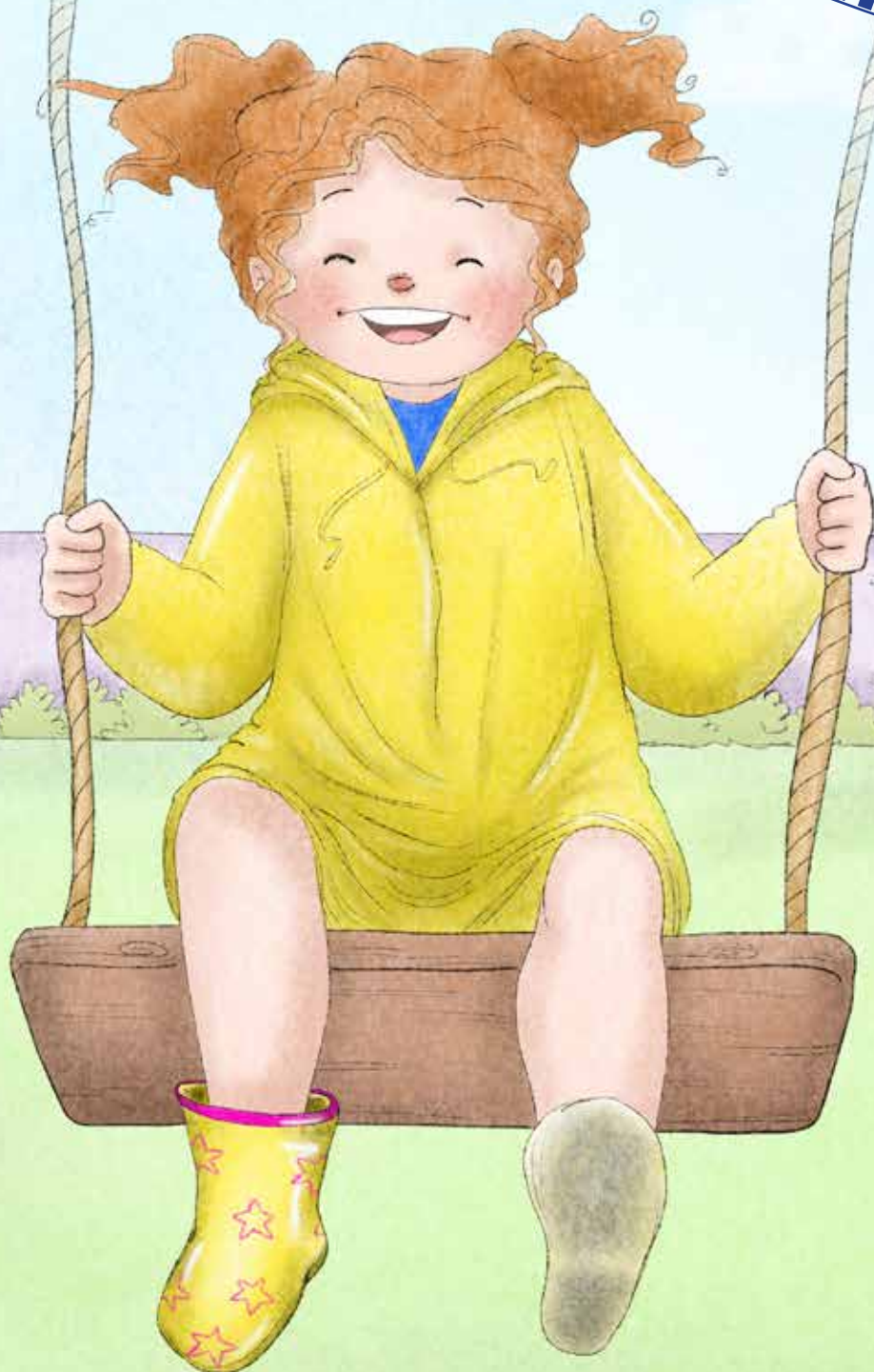


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It is Anna's first day at school.
She has just moved to a new
country, with her parents and
her little sister.



In the schoolyard, there are lots of boys and girls.
Some of them are much bigger than Anna.

Mummy takes Anna by the hand.

