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Hello. My name is HearBear.
People call me HearBear because I love to hear!





Hearing different sounds is great, but I was not always able to hear everything. Sometimes when Mom called my name, I could not hear her.



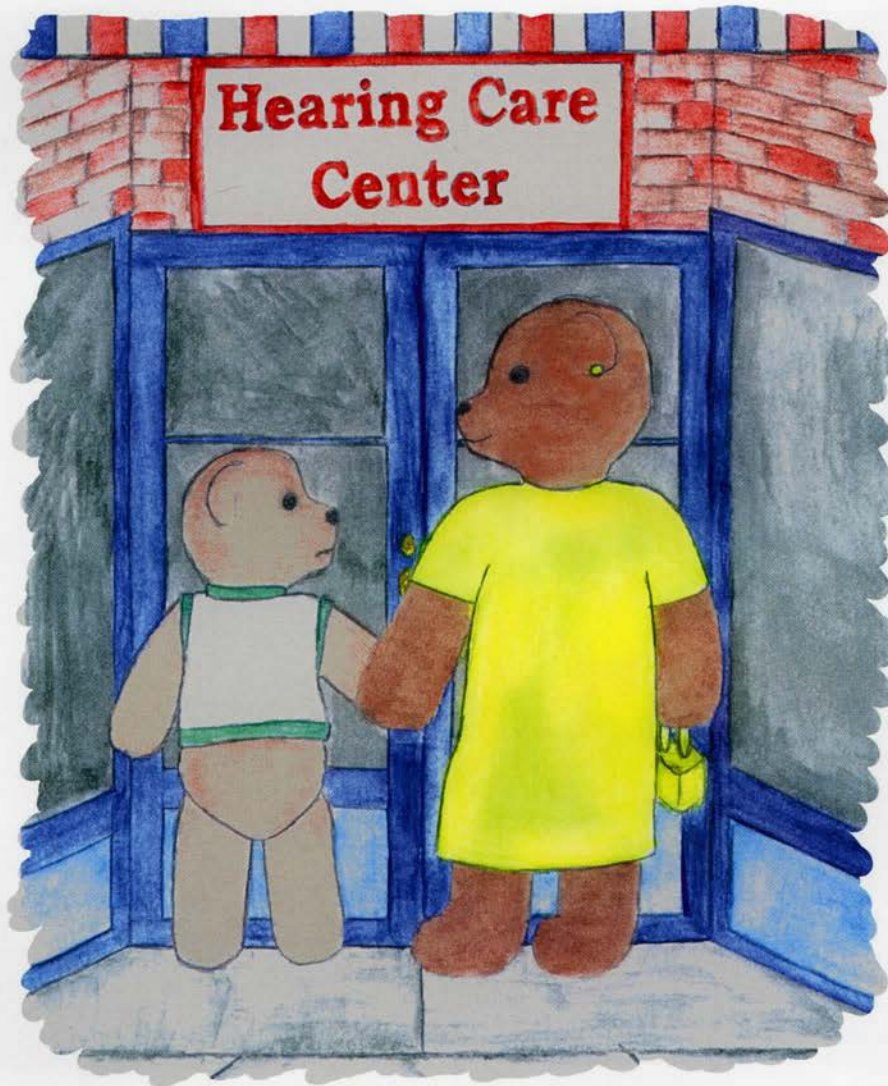
Or when my teacher read a book, I could not understand the story.
I would just look at the pictures.



One day, Mom took me to the doctor to find out why I could not hear well.

The doctor looked in my ears.

He said that Mom should take me to an Audiologist for a hearing test.



