

When I see someone I'd like to play with,
I can walk up and smile as I say hello.



The person might be looking for
a friend, too.



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