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### EXAMPLE:

Yesterday...I wore diapers and cried to get what I want.

Yesterday...I spiked my hair and screamed at boys.

Yesterday...I made my family proud.

Today...I've made some mistakes as I've travelled through middle school.

Today...I chose my friends over my family.

Today...I saw that boys didn't stink.

Today...I didn't want to talk to my mother.

Today...I felt sadness for losing my childhood.

Tomorrow...I will make better choices.

Tomorrow...I will stand straighter when I look people in the face.

Tomorrow...I will achieve my highest goal and ...

### Ms. Hoefler's Example:

Yesterday I had a baby sister who cried and lied and bit.

Yesterday I had a baby sister who shadowed me as I rolled my eyes.

Yesterday I had a baby sister who spoke a different language as we aged and grew apart.

Today I have a baby sister who is strong and smart and leads.

Today I have a baby sister who speaks that language of business.

Today I have a baby sister who lives far away.

Today I have a baby sister whom I wish was my shadow again.

Today I have a baby sister who is having a baby girl soon.

Tomorrow I'll have a baby sister who'll have her own shadow.

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