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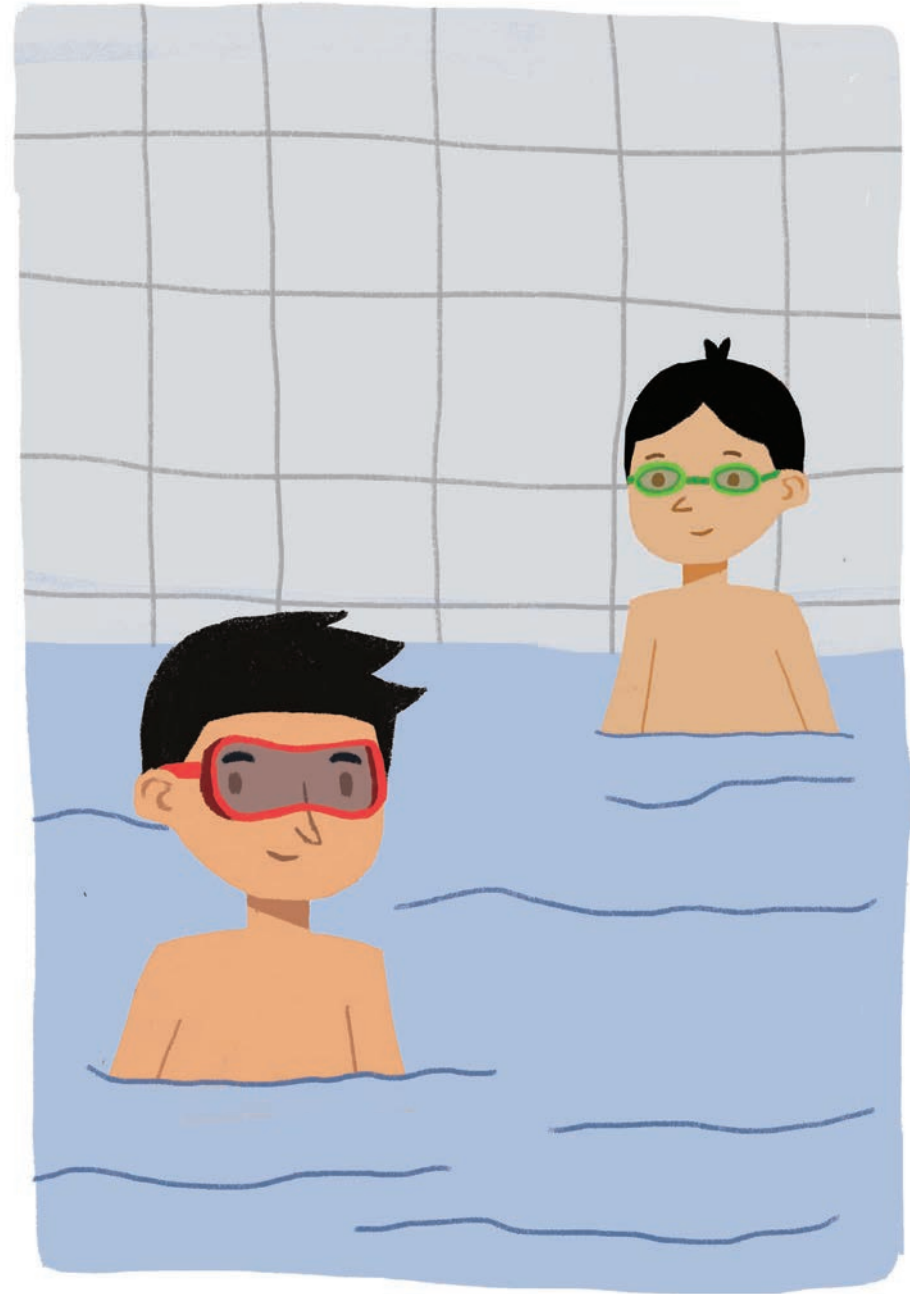
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Luke gets a communication aid

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Luke loves swimming.

His little sister
Ruby loves
playing on
the games
console.

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

One day, Luke's Mum took him to a clinic to see Debbie and Umesh.

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

First he tried an Alltalker. It had a red cover and it was smart like Ruby's tablet computer.

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

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

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

Then he tried a LOCA-VOCA. This one was really small and neat. He could wear it on a strap and use it when he watched swimming on TV.

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

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

Luke asked Debbie
if it came with a
red cover like the
Alltalker. Debbie
said it didn't but
that Luke could put
some red stickers
on his talker when it
arrives.
The Taptalk was
just right!

Luke thought
it would never
happen, but
eventually his
Taptalk arrived.

Luke couldn't wait to get to school to tell them about his swimming party. Luke loves using his Taptalk and now Ruby can't boss him about anymore!