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Be Quiet, Marina!

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This is Marina. This is Moira. Marina and Moira go to school together. Marina and Moira are good friends. Playing together was hard at first.
Marina and Moira were the same. Marina was four years old. Moira was four years old. Marina and Moira liked to dance.
Marina and Moira liked to play ball. Marina and Moira liked to dress up. Marina and Moira liked to play dolls.
Marina and Moira were different. Marina liked noise.

Marina liked to scream and shout. Moira didn't like noise. Moira liked quiet.

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The teachers swung Marina and Moira in a blanket.

Marina and Moira liked that.
Marina didn't like to wait her turn. Marina got angry and screamed and cried. Moira was scared. Moira covered her ears and went away.
Moira was on a see-saw. Marina wanted to go on the see-saw. Marina screamed. Moira covered her ears and went away. Marina went on the see-saw. It was no fun alone.
Marina and Moira were playing telephones. Marina was upset. Moira didn't run away. Moira said, "Please don't scream!" Marina quieted down and continued to play.
Moira was scared of Marina. Now Moira knows that Marina is her friend. Moira knows she can tell Marina not to scream. Marina knows if she wants to play with Moira she must not scream.

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Now Marina and Moira love to play on the see-saw together. "It's fun!" screams Marina. Moira almost let go to cover her ears. Instead Moira said, "Be quiet, Marina!"