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Farah wakes up and yawns.
She stretches and looks out
of her window. She picks up
her favourite teddy so he
can see too.

'It's sunny!'
she says to Ted.
'Let's play outside.'



'Not so fast, young lady,' says mummy as she walks into the bedroom.

'We're going to the hospital today. You're going to have some tests to find out why you've been unwell, remember?'

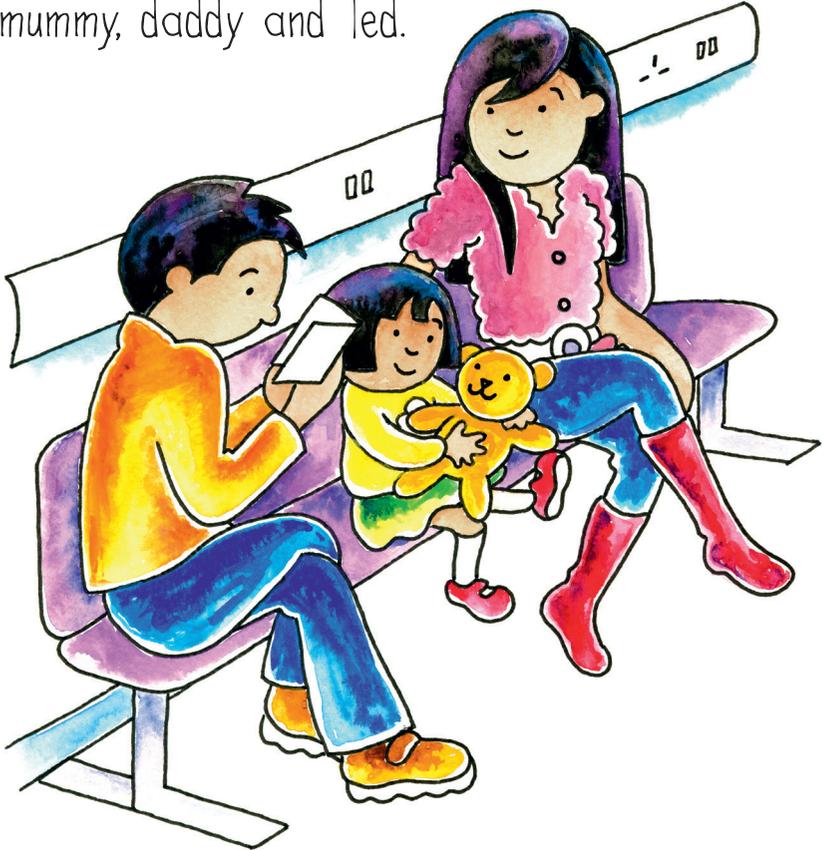


'Oh,' says Farah. 'I forgot. Can I bring Ted with me?' she asks.

'Alright then,'
says mummy.
'Ted can come too.'



Later, Farah is in the hospital
with mummy, daddy and Ted.



'What do you think they'll do, Ted?' she asks.
'I want to go home to watch TV.' Ted says
nothing, but she can tell he is bored too.



Soon, they go into a room
where a woman is sitting behind a desk.

'Hello Farah,' she says,
'I'm Doctor Williams.'



Dr Williams tells Farah why she is at the hospital.

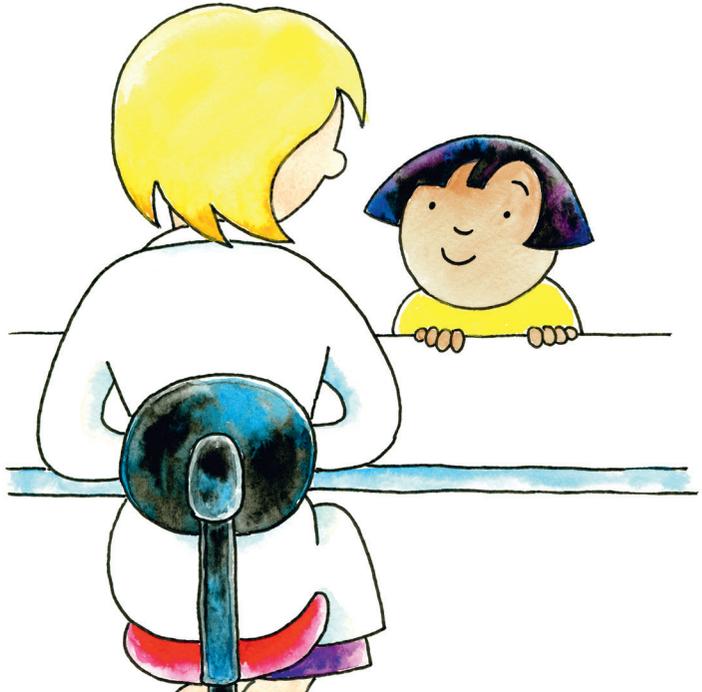
'We think you may have something called epilepsy, Farah. Epilepsy makes you feel unwell sometimes.'



'You might fall down or shake or make strange movements. Sometimes you might look like you are daydreaming. All these things are called seizures.'



'We're going to do some tests to see if this is what you have. Don't worry, they won't hurt a bit.'



