

# My New Best Friend

1 I **get up**. I go to the kitchen. Only Grandma is there.

“Where are Mom and Dad?” Grandma smiles and answers,

“Oh, my girl. Do you know you will have a new best friend soon?”

“No. I have no idea.”

5 I already have many friends: Karen, Boe, Noa, and my **classmates**.

I don't **need** more friends. I just **miss** my mom and dad! I have breakfast and I go to school.

10 After school, I find my grandma at school. She is **waiting for** me in the car. My mom is supposed to be here. What's going on?



“Cynthia, let’s go to the hospital,” says Grandma.

“No, I don’t want to go to hospital! I am perfectly okay,” I cry out.

Grandma says, “Calm down, baby. You will see your new best friend.”

15 She starts driving.

When I get to the hospital, I see my dad! My dad and grandma go to a room.

I **follow** them. There is a bed in the room.  
20 room. My mom is in the bed. “Are you okay? You look exhausted,” I say.

My mom says, “I am fantastic, dear.”

I look around the room. My best friend Karen is not there. Karen is at her home!

25 I find something **cute** and small with my mom.

“What is it? It’s so cute and small,”

I ask my mom. My mom says,

30 “It’s your new best friend. Cynthia, she is your baby sister.”

“Is she my baby sister? I like her!” I say.

“I will love my best friend **forever**. Hey, little girl, I am your sister. Nice to meet you.”

35 And I kiss my baby sister.



## Vocabulary Build Up

### A. Match the words to the correct definitions.

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|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. get up     | • | • to stay to see something or someone |
| 2. classmates | • | • for all time; always                |
| 3. need       | • | • to want                             |
| 4. miss       | • | • to want to see                      |
| 5. wait for   | • | • to come or go after                 |
| 6. follow     | • | • very pretty                         |
| 7. cute       | • | • to wake up; get out of bed          |
| 8. forever    | • | • students who are in the same class  |

### B. Choose the best words to fill in the blanks.

- I don't \_\_\_\_\_ more food. I am full.  
(a) miss      (b) need      (c) drink      (d) hate
- Nancy will \_\_\_\_\_ you here. She wants to see you.  
(a) come from      (b) ask for      (c) wait for      (d) go to
- Linda is a good mother. She will love her son now and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) never      (b) forever      (c) only      (d) really
- I want to see my mom and dad. I \_\_\_\_\_ my parents.  
(a) like      (b) get      (c) miss      (d) ask
- The dog \_\_\_\_\_ me to the house.  
(a) missed      (b) needed      (c) looked      (d) followed

## Comprehension Check Up

### A. Check True or False.

1. Cynthia does not have Mom and Dad.  T  F
2. Cynthia's grandmother can drive a car.  T  F

### B. Choose the best answers.

1. What is not true about the story?
 

<input type="radio"/> a Grandma knows what's happening.	<input type="radio"/> b The girl is a student.
<input type="radio"/> c Mom is sick.	<input type="radio"/> d Dad goes with mom.
2. Who usually picks Cynthia up?
 

<input type="radio"/> a Grandma	<input type="radio"/> b Mom	<input type="radio"/> c Dad	<input type="radio"/> d baby sister
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3. How does the baby look? Choose two answers.
 

<input type="radio"/> a small	<input type="radio"/> b tall	<input type="radio"/> c cute	<input type="radio"/> d beautiful
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4. How does Cynthia think at the end of the story?
 

<input type="radio"/> a 'I will love my sister for all time.'	<input type="radio"/> b 'I will love my mom more.'
<input type="radio"/> c 'I like to have more classmates.'	<input type="radio"/> d 'My best friend is Boe.'

### C. Write the best answers.

1. What are the names of Cynthia's friends?

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2. Where are the mom and baby?

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## Reading Skill Up

### Places and Events

**Events** happen in specific **places**. You can understand the event of the story by the places.

Where the events happen in the story? Choose and fill out the chart.

Places	Events
home	
car	
hospital	

- Cynthia gets up.
- Cynthia cannot find mom and dad.
- Grandmother is waiting for Cynthia.
- Cynthia kisses her baby sister.
- Cynthia sees her mom and a cute baby.
- They go off to the hospital.

**Story Summary Up**

Complete the summary by filling in the blanks.

baby forever grandma hospital new sister

One day, Cynthia can not see her mom and dad. Her \_\_\_\_\_ just tells her she will have a \_\_\_\_\_ best friend. After school, Cynthia goes to a \_\_\_\_\_ to see her mom and dad. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ with them. The baby is her new best friend. Cynthia says she will love her \_\_\_\_\_.

**Think and Act Out**

Write or say your own opinions.

- Who was *the new best friend*?
- How does Cynthia's feeling change?