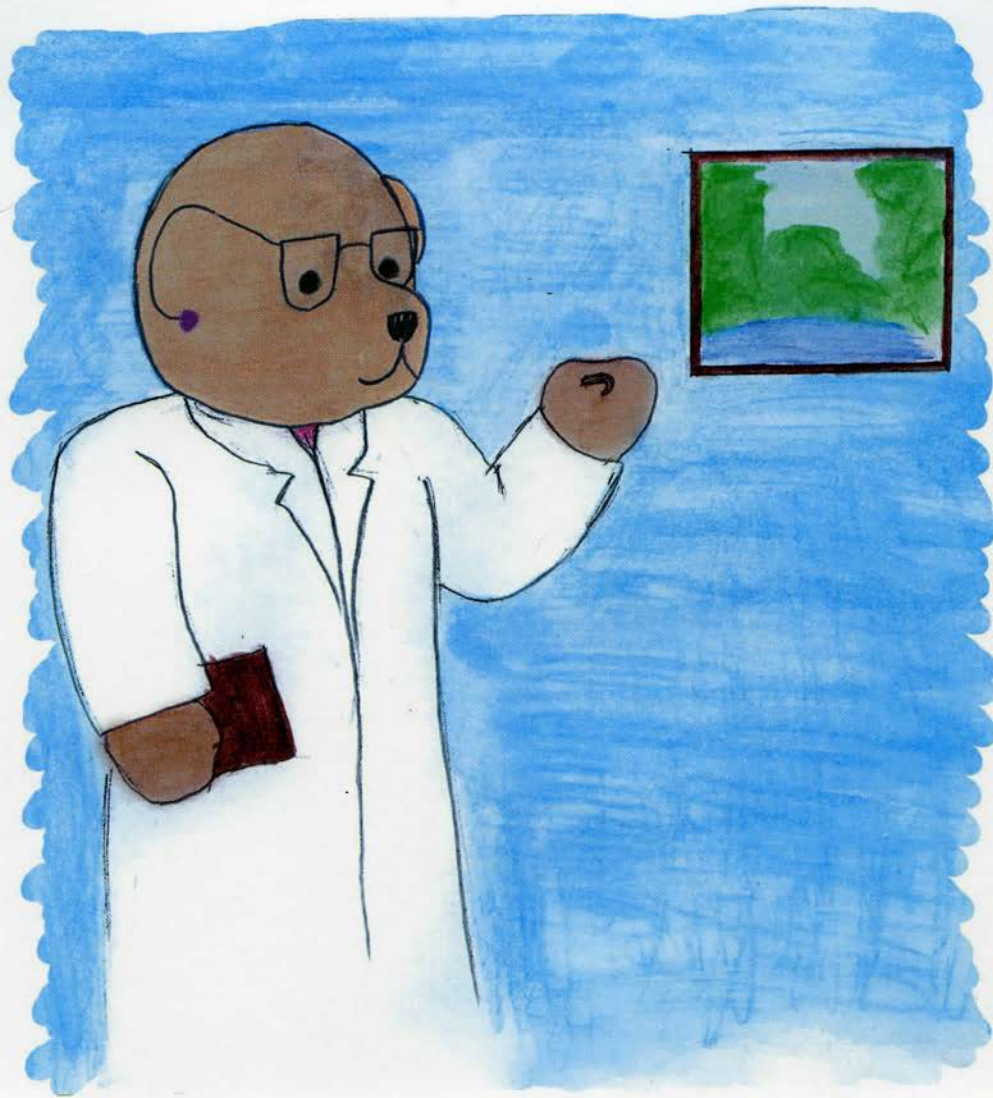
The next day, Mom and I went to see
Annie the Audiologist at Hearing Care Center.