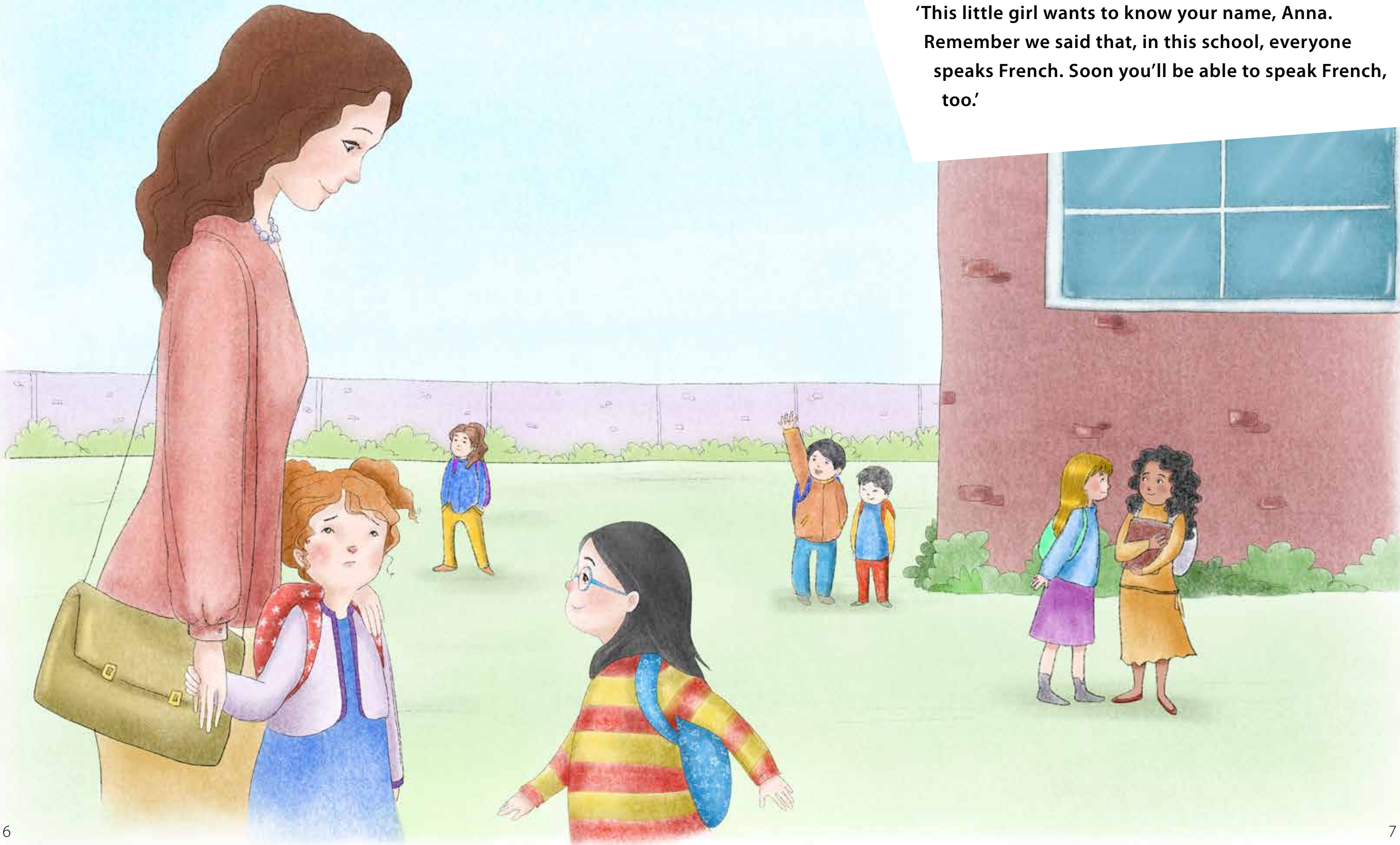
The other children are playing and making lots
of noise. They are all speaking a language that
Anna does not understand. She stays close to
Mummy.



A little girl comes up to Anna and says 'Comment tu t'appelles?'

