

A new school

Peter is eleven years old and his family has just moved into a new town. The school year is about to begin, and Peter is looking forward to meeting other children and making new friends. But Peter is also afraid and nervous about starting school. You see, Peter stutters. Often when he tries to say a simple sentence like “this is my book”, it comes out sounding like “Th-th-this is my b-b-book”.

In previous schools, other students have laughed at him and have made jokes by imitating him. Peter hopes that this will not happen again. But on the first day of school, when the teacher asks Peter to say his name, he answers “P-P-Peter,” and many students start to laugh. For the rest of the day, a group of students continually make fun of him by saying, “Hey, P-P-Peter, t-t-talk to me.”



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