

## Just Talking

Jane sat watching the TV. Her favourite programme had just finished. She wondered what to do next. She looked around but no-one was there. She was alone.

So, Jane called "Sam". Her brother came running into the room. He said "Can I get you something?" Jane was laughing when she replied "No". Sam came over and gave her a hug. Then went back to his homework. Jane smiled and asked herself "who next?"



Jane went outside to find her father. The sun was shining and it made her warm and happy. By the garage she called "Dad?" Her father was bending over a bucket of water. He looked up and said "Yes Jane, what can I do?" But Jane just smiled and shook her head. Dad smiled back, then he came over and ruffled her hair. He went back to washing the car. Jane thought "and who now?"

Jane rushed to the kitchen door and shouted "Mum". Her Mum walked over to the door. Mum asked "Can I get you a drink or cookie?" Jane giggled and said "Yes". "Yes what?" replied Mum laughing. "Yes, please!" said Jane.

Mum brought Jane her snack. Then she bent and gave her a kiss. Jane drank the juice with a straw. She ate half the cookie getting crumbs everywhere. What a mess! Next she called "Spot". The dog came running from the garden. He was panting and wagging his tail. She gave him the rest of the cookie. He gobbled it up and licked her hand. He put his head on her knee.

Jane sat very still in her electric wheelchair. She stroked Spot's silky ears. She was having fun. Now she had her communication aid she could talk with her family.

Who should she go and speak to next? What should she ask?

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