

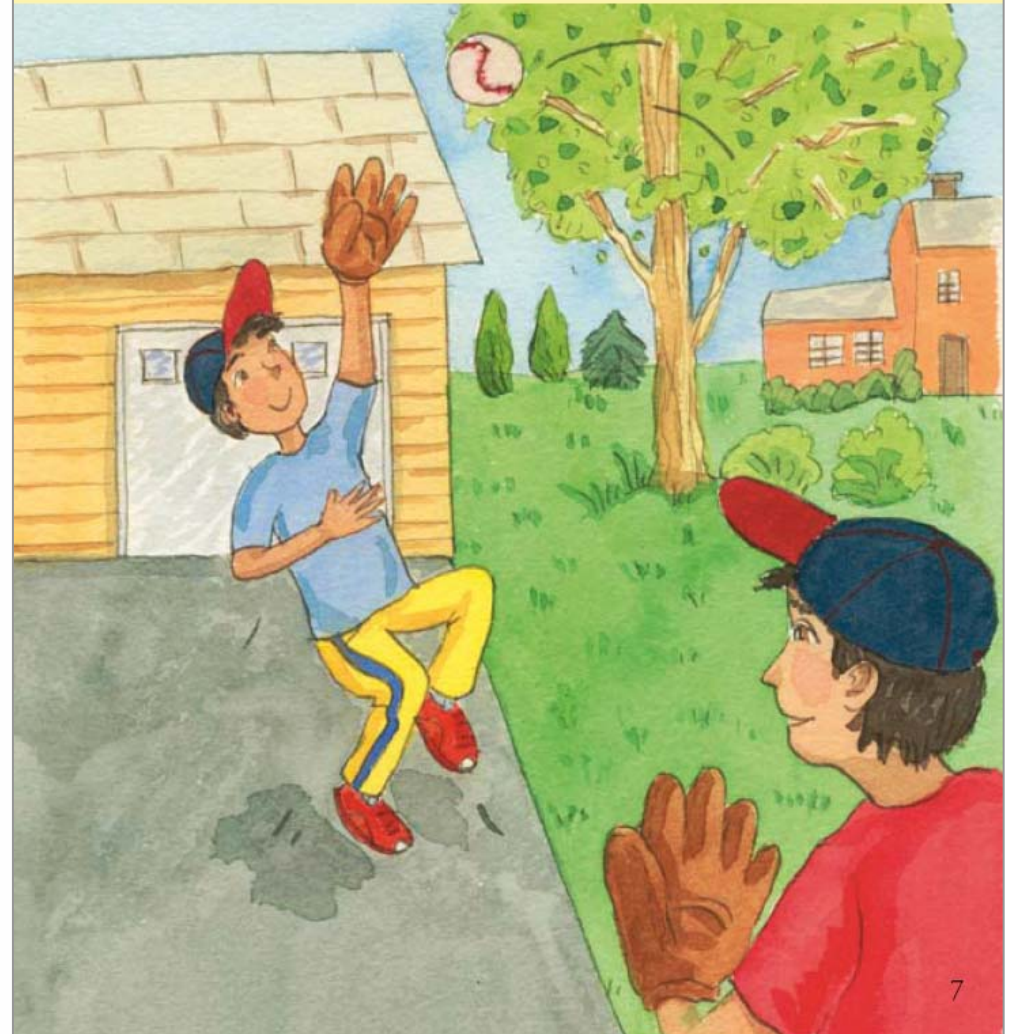
Molly's dream is to be a veterinarian when she grows up. She is already getting some practice. She helps Dr. Rios give Buddy his check-ups. Buddy may not enjoy these visits, but Molly sure does!



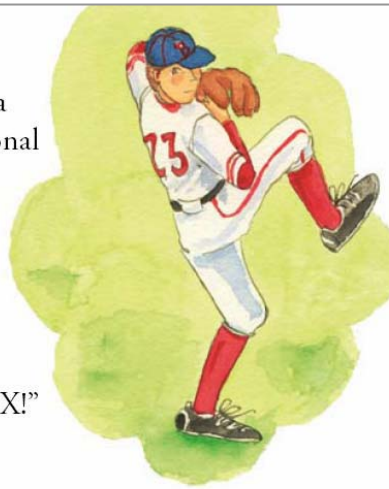
What do **you** want to be when you grow up?

Meet Max

Max is crazy about baseball! He plays on a hometown team and practices as often as he can with his older brother Sam.



Max's dream is to be a pitcher for a professional team. He imagines being on the mound, exchanging signals with his catcher and hearing the crowd chant his name, "MAX—MAX—MAX!"



What are those things?

Did you notice that Molly and Max have something interesting behind their ears? They both have a hearing loss so it is harder for them to hear sounds that are probably very easy for you to hear.



To hear better, Molly uses a **cochlear implant** (ko-klee-ur im-plant) and Max uses **hearing aids**.

These devices are very helpful. But, even when they are wearing their equipment, Molly and Max don't hear perfectly. They can miss some of the words people say, or they might not be sure if they heard all of the words correctly. Sometimes they have to ask people to repeat what they've said or to say it again a different way. Listening can be hard work!



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If that doesn't work out, he'd like to be a scientist. The microscope his grandpa gave him for his birthday is his most prized possession.

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Sometimes misunderstandings happen.

At recess, Gabrielle called to Molly, "Molly! Come play hopscotch with me!"

Molly didn't hear her, so she kept walking away and played on the swings instead. After recess, Molly was surprised. She didn't know why Gabrielle was mad at her.



How was Gabrielle feeling?
How was Molly feeling when Gabrielle yelled at her?
What could Gabrielle do next time to make sure Molly hears her?

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