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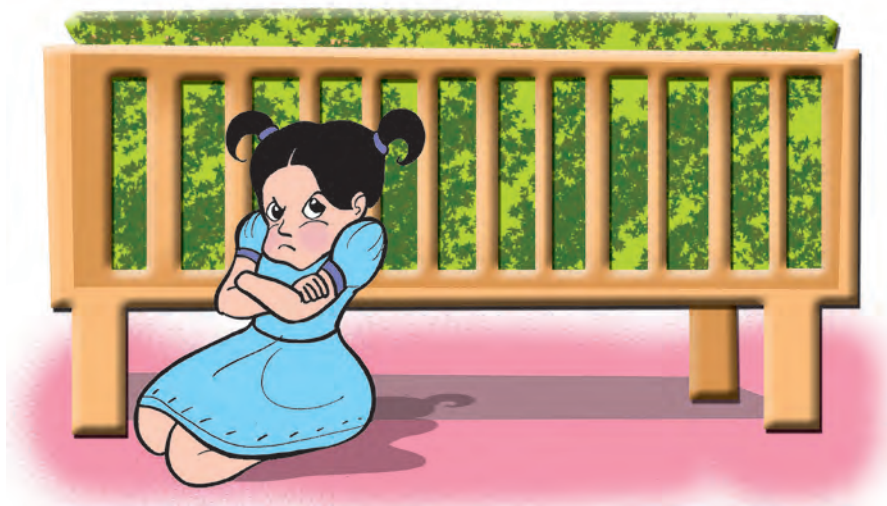


A Monologue

(When things go against their wishes, little children sometimes feel very sad and lonely. They don't realize how much the people around them love them. It's only when they wait and think properly that they understand it. Let's hear what this girl has to say.)

This is the worst day of my life. I am feeling very sad. You may not believe it, but I am the saddest person on this earth.

The reason is that nobody loves me. I have a family - Mummy, Daddy, Granny and a younger sister. I have been sitting here behind this sofa for the whole day - OK - for the last eight hours - alright, alright - at least an hour, at least TEN whole minutes and no one has noticed !



They are all interested only in my sister. Even when she cries for no reason, they all rush to her, pick her up and give her whatever she wants.

I should really go away and live in some interesting places. I think I'll become a hermit and wander in the mountains and forests. I'll eat the fruit on trees and make friends with birds and animals.

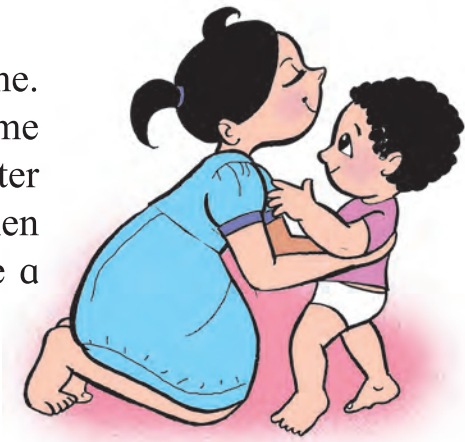
Or, I could ride away on a camel and live in a desert. At night, I will sleep in a tent. Or better still, I'll travel to the north pole and live in an igloo made of ice. I'll make friends with the polar bear.

What's that ? Something soft against my back ! Oh, it's baby ! What are you doing here, you silly ! Go away, don't smile at me. Why do you follow me ? Tch ! Tch ! Is there nobody else in the house to look after you ?

Don't come here. You may bump into something and I'll get all the scolding. Why do you have to do everything that I do ? Copycat !

Oh, never mind. Really ! The people in this house ! They should look after her better. I'm a grown up girl now. I can manage on my own. But what about this little baby ? Come, baby, let's crawl out from here.

When I go away, I'll take you with me. Or you'll keep crying for me all the time and they won't even guess what the matter is with you. I really can't go away when you are so small. Let's wait till you are a little older !



Things to do :

1. Read the monologue aloud with proper intonation.
2. Present the monologue / a part of it in the classroom.
3. Answer the following questions :
 - (a) Where does the girl plan to go ?
 - (b) Can a little girl go to such faraway places on her own ?
 - (c) Is the girl still sad at the end ?
 - (d) Does the girl love her little sister ?
4. Write the things (any three) that make you –
 - (a) sad
 - (b) angry
 - (c) happy.
5. What do you feel when you are angry or sad ? Write down your thoughts.
6. What do you feel when you are happy ? Write down your thoughts.