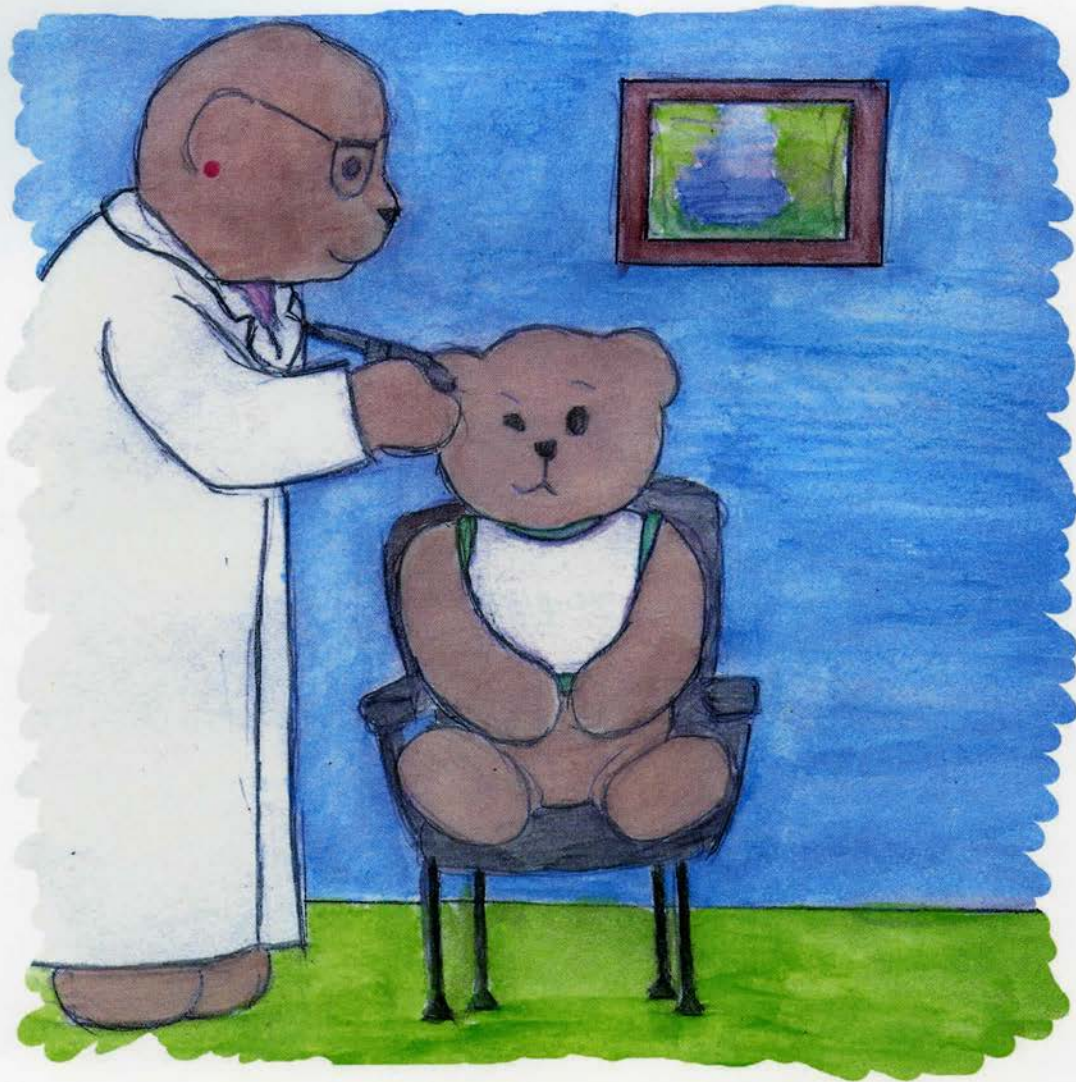
Annie the Audiologist was very, very nice.
She told me that she helps lots of little bears just like me to hear better.



She gave me a hearing test and it was fun.
All I had to do was raise my paw when I heard a beep in one of my ears.
It was so easy.



After looking at my hearing test,
Annie said hearing aids could help me hear better.



