



