Farah sits in a big chair. Dr Williams puts lots of little things on her head.

'It feels funny, Ted,' says Farah.



Dr Williams shows Farah a
little television screen.

'What are those wiggly
lines?' asks Farah.

'They show me how your
brain is working,'
says Dr Williams.



Next Dr Williams wants to look at a picture of Farah's brain. Farah lies very still on a bed for a long time while a big machine takes a picture of her brain.



It makes a loud noise and Farah doesn't like it much, but she gets used to it.

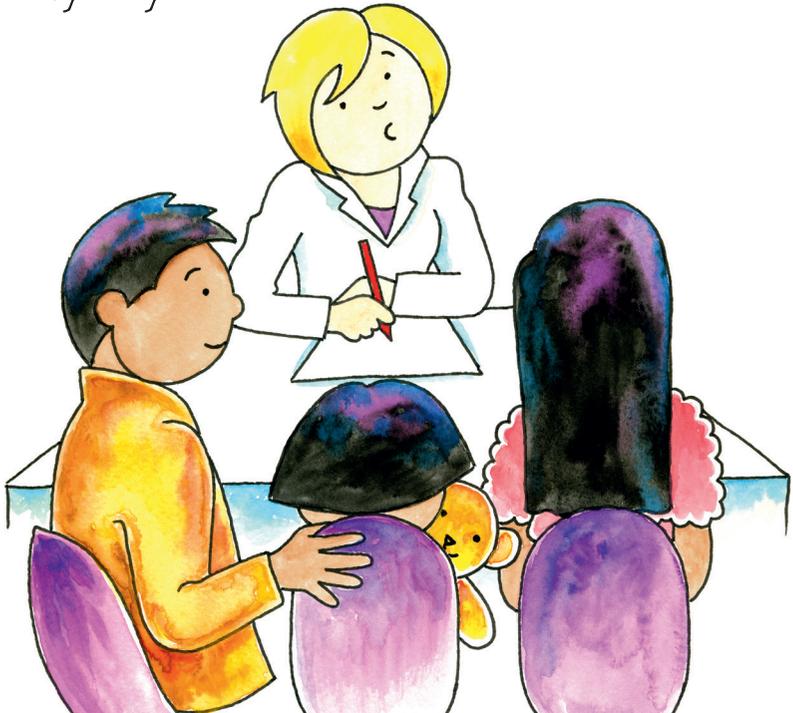


'How can it see inside my head?' asks Farah.

'It is a special kind of camera,' explains Dr Williams.



Later, Dr Williams asks Farah's mummy and daddy questions about what happens when she feels unwell. Dr Williams writes down what they say.



Then she turns to Farah.

'I believe that you do have epilepsy, Farah. We want to try and stop your seizures so we're going to give you some medicine.'

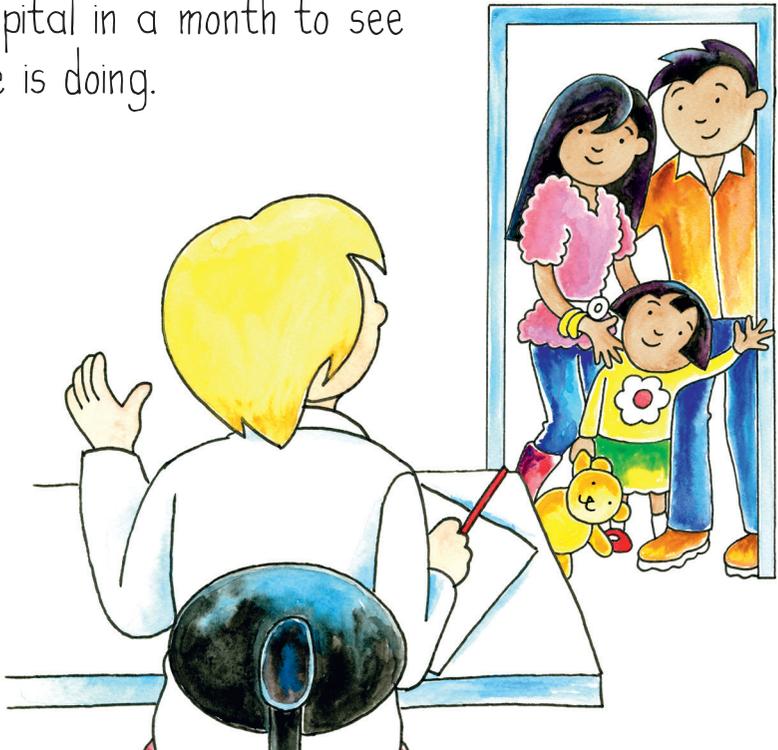


'You need to take your medicine every day.'

Farah nods.



Dr Williams says they can go home. She makes an appointment for Farah to come back to the hospital in a month to see how she is doing.



'You were very good,'
says daddy.



'I think we should take
you and Ted for a treat
on the way home. How
about stopping off at your
favourite cake shop?'

'Mmmmm... yes please!' says Farah.

'What cake do you want Ted? I'm going to have chocolate cake, or maybe a strawberry tart, or maybe I'll have a fudge doughnut...'







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