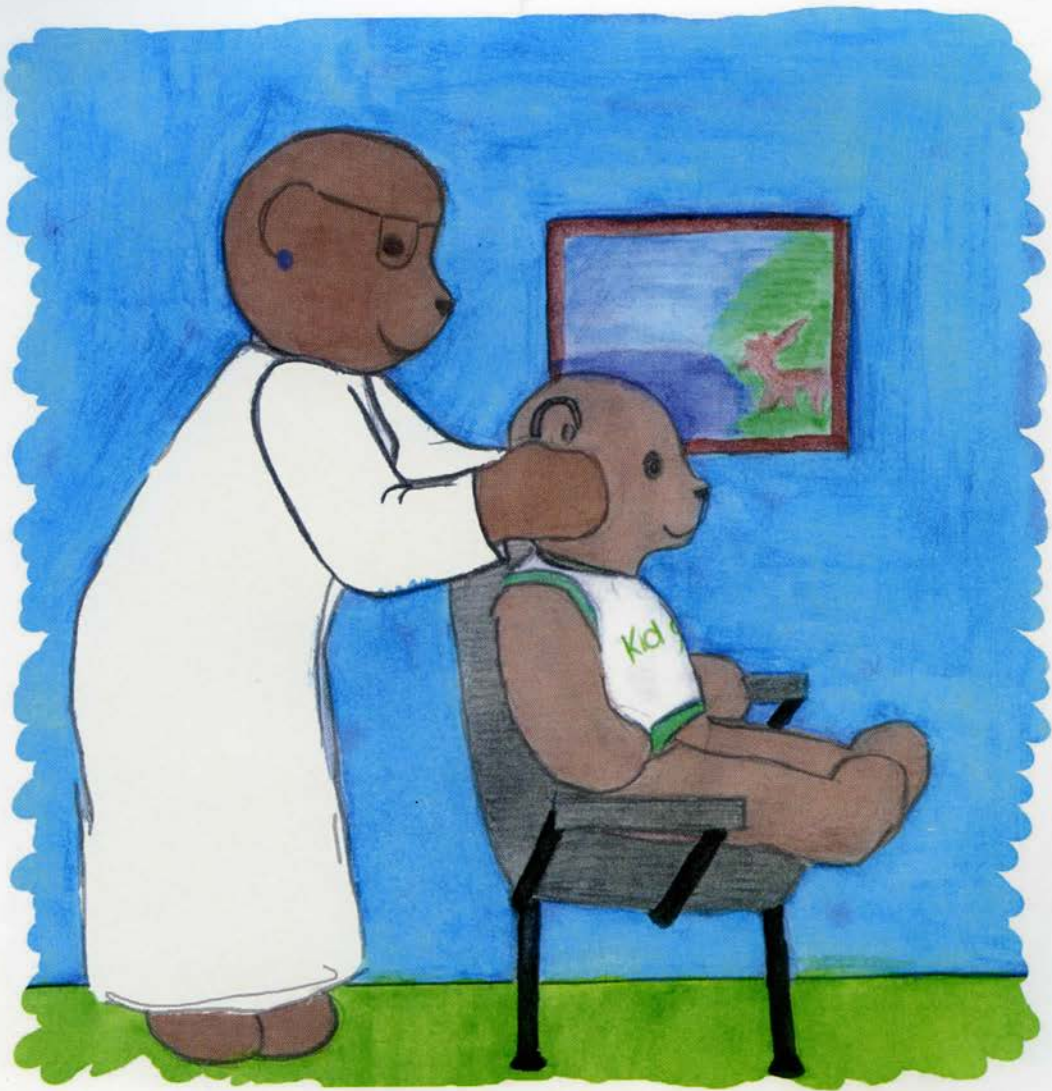
She then put some soft stuff in my ears to help make my earmolds. They looked really cool. They were shaped just like the inside of my ears. Annie told me that the earmolds are connected to the hearing aids and fit inside my ears.



On the way home I told Mom that I was very excited
and could not wait to get my new hearing aids.



