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Libby and Alex have been best friends since nursery. They have always been in the same class in primary school and spend lots of time together out of school too. When they start secondary school, Libby meets Sunni. They really like one another and start spending time together. Libby wants Alex and Sunni to be friends too, but Sunni and Alex don't like one another very much. They both want Libby for a friend, but don't want to hang out with one another.

Dev and Chris are part of a big group of friends who always go round together. On their recent transition day to secondary school, their new class lists showed that they would be in different classes. Dev is with some of the rest of the group, but Chris only knows one other person in the class and they're not really friends.

Fiona is going to meet her dad's new girlfriend tonight and she is apprehensive. This is the first girlfriend he has had since her mum passed away. She wants to be welcoming but is also worried her life is going to change a lot.

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Michael is really close with his twin sister, Anna. They usually do everything together, like going to the park or cycling, but last week Anna was injured and she will have to be in a wheelchair for a long time. Michael hasn't had much attention from his parents as Anna needs lots of help. He isn't sure what to do and is worried his bond with Anna will disappear now they can't play together in the way he is used to.

Jessica has found out her mum has accepted a job offer in Spain so she is moving to Spain with her mum and brother next month. She has friends here and can't yet speak Spanish. She wants to keep her friends but isn't sure how when she'll be so far away from them.

Naila and Robin are best friends and do everything together, in and out of primary school.

Now they have started different secondary schools. Robin's new school is up the road from where they live, but Naila's is a long bus journey away. Before they started their new schools they promised that they would keep in touch by texting or calling every day, and that they would see each other whenever they could. In the first week, Robin keeps texting Naila, but Naila hasn't replied. Robin wonders if Naila really wants to stay friends.