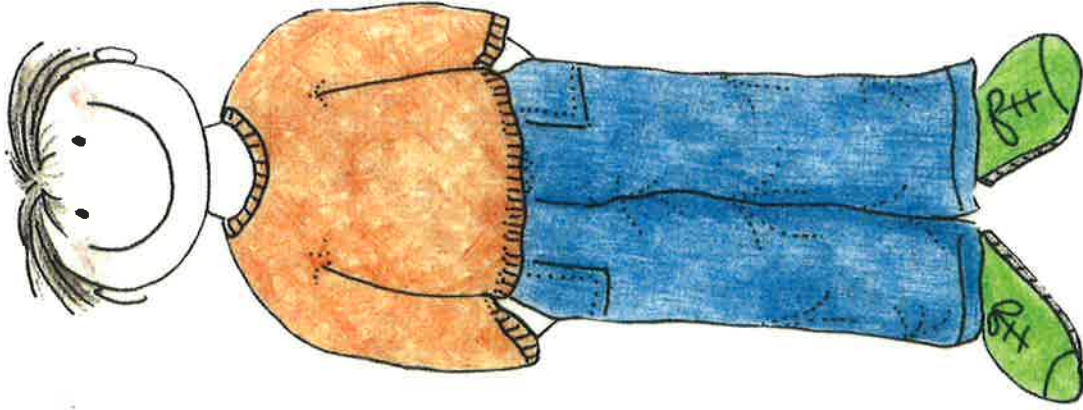
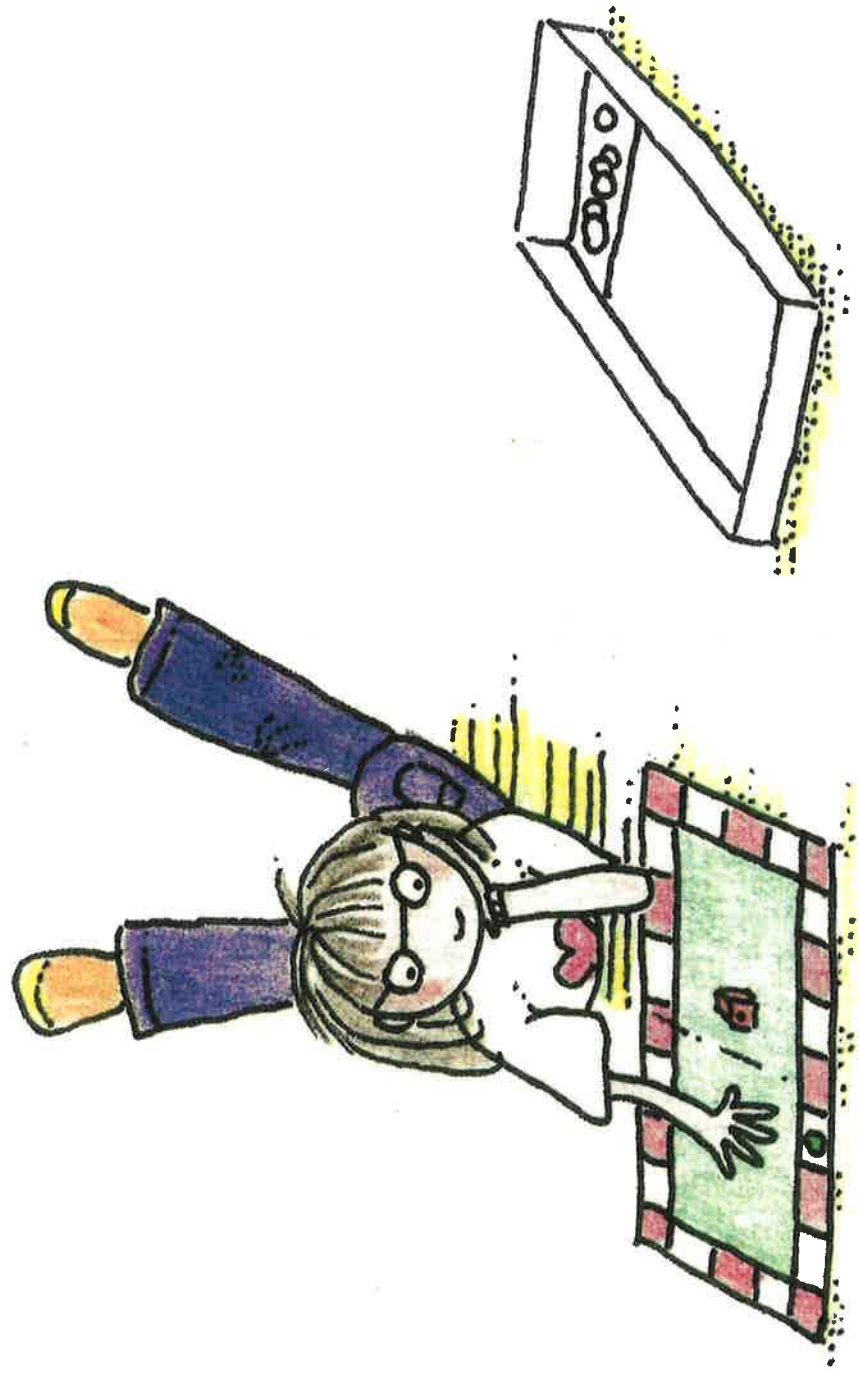


