

## KICK-THE-CAN

Tricia sat on the steps of [she/ her/ ate] house. It was a hot summer [day/ saw/ eat] and Tricia did not want to [stay/ ring/ trail] indoors. The house was hot and Tricia's [star/ baby/ say] sister had been crying all morning. Tricia [felt/ told/ upon] lonely inside. "If only I had [a/ to/ be] friend to play with," Tricia thought.

[Flew/ Open/ Just] then, Tricia saw a shadow fall [were/ stop/ over] the steps. Tricia looked up and [dip/ saw/ fly] a girl standing next to her. "[Do/ Hi/ It], my name is Julie," said the [girl/ heat/ feed]. "Do you want to play a [game/ fish/ trip] with me?" "What kind of game?" [upon/ tool/ asked] Tricia. She noticed that Julie was holding [to/ a/ be] big tin can in her hand. "[Sip/ Well/ Time], I have a game that will [make/ fort/ year] lots of other kids want to [creep/ come/ stone] play with us," said Julie. "The [find/ earn/ name] of the game is kick-the-[can/ lip/ jam]."

Tricia had never heard of a [said/ year/ game] called kick-the-can. She certainly [sat/ did/ ship] not see how that silly old [why/ can/ end] would make other kids want to [time/ tomb/ come] play with them. Still, Tricia was [lonely/ wheat/ bother] and was glad for any company. "[Do/ OK/ We], I'll go play kick-the-can [with/ line/ dish] you," said Tricia.

Tricia and Julie [worms/ boats/ walked] to an old dirt lot down [sit/ get/ the] road. Julie set the can down [at/ so/ in] the middle of the lot and [sat/

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fish/ camp] on it. "Now, you run and [hide/ fail/ soap] while I count to ten," said Julie. "[Said/ Toad/ When] I finish counting to ten, I [have/ rock/ star] to come find you. If you [great/ heard/ sneak] up while I am looking for [ran/ you/ hoe] and kick the can, then you [win/ dog/ pet] a point."

Julie put her head [flew/ went/ down] and began to count to ten. Tricia [trim/ gave/ ran] and hid behind a garbage can. Julie [stay/ quit/ road] counting to ten and began to [walk/ still/ boat] around looking for Tricia. Soon, Tricia [saw/ row/ top] her chance and ran across the [was/ time/ lot]. She kicked the can as far [be/ to/ as] she could. "Ah, you got a [point/ boast/ stood]," said Julie.

Just then, Sam and Jon [stay/ read/ came] up the street. When they saw [stay/ what/ year] the girls were playing, they asked [to/ at/ if] they could join in. Soon other [kids/ step/ trip] from up the street came to [step/ play/ tree] "kick the can" with Tricia and Julie.

[To/ Up/ As] Julie and Tricia were walking home [that/ trap/ went] night, Tricia asked Julie a question. "[Cut/ How/ Dog] did you know that other kids [clean/ would/ train] come play kick-the- can with [but/ us/ top]?" she asked. "Well, kick-the-can [bet/ is/ he] a really fun game," Julie said. "[To/ Try/ As] soon as you get a game started, [pencil/ orange/ others] want to join in." Tricia was [goat/ glad/ year] to meet such a wise friend. [She/ Let/ Fat] did not feel lonely any [cat/ pink/ more].