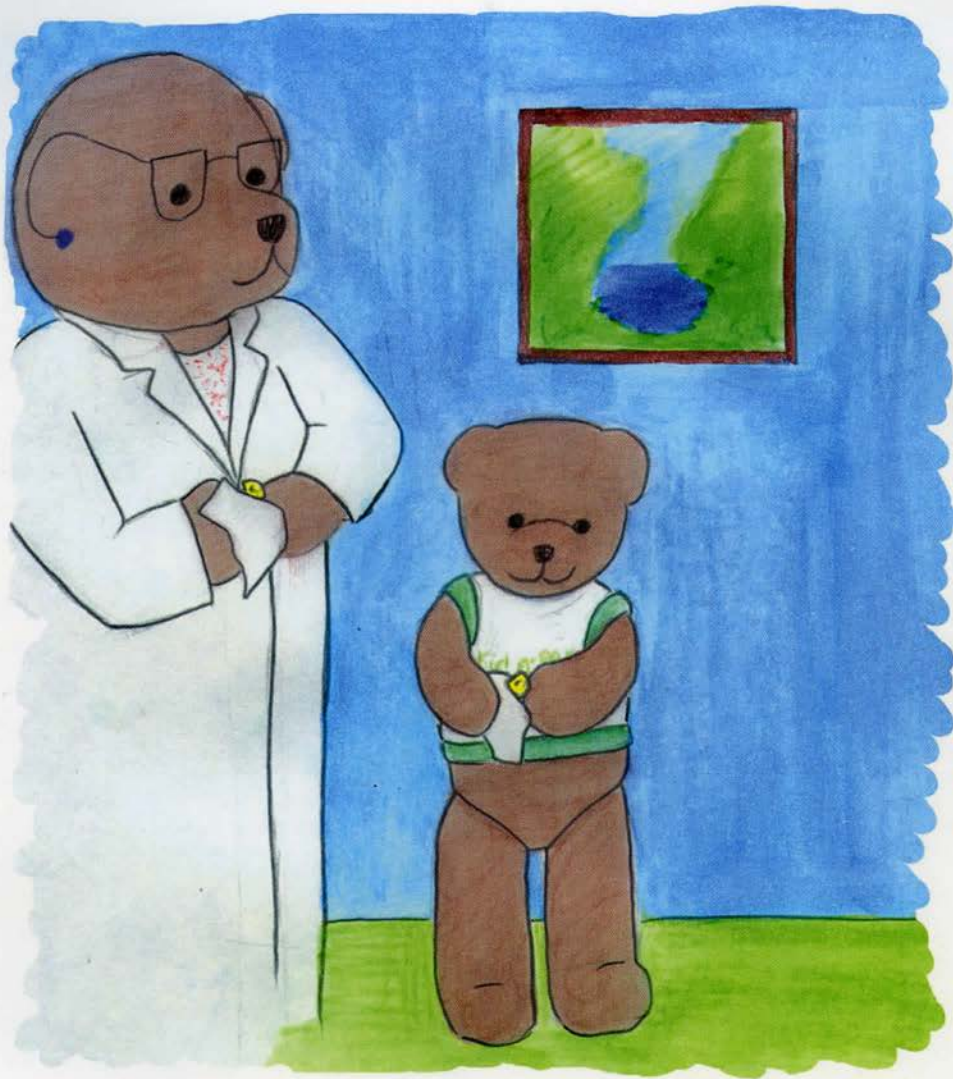
A few days later I visited Annie the Audiologist at the Hearing Care Center again.
My new hearing aids were ready.



She said that my hearing aids were best for little bears like me
because they fit behind each of my ears.



When she put the hearing aids on my ears everything sounded different.
It was easier to understand her words.
Even my Mom's voice sounded much better to me.



Annie taught me how to put my new hearing aids
in my ears and how to take them out.
She told Mom and me how to take care of them and
gave me a special case to keep them in when I'm not wearing them.



She also showed me how to use an "FM" system. This helps me hear even better when other loud noises are around me like when I am in school.