**My brother
is different.**

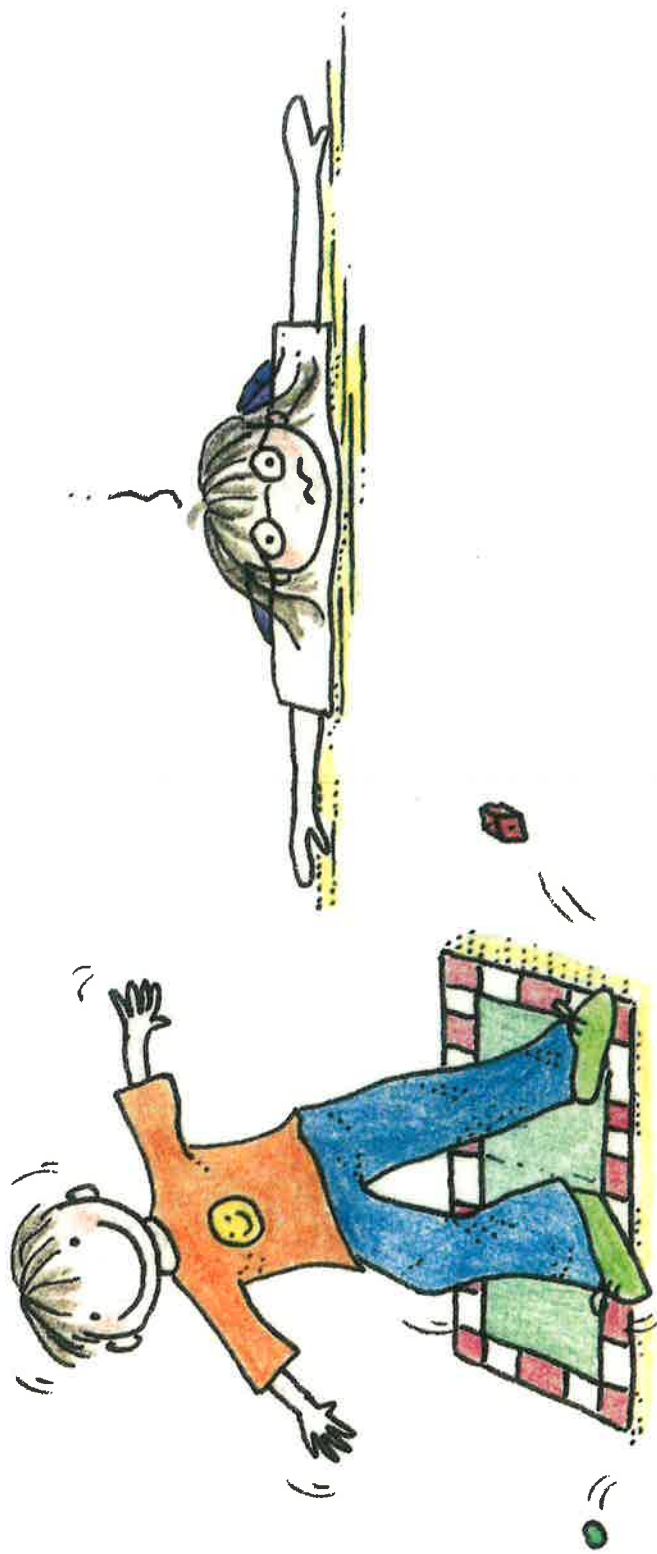
**Let me show you
what I mean.....**



If I am playing a game on the floor.....



... my brother tramples all over it.



