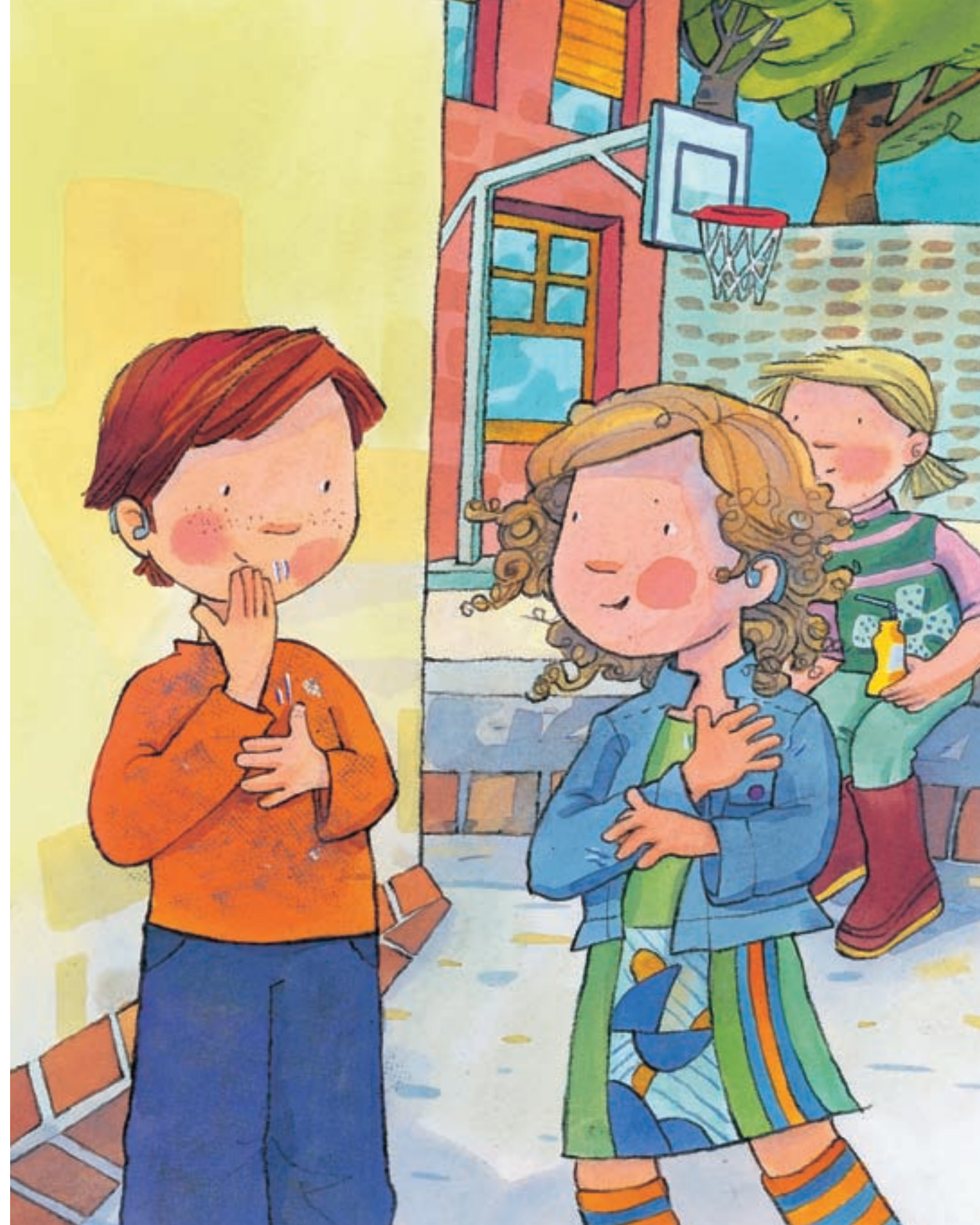


WE CAN ALSO
USE OUR HANDS



There aren't that many other kids in my school who are deaf or hard of hearing; there are just a few other kids and myself. Even though we all wear a hearing aid to hear better, sometimes during recess we'll hang out together and talk to each other through sign language. Do you know what sign language is? Have you ever seen a person use sign language to talk to somebody?



THE BODY LANGUAGE

Sign language is a special way for people who are deaf to talk to each other and to other people, like my parents and my brother, who also know sign language. Just like many other things, sign language takes time to learn and it takes a lot of practice too! When I talk in sign language, I use my hands to make different shapes that mean certain things. I also use my face and my body to help me communicate how I feel when I am talking. So when I am saying something sad, I make a sad face to help me explain what I am trying to say.



NOW WE HAVE A NEW CLUB!

When the other kids at school first saw us talking to each other through sign language, they stood around and watched us talking. That's when I had a great idea! With Mrs. Langley's help, we started a sign language club. We couldn't believe how many kids wanted to learn how to sign. So every morning, the other deaf kids and I help Mrs. Langley teach the other kids how to sign. Now during recess, instead of the other kids watching us sign, we watch the other kids.