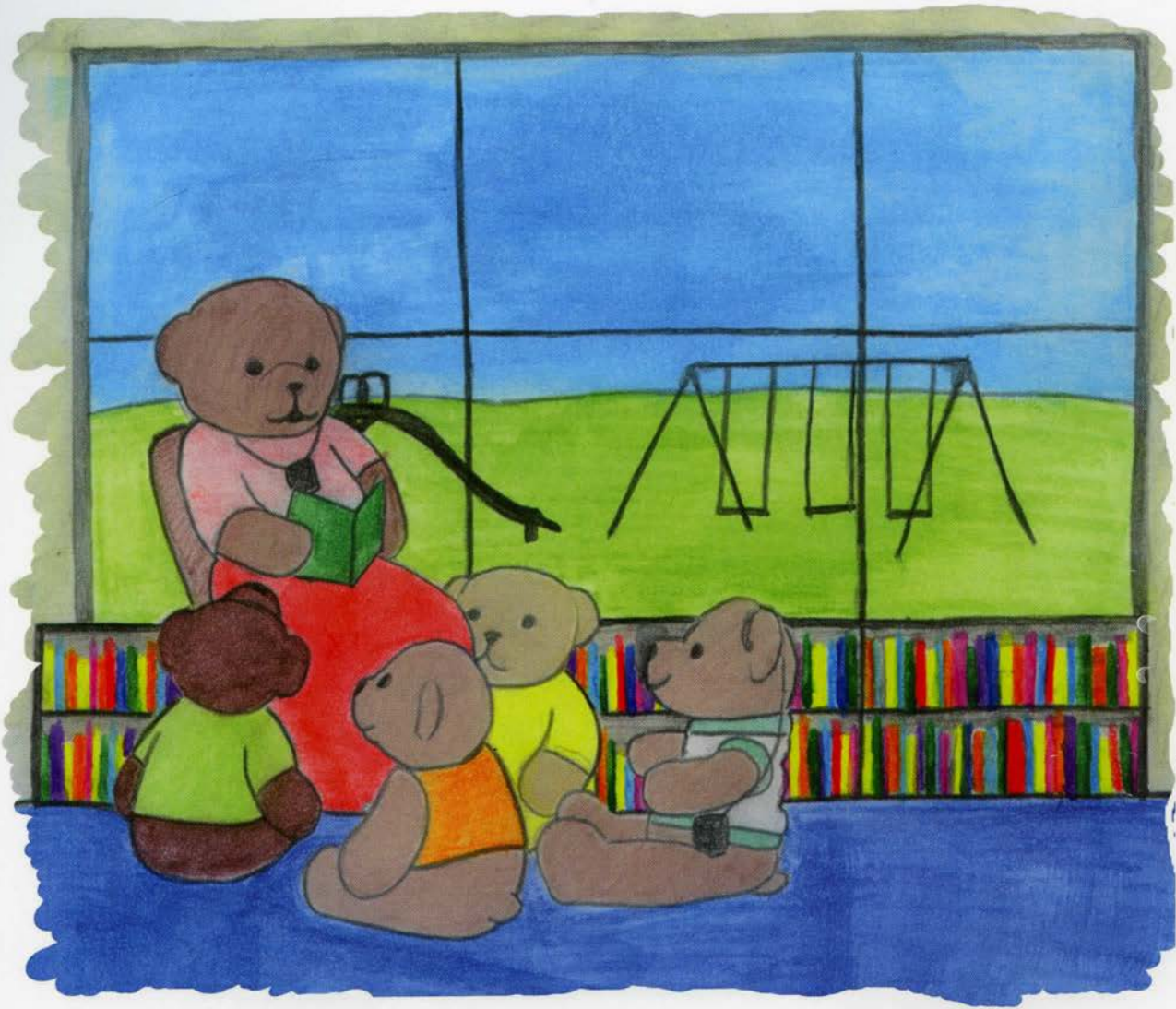
As soon as we left Annie's office, I knew there was a big change.

There were so many sounds around me.

I heard cars, bells, and some of my bear friends playing
in the park across the street.



The next morning when Mom called me for breakfast, I could hear her!
Every day I discovered new sounds that I had not heard before.



And, now when my teacher talks or reads, my hearing aids and "FM" system help me to hear the whole story, just like my friends. My teacher talks into a special microphone while I wear a little box.

