

Title Page: *Making New Friends*

Look at the picture. Read the words. Make predictions about the characters, setting, plot, and problem & solutions.

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**Nobody needs to be lonely
in New York City!**

Missing Dialogue: Making New Friends

What do you think the characters may be saying in the empty bubbles? Work with a partner to fill them in.

Meet Mrs. Belkina

Silvia and Umme are home health aides.

They take care of Mrs. Belkina after an operation.

Silvia takes care of Mrs. Belkina during the day. Umme does it at night.

I slept like a dog... like my Bobik.

Mrs. Belkina only got up twice last night.

Unfortunately, this is my last night in this apartment.

Mrs. Belkina got a letter from her landlord.

Mrs. Belkina thinks she has to leave her apartment. Silvia is surprised.

They're asking for a big increase in rent, or she has to leave the building.

Umme says that Mrs. Belkina should speak to someone at a senior center.

You are right. I should speak to somebody at the senior center.

They have very helpful people who work there.

