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The Running Shoes

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Everyone at school was talking about
the cross-country races.
They were going to be held
the following week.

"I'm going to win our race!"
grinned Olivia.
"My new shoes will help me run
much faster than anyone else."

Alex looked down
at her old running shoes.
She wished she had
a new pair like Olivia's.


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Olivia ran over to Alex.
"Do you like my new shoes?"
she asked.

"They look nice," said Alex.

Olivia looked down at Alex's shoes.
"You've had yours for ages,
haven't you?"

"Yes," answered Alex,
suddenly wishing her old shoes
would disappear.

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That afternoon, Alex talked to Mum
about the big race
while she helped her in the kitchen.
"We are having our cross-country race
next week," she said.

"That sounds exciting," said Mum.
"How do you think you will get on?"

"I don't think I'll win," said Alex.
"Olivia will. She's got the best shoes.
But I'll try hard to finish.
It's a much longer race this year.
Will you and Dad come and watch me?"