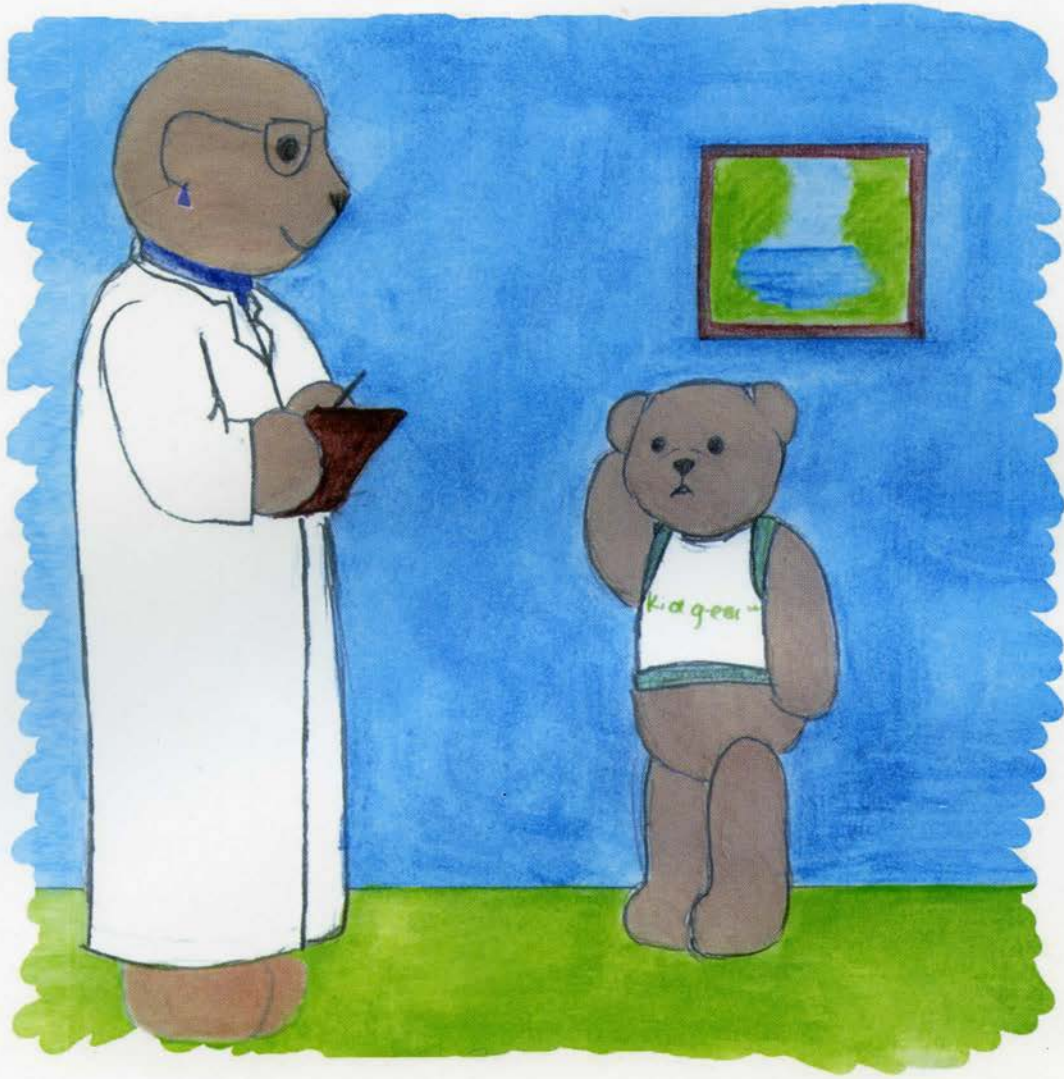
There is a string attached from my hearing aids to the little box and this helps her voice come through to my hearing aids.



Sometimes other bears ask me what I have in my ears.
I tell them that I have hearing aids and they help me hear better.
With my hearing aids, I have fun doing things I could not do before,
like playing with my friends.