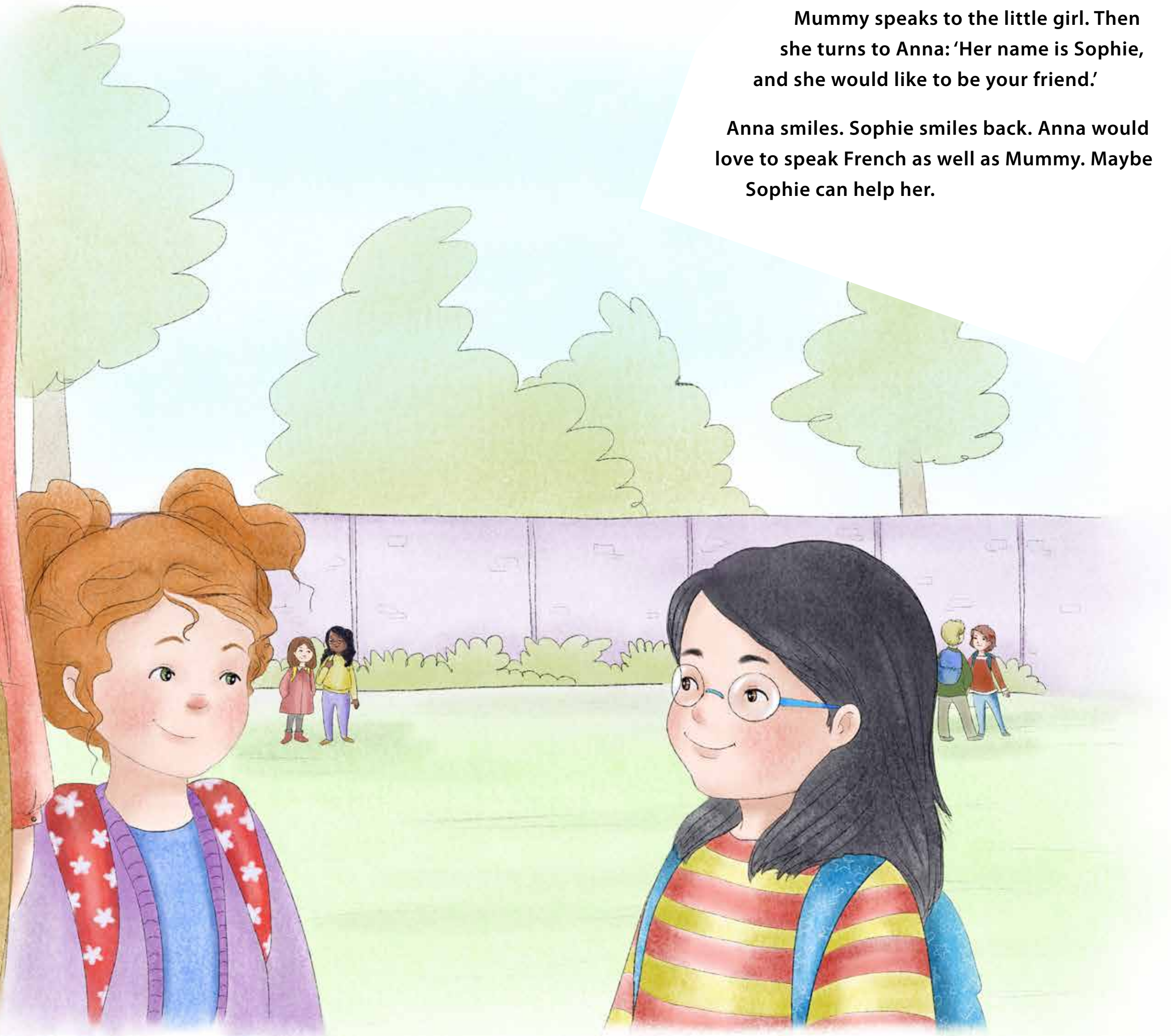
Anna is confused. 'What's she saying, Mummy?'

'This little girl wants to know your name, Anna. Remember we said that, in this school, everyone speaks French. Soon you'll be able to speak French, too.'



Mummy speaks to the little girl. Then she turns to Anna: 'Her name is Sophie, and she would like to be your friend!'

Anna smiles. Sophie smiles back. Anna would love to speak French as well as Mummy. Maybe Sophie can help her.



Mummy brings Anna to her classroom where she meets her teacher, Madame Constance. She looks very friendly. She bends down and speaks to Anna in French.

Anna does not understand what Madame Constance is saying. But French sounds really nice. And so does Madame Constance!



Mummy helps Anna to her seat. The other children are in the classroom now. They are all speaking French. Anna is worried.

When Mummy gives her a big kiss goodbye, Anna begins to cry. Madame Constance puts her arm around her.



Madame Constance gives Anna some paper and colouring pencils. Anna loves colouring. Before long, she and Madame Constance are drawing a picture together.

Madame Constance teaches Anna the names of some colours: *rouge*, *vert*, *bleu*, *jaune*. Anna repeats every word. Maybe French is not so difficult after all.

'I just need to listen very hard, like Daddy says. Soon I'll be better than him,' Anna thinks, smiling to herself.



Madame Constance takes a book and says '*une histoire*'. The children gather around her.

Anna loves stories.

The words sound very different from English. But Anna feels she can follow the story by the way Madame Constance changes her voice.



After break time, Madame Constance sings a lovely song. The children start to sing along. Anna loves singing.

They sing the song again and again – it is so much fun! Soon, Anna can sing along too. That makes her so happy!



When Daddy comes to collect Anna after school, she is singing the song she learned in class. Daddy gives her a big hug.

'Wow! You're already singing in French, Anna! I'm so proud of you,' he says.

Anna is very happy. She is proud of herself too.



Before long, Anna knows lots of songs – and words – in French.
She has many friends now.

Anna loves school.



One day, Daddy and Anna go to the supermarket.
Daddy does not know how to say some things in
French, so Anna helps him.

She speaks to the lady at the cheese counter and
to the man at the till. And then she tells Daddy
what they are saying.



When Anna plays with her friends in the park, they speak French together. Sometimes Anna teaches them English words or songs. They have so much fun together!





Anna loves being able to say things in two languages. She loves the sounds of the words. She is learning so many new things.

**Speaking another language is so much fun!
What language will she learn next?**



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