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# *Emma the vet*

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Once upon a time there was a little blonde girl called Emma.

This little girl lived in a house filled with animals, four dogs and eight cats, which she considered her brothers and sisters.

She loved her furry friends so much that in the morning, as soon as she woke up, she didn't run in to see her mum and dad first: no, she went straight to the window of her little room to look, with big and curious eyes, for her beloved animals.



With her index finger she touched the misted glass and wrote carefully a warm and loving "hello" for her little friends.

Her parents were so proud of her and her relationship with the animals that they decided to give her a present: a very important item for every doctor. This item has a name that is very difficult to say and to remember: a stethoscope. Ste-tho-sco-pe. Like a tiny little nursery rhyme to learn. "What is it?" asked Emma. "It's like one of those shells where you put it to your ear and you can hear the sound of the waves," answered her mum. "With this little item, you can hear the heartbeat of all the animals you want!" added her dad, "and you can look after them all the time!"

From that moment, Emma could never be separated from her very precious gift. It had become her favourite toy and she always used it when she went to say hi to her furry friends. During the day, she enjoyed playing doctor and during the night, she put it on the nightstand next to her bed. Some children sleep with soft toys, others with stethoscopes. Sometimes, she wanted to listen

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to her mum's heart or her dad's, grandma's or aunt's. "Mum, dad: one day very soon, I will be a vet and then all the animals will be queuing up outside our front door!" She had decided that when she grew up, she would be an animal doctor and she would open her own clinic, filling it with photographs and toys and looking after all the animals that most needed her help.

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