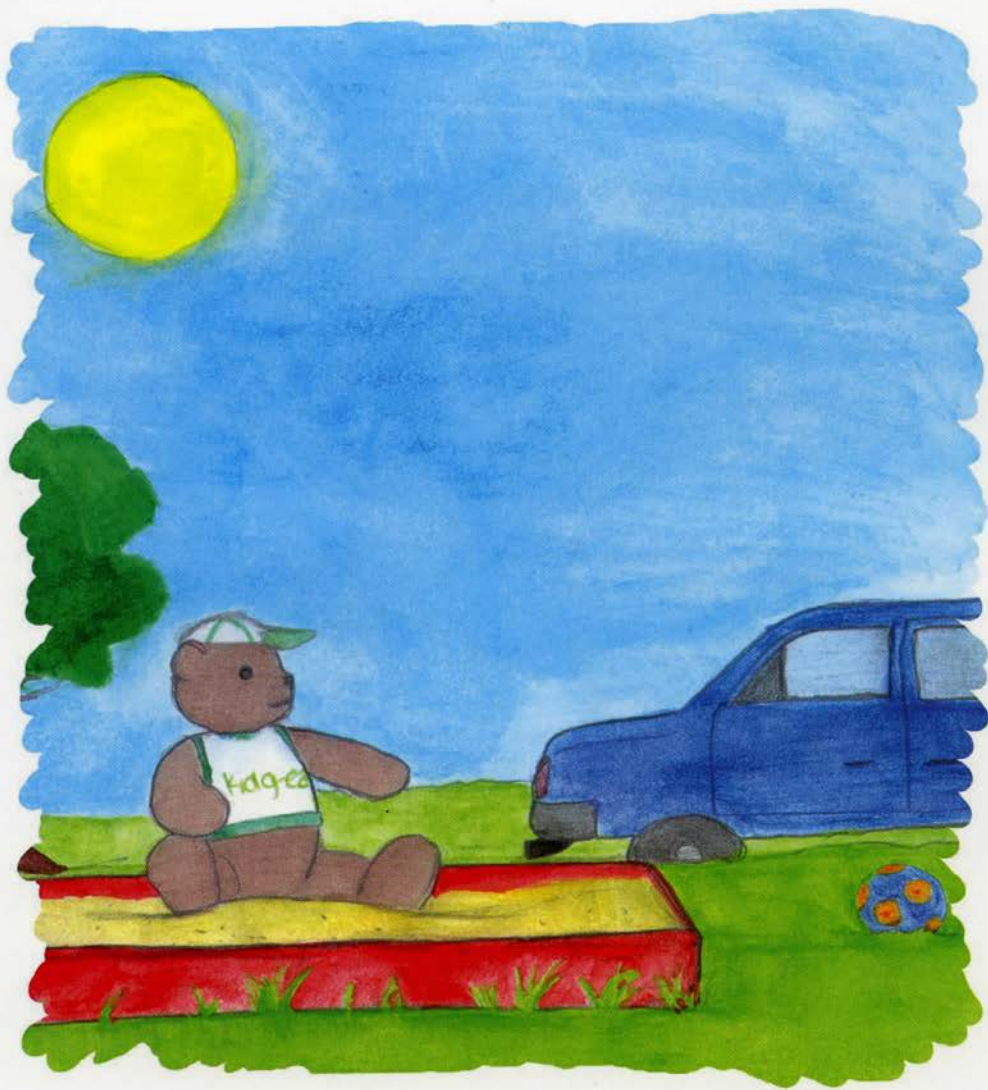
Every night I take out my hearing aids and gently wipe my earmolds
clean just like Annie the Audiologist showed me.
My Mom helps me take the batteries out and then I put them
in their special case to keep them safe.



Sometimes, Mom and I visit Annie the Audiologist again.

She makes sure I still hear everything I want to
and that my hearing aids still feel good in my ears.

Sometimes, I have to get new earmolds because my ears are still growing.



So now you know why people call me HearBear.
With my new hearing aids I can hear other bears, stories, songs,
laughing, cars and more.
I love discovering new sounds and being able to hear!



The End.





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