wheelchair.

Katie likes this  
communication aid  
because it looks smart,  
has a nice voice,  
and attaches to her  
wheelchair. She doesn't  
always use it though.  
She uses it when she  
goes out and is meeting  
new people.

Katie went to a centre to choose her communication aid.

Some people showed her a few different machines.

She chose the one she liked best.



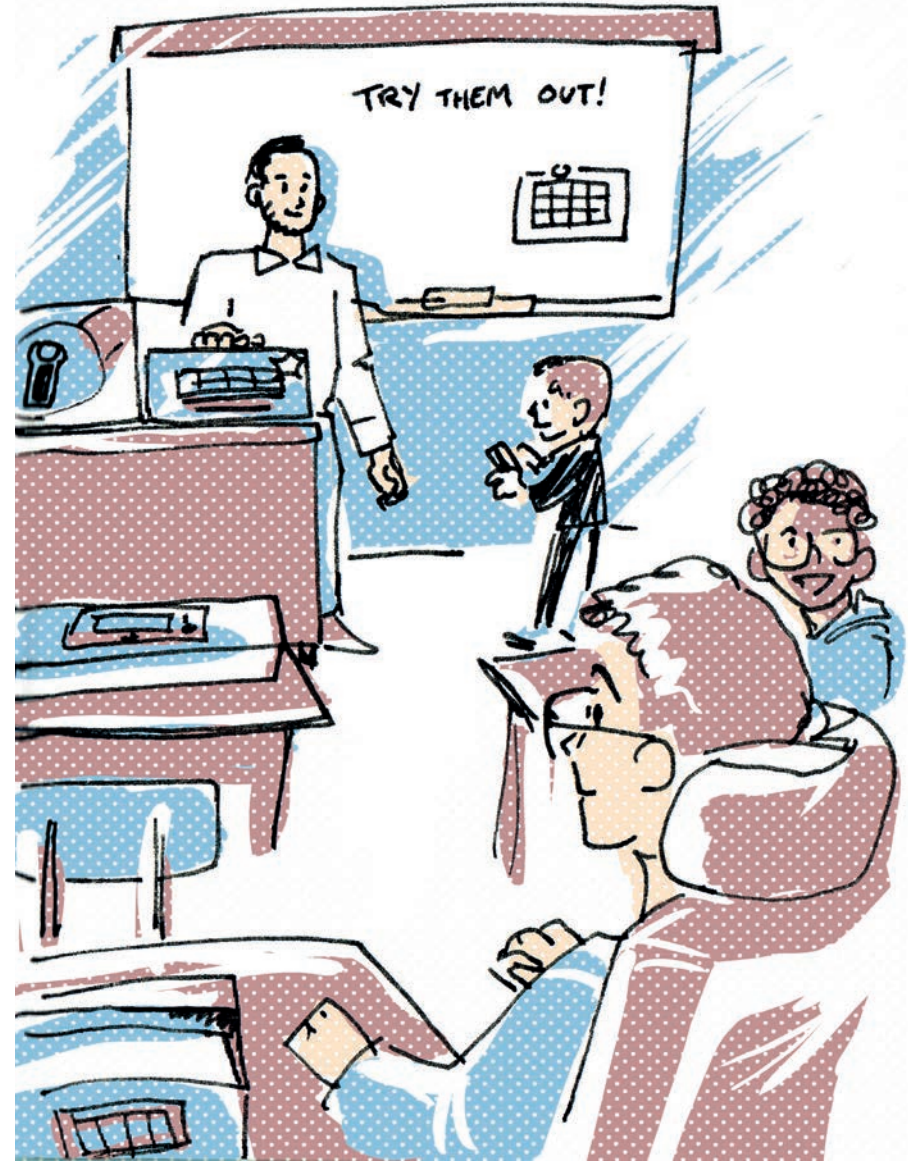


Katie can remember going to have an assessment for a new communication aid a few times.

Once she went to a special centre.



Another time the team of people came to her school to show her lots of different communication aids.



Katie did not like the voice on one of the communication aids.





Another communication aid was too heavy and big for Katie to see over the top.



One of the other communication aids was in a black metal box that did not look very cool.





The keyboard on one of the communication aids had keys that were too small for Katie so that one was no good.



Katie has had this communication aid for three years.

It took a while to arrive but it was worth it because it is really good to use now.

Finally Katie found the right communication aid with just the right voice, it was the right size and she liked how it looked.

