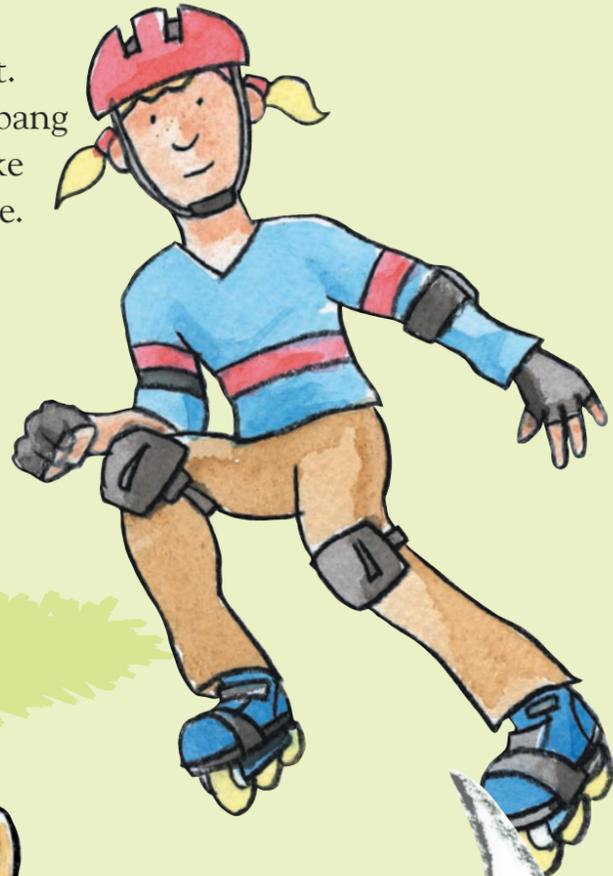


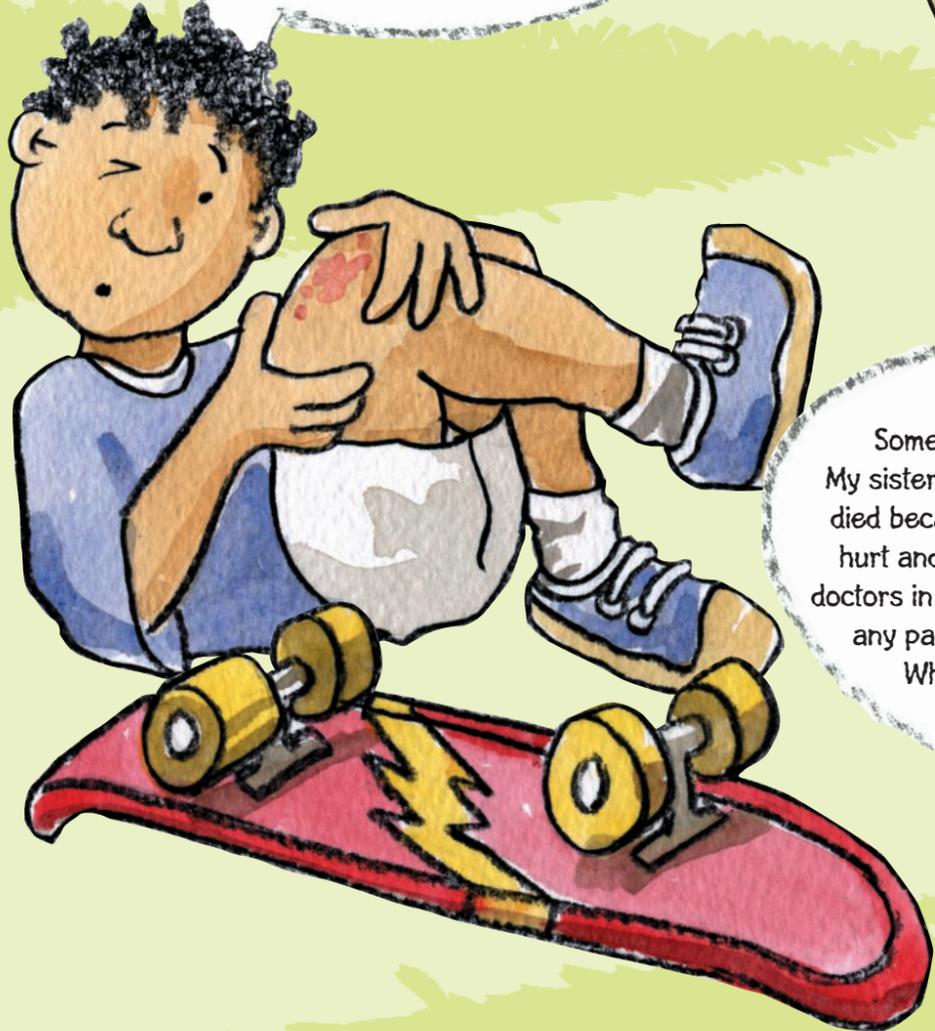
# What does it feel like to die?

Everyone knows what it feels like to be hurt. When you fall over and hurt your knee, or bang your head on a table, it's painful and can make you cry. It might carry on hurting for a long time.

When someone dies suddenly it's very different. They might feel pain to begin with, but when they die their brain switches off and they can't feel pain any more.



Some people don't die straight away. My sister lived for two weeks but then she died because her body was just too badly hurt and she couldn't get better. But the doctors in the hospital told me she didn't feel any pain because she was unconscious. When you are unconscious you are asleep and can't feel pain.



Did my special person feel any pain?

# Dying in a hospital



Some people die after they have been taken by ambulance to a hospital.



When someone who is dying arrives at hospital they go straight to a special bit of the hospital called the Accident and Emergency Department.

Doctors try their best to stop the person from dying. This includes trying to help them to breathe and trying to stop any bleeding. But if someone's body is too badly injured or poorly the doctors sadly can't save their life, and they die.

Sometimes the person doesn't die straight away and is carefully taken to another special bit of the hospital called an Intensive Care Unit.

Here, doctors look after the person using special medicine. This includes medicine that stops the person hurting and that often sends them to sleep. When someone is asleep they cannot feel hurt.

Sometimes the person lives for days or even months but then sadly dies. The doctors tried really hard to save the person's life, but their body was just too badly damaged or poorly.