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Playing Catch

by Liana Mahoney



She tosses me the ball. I toss it back to Sis.

She throws it really high: "Let's see you catch this!"

The sun is in my eyes! Where IS that ball now?

I've got to spot the ball and catch it somehow.

I'm waiting and I'm waiting. My glove is waiting, too.

I'm looking up, not looking down. I trip on my left shoe.

I'm diving toward the ground. My arms are stretched out straight.

I open up my glove, but I'm afraid that I'm too late.

I can't believe my eyes. I think I see the ball!

It's nestled in my glove; I caught it after all!

I hear my sister cheering. She saw my super catch.

But Fido stole the ball from me. He thinks we're playing fetch!

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The girl had difficulty catching the ball because the sun was in her eyes and she tripped over she shoe lace. (Students may also say that sister threw the ball very high.)

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A dog named Fido grabbed the ball and ran away with it because he thought the girls were playing fetch.

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