

Billy and Belle

An extract from a picture story by Sarah Garland, told through drawings, sentences and speech bubbles.

Mum and Dad were going to the hospital.



Billy and Belle were going to school with Mrs Plum, the school secretary.



Comprehension Tasks

A The Bronze Level - good work!

1. Where are Mum and Dad going and how are they going to get there?
2. Why are they going there?
3. Where are Billy and Belle going?
4. What is the name of the woman who is taking Billy and Belle there?
5. What job does she do?

B The Silver Level - better work!

Look carefully at the pictures. Look at what the different people are doing. Notice what the people say to each other...

1. How can you tell that Mum will miss Belle?
2. How can you tell that Mum will be away from home for some time?
3. How can you tell that Dad is ready for a new baby in the house?
4. How can you tell that Billy is interested in the new baby?
5. How can you tell that Billy is a little bit worried about his mother?

C The Gold Level Challenge - best work!

1. Billy and Belle want the baby's name to begin with B, just like their names. Help them by making a list of three name options for if the baby is a boy and three name options for if the baby is a girl.
2. To welcome the new baby when their Mum comes back from the hospital, Billy and Belle decide to make a card. Design a card for them to use and write a message inside for them to copy.
3. To help them grow, new babies sleep far more than older children. Mum and Dad decide to make a notice to hang on the baby's bedroom door. Help them by designing the notice. Consider what the notice should say and how it should be presented so that it communicates its content clearly and effectively.