**This is because he doesn't know how to play
games. (Even if I explain them to him.)**

**When we play rough and tumble, my brother
sometimes gets so excited...**

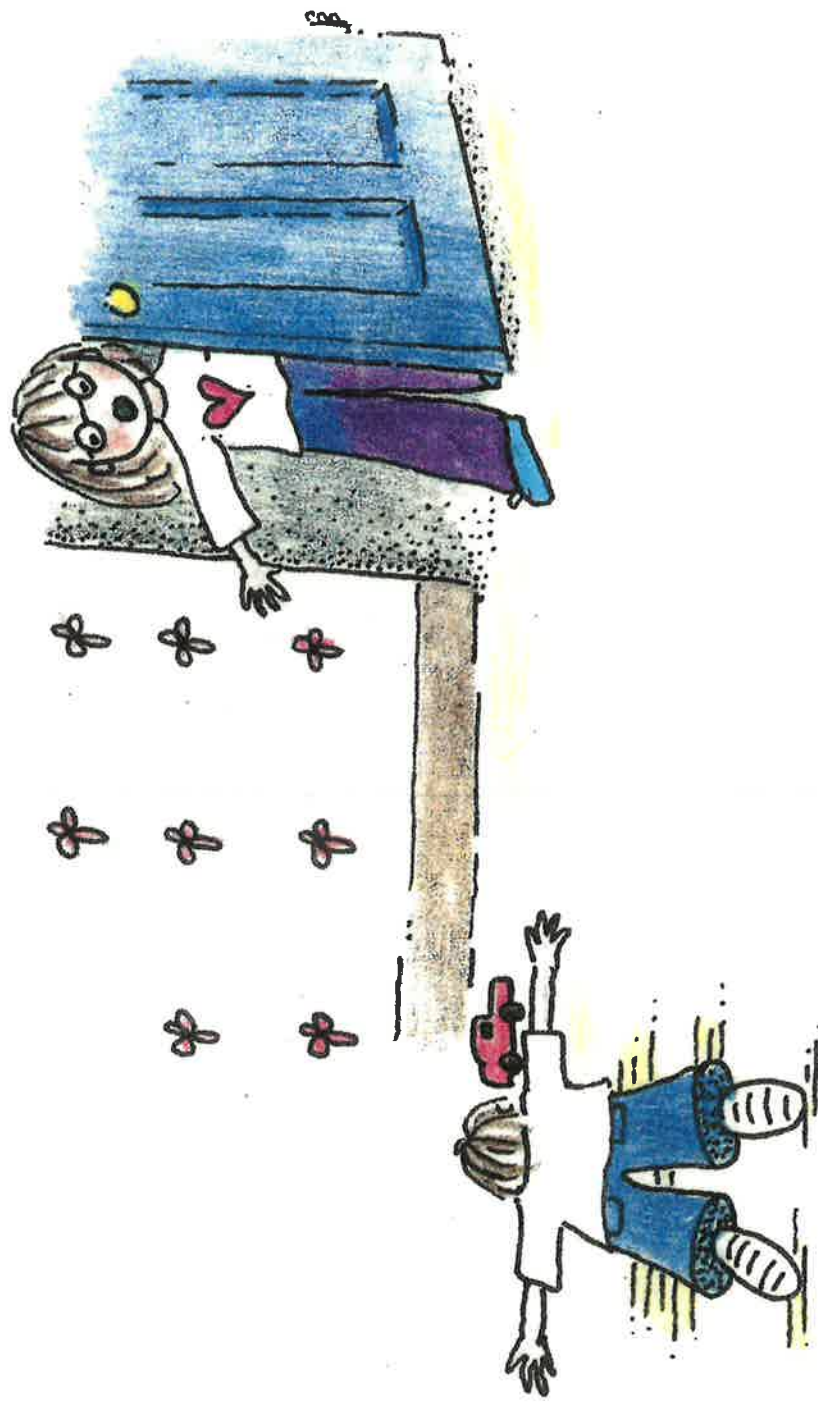


... that he bites or hits me.



This is because he can't control how he feels.

Sometimes when I talk to my brother...



