

Hello, Barbara

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Suzy got a new doll. It was her first doll. She always played with stuffed animals before. She had a teddy bear, too. Now she had a doll.

Her new doll had yellow-orange hair. She had very long eyelashes. It came with a pretty blue dress. The doll had ribbons in her hair. She had shoes on, also.

Suzy called her doll Barbara. They were best friends right away. Suzy talked to Barbara. Suzy had tea parties with Barbara. She took Barbara to school with her. They rode on her bike together. They took naps together. They did everything together!

Suzy's mom made new clothes for Suzy's doll. Barbara looked great in a green dress. She looked nice in long pink socks. It was nice to make new clothes. It made Barbara even prettier.

Suzy wanted to keep Barbara forever. She took care of her doll. She did not want her to be dirty. She combed her hair to keep it neat. She washed her hands when Barbara got dirty.

Suzy kept Barbara away from Skippy, her dog. He thought she was his toy. One time he tried to bite Barbara. Suzy ran away. She had to protect her friend, because Skippy's breath was smelly.

Playing with her doll was very fun. Barbara and Suzy were best friends!



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 - C. Barbie
 - D. Bea

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