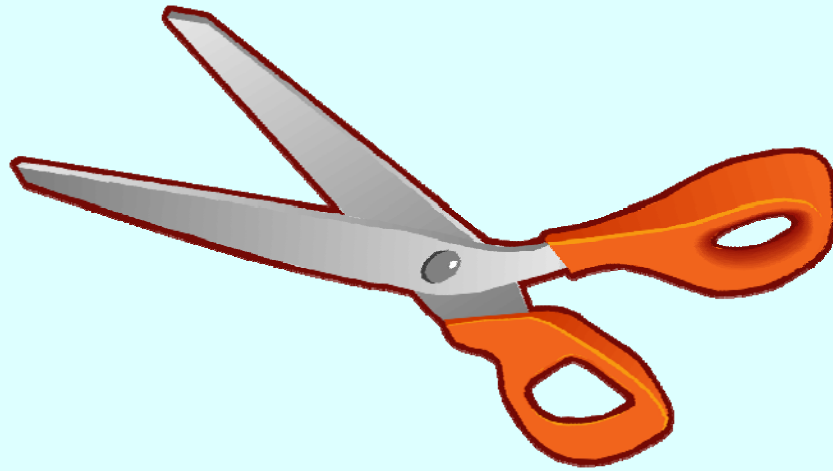


# The Twins and the Hair-Cut





This is a photo of  
Kate, Eliza, Alice and Lucy.

They lived in a house  
with their Mum and Dad.



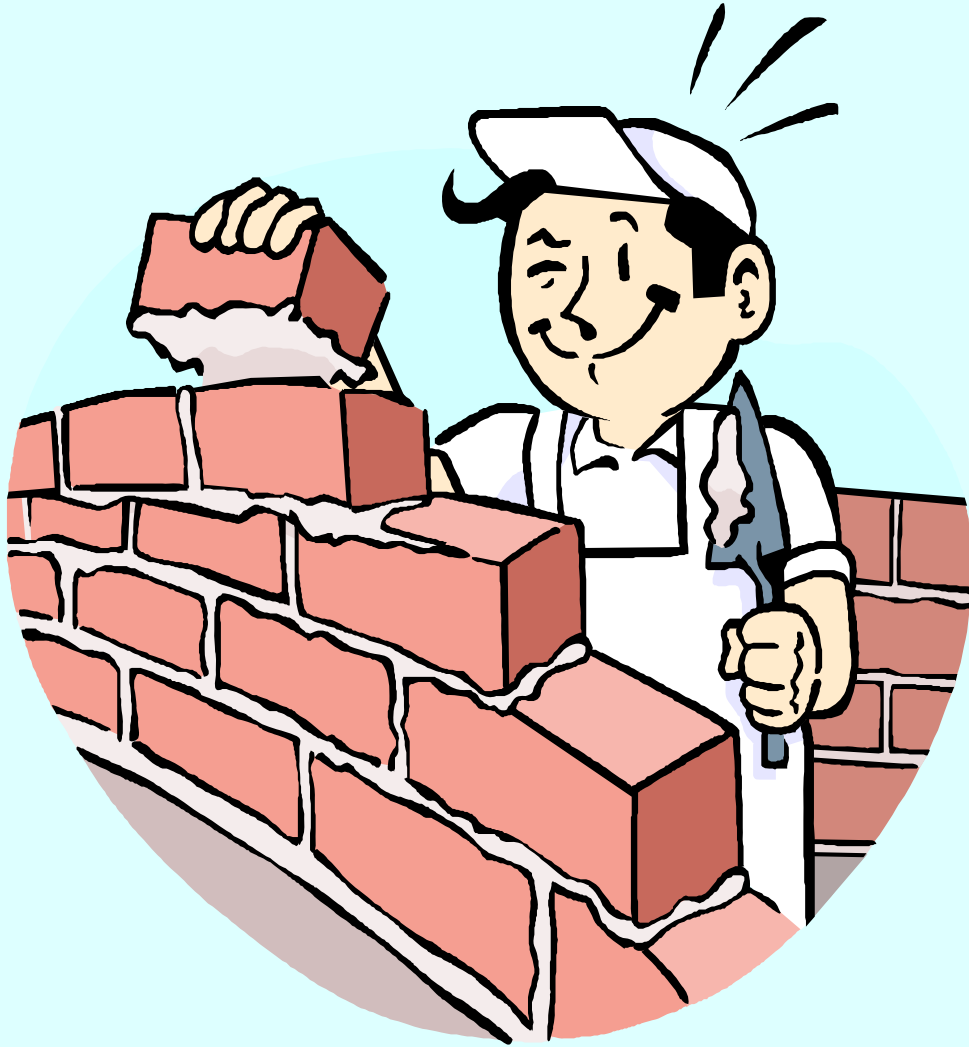
One day Mum was busy mending a hole in Kate's jeans.

Kate and Lucy played a game while the twins played 'dressing-up'.



Eliza dressed-up in a pink 'Barbie Princess' dress and Alice changed into a blue 'Cinderella' dress.

They played a game of Cinderella and Alice pretended to work hard. She cooked and cleaned for her sister, she ironed her dresses and brushed her hair.



Then someone knocked at the door. Mum placed the jeans on the table and opened the door to Mr King the builder.

Mr King had called to look at the wall in the garden that had fallen down.

Kate and Lucy wanted to watch Mr King build the wall. Mum said "It's cold outside. Put on your coats first".

Then Mum, Kate and Lucy walked into the garden with Mr King.



Alice and Eliza stayed in the house. Eliza noticed the pair of scissors on the table. Both the twins could use scissors and had learned to cut paper. Eliza put her fingers through the handles of the scissors and looked for something to cut.

Eliza touched Kate's jeans, but Alice said "No!".

Eliza put her hand to her head, held her hair, ..... and *cut* it.

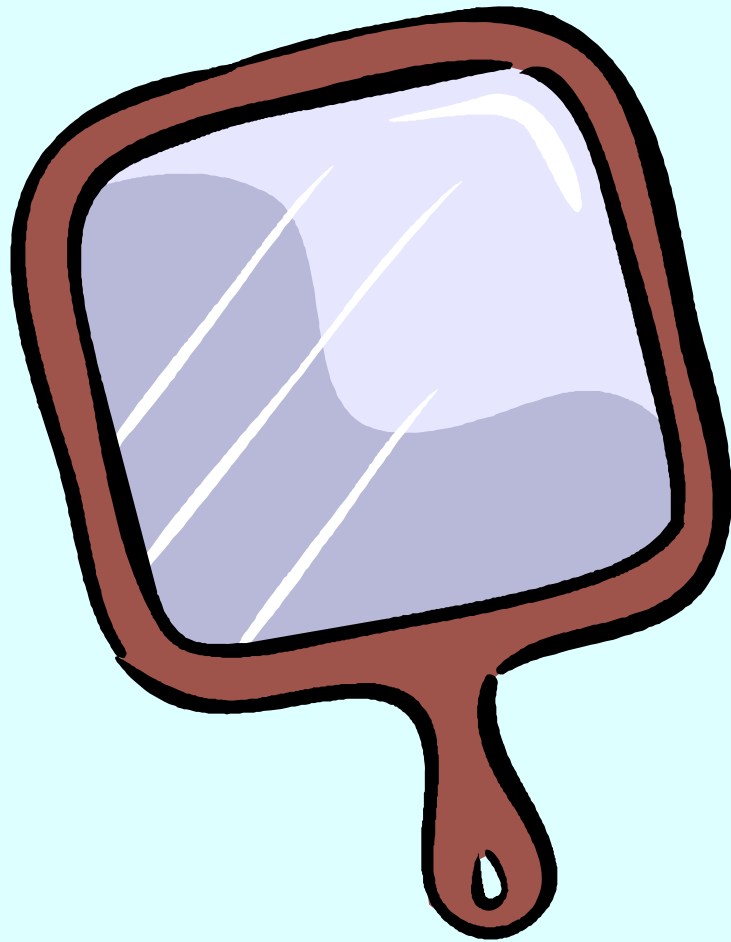


Kate walked into the room from the garden. She looked at Eliza, and then she screamed, "Mummy! Mummy!"

Mum hurried in from the garden. "What's the matter?" she cried.

"Look at Eliza!" said Kate.

Mum looked. Mum gasped and put her hand over her mouth in shock.



"Oh Eliza!", Mum said,  
"You silly, *silly* girl. Go and  
look at yourself in the  
mirror".

Eliza walked to the  
mirror and looked at her  
reflection. Then she cried and  
cried.

"Oh, Eliza", said Mum,  
"Your hair will take a long,  
long time to grow".





Eliza's hair *did* take a long, long time to grow.

The twins were photographed at Play Group three weeks later and Eliza's hair looked very short!



Twelve weeks later the sisters were photographed again.

Eliza's hair had grown, but it still looked shorter than her twin sister's hair.

Eliza said she had decided never to cut her hair again!



*The End*



The image features the text "The End" in a stylized, cursive font. The text is rendered in a vibrant purple color with a blue-to-purple gradient fill. It is centered within a light blue, horizontally-oriented oval background. Above and below the text are decorative flourishes consisting of symmetrical, ornate scrollwork and floral motifs in shades of purple and blue.