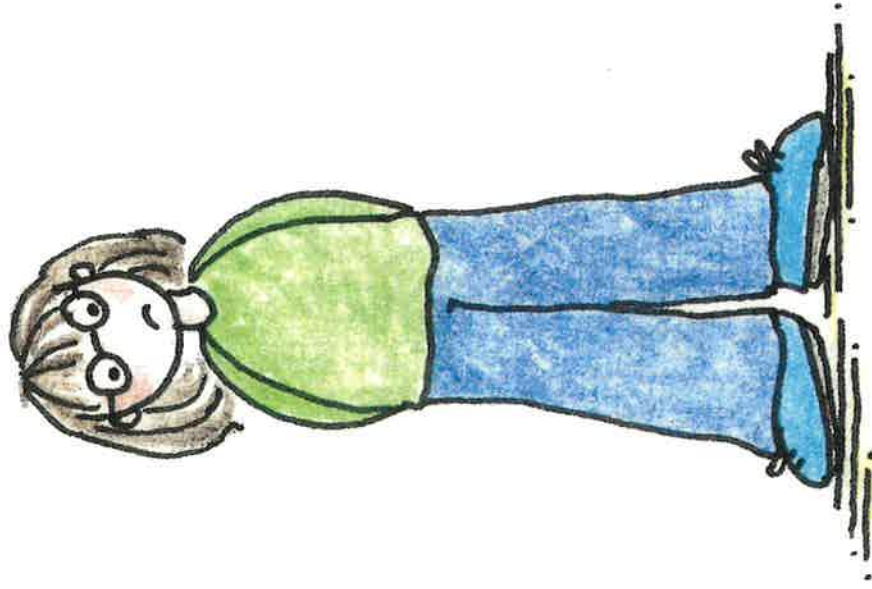
... he ignores me.



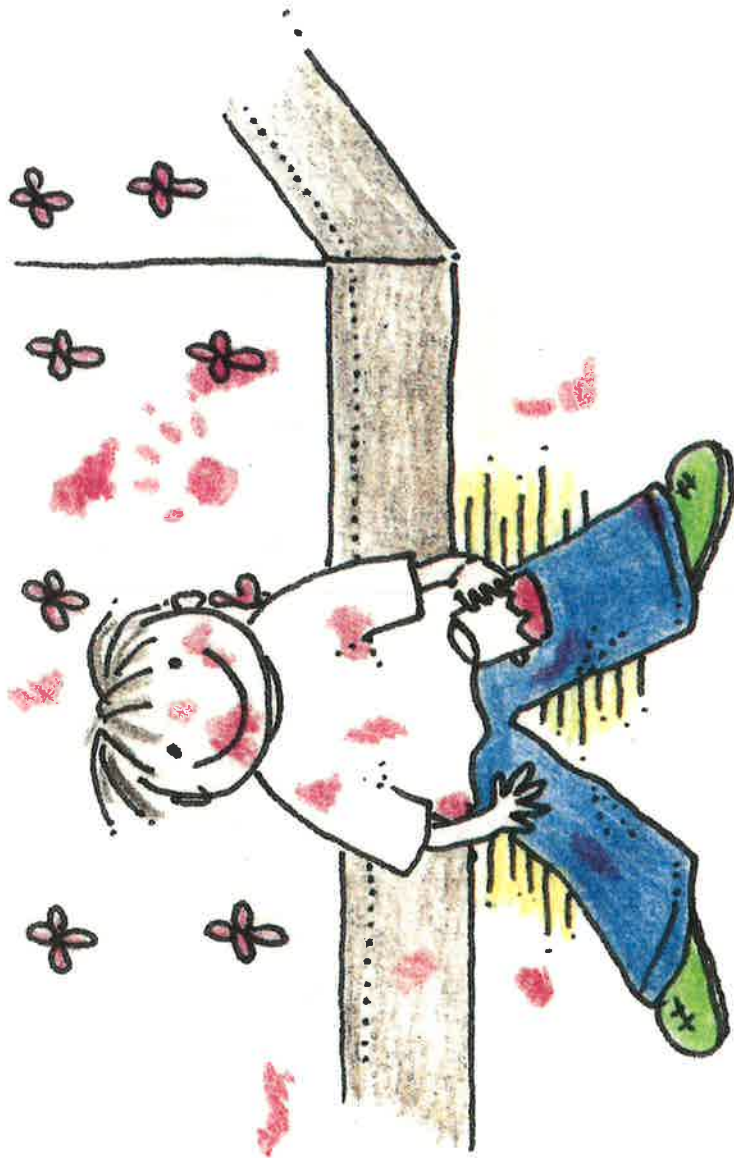
**This is because he doesn't always understand
what I am saying.**

**Sometimes, if he is playing, he doesn't hear or
see anything else.**

When I behave badly I get told off...



**... but my brother doesn't.
This sometimes seems unfair.**



**Mum says this is because I know when I am
being naughty but my brother doesn't.**

At mealtimes...

