Jayda’s trip to the Eye Hospital
Jayda’s Daddy received a letter in the post to say that Jayda had to go the Eye Hospital to have her eyes tested.

“I don’t want my eyes tested.” said Jayda, but Daddy said “Having your eyes tested is easy peasy!”

“Ok Daddy, that sounds like fun.” said Jayda.
Jayda’s Daddy wrote a letter to Jayda’s teacher to tell her that Jayda would have to leave school early on the day of her appointment.

Grandma took Jayda for her eye test because Daddy had to go to work.
They went up the escalator to get to the Eye Hospital.

“This is really fun!” said Jayda.
When Jayda arrived she told the nice receptionist who she was;

“My name is Jayda and I’m here to have my eyes tested.”

“Nice to meet you Jayda.” said the receptionist.
“You will see one of our nice Orthoptists first. Please take your appointment card and follow the yellow paws on the floor to the Orthoptic Department.”
“What is an Orthoptist, Grandma?” asked Jayda.

“An Orthoptist is someone who checks how well you can see.” said Grandma.

“Ok Grandma,” said Jayda “let’s go and find the yellow paws.”
The Eye Hospital can be very busy with lots of other people around. The paws helped Jayda and Grandma find which way to go.

“This is fun Grandma!” said Jayda as she led the way. They followed the yellow paws all the way to the Orthoptic Department.
When they got to the Orthoptic Department, Grandma placed Jayda’s appointment letter in the box to let the Orthoptists know they had arrived.
While she was waiting for her appointment, Jayda played with the toys in the waiting room.

When the Orthoptist was ready to see Jayda she called her name and came to meet her and Grandma in the waiting area.
The Orthoptist’s name was Shelley; she was nice and friendly. Shelley led them into another room to test Jayda’s eyes.

She asked Jayda to take a seat opposite a big board with lots of letters on it, Grandma sat beside her and answered some questions about Jayda’s eyesight.
Shelley said, “Shall we play some games then Jayda? Let’s see how clever your eyes are?”

Jayda had to wear some funny orange glasses and some funny green glasses to have her eyes tested.
Jayda was worried because she was not sure of all her letters;

“Not to worry, Jayda we can play snap.” said Shelley.

Shelley gave Jayda a card with letters on it. She asked her to see if she could find the same letters on her card as Shelley had on her Eye Chart.
“Shall we play a game of Peep-o, Jayda?”
“Having your eyes tested is really easy,” said Jayda
“I like all these games.”

“You are very good at my games Jayda,” said Shelley
“I think you have very clever eyes.”
Once Shelley had finished with her tests, she explained that she would like Jayda to have a test for glasses. To have this test done Shelley had to put some eye drops into Jayda’s eyes.
Jayda put her head back and Shelley put an eye drop into each eye.

The drops felt a bit cold and made Jayda blink.
Jayda did not like the eye drops, they made her eyes feel fizzy. Shelley told her not to worry and that her eyes would feel better soon. So Jayda counted to 10……

Shelley was right! Once Jayda had finished counting to 10, her eyes felt much better.
Shelley gave Jayda a sticker for doing her eye test very well and for being very brave with the eye drops.
Shelley explained that they would see an Optometrist who would check to see whether or not Jayda needed glasses.

Shelley told Grandma and Jayda that the eye drops would take 30 minutes to fully work.

Grandma and Jayda decided to go and get a drink while they waited.
When they finished having their drink, they sat in the Optometry waiting area to wait for the Optometrist to call Jayda’s name.
“My eyes are blurry,” said Jayda. “I can’t see the small writing in the book.”

“That’s OK Jayda, it’s just the eye drops working,” said Grandma, “I will read the book to you while we wait.”
The eye drops made the black part of Jayda’s eyes very big.
The Optometrist’s name was Louise. She asked Jayda to sit in the big blue chair. Louise made the chair go up higher so Jayda was as tall as her.

“This is really fun.” said Jayda, “I like this chair.”
Louise said, “I would like you to wear these funny glasses Jayda.”

“That’s ok,” said Jayda, “I’ve already worn green glasses and orange glasses today.”
Louise turned off the room lights so that she could see into Jayda’s big eyes. She asked Jayda to look into her light and then put some lenses into the funny glasses.
Louise changed the lenses until she found the best ones for Jayda’s eyes.

Jayda was very good and looked into the light very well. “Thank-you for being so good Jayda. It makes my job nice and easy.” said Louise.
Louise then put a silly hat on her head to look at the back of Jayda’s eyes. “I think your hat is even funnier than the glasses I had to wear!” said Jayda.
“Well done Jayda! We’re all finished. You have lovely, healthy eyes, but I think you need some glasses to help you to see even better.”

“We will see Jayda in a couple of months with her new glasses to see how well they are working.” said Louise.
Jayda and Grandma went in to see Sarah the Dispensing Optician to pick new glasses.

“I would like purple glasses.” said Jayda.

“Well then let’s have a look at some frames.” said Sarah.
“Oh those are lovely glasses Jayda! Let’s see how well they fit you.” said Sarah.
Sarah took some measurements to make sure Jayda’s glasses fitted nicely.

“These are weird!” giggled Jayda.

“I’m just checking to see how big your brain is Jayda,” Sarah said, “to make sure your glasses are big enough!”
Sarah checked that the glasses fit comfortably behind Jayda’s ears.

Sarah explained that she would send these frames away to have Jayda’s lenses fitted into them.
When the glasses were ready, Sarah rang Jayda’s parents to tell them.

Jayda came in to collect her glasses one day after school.

“I love my glasses, I can’t wait to start wearing them every day.”
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