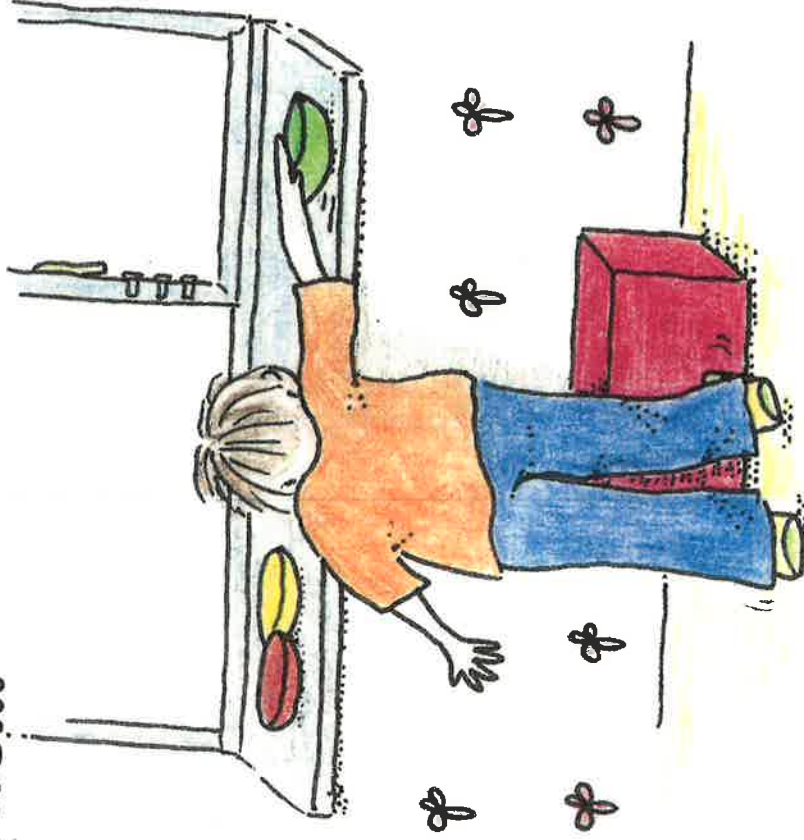


... my brother can't sit still.



This is because he needs lots of space and he gets upset if situations (like mealtimes) get too difficult for him.

**We have locks on all our inside doors
and windows...**



**... because my brother might try to
run or jump out.**



**This is because he doesn't know when
things are dangerous.**

When we go shopping my brother screams and makes loud noises.



People stare and talk about us but...



**...they do not know my brother can't
talk like me.**

MY BROTHER IS DIFFERENT

When he plays with anything
he always tips it all over the floor.



He always scribbles on my drawings.



He runs in front of the telly when I am
trying to watch it.

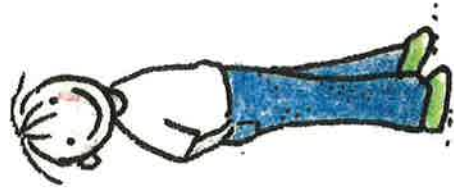


He can't play with other children.

It's unsafe for him to be let out of his pushchair.



He laughs when I am upset (because he doesn't always know what I am feeling).



He 'signs' because he does not know many words.



He will be in nappies for a long time.



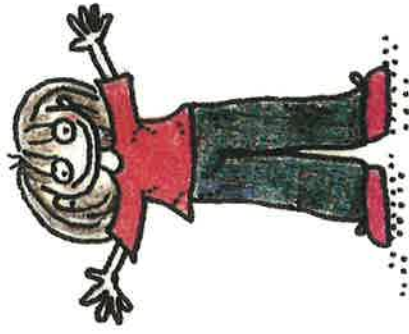
MY BROTHER IS AUTISTIC

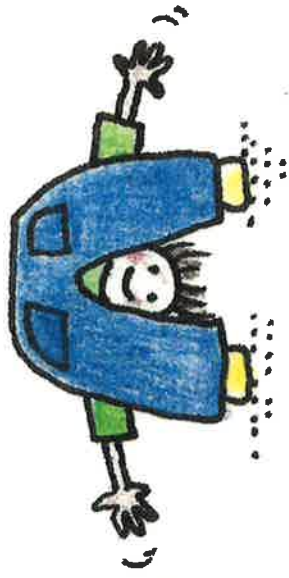
What I can do is....

... make sure he doesn't do anything
to hurt himself.

Not shout at him or smack him.

Leave him when he wants to be on his own.





I can...

... cuddle him when he comes to me.

Smile at him when he looks at me.

Read him a book when he brings one to me.

Tickle him when we play rough and tumble.

Try to understand.

BUT MOST OF ALL....

... love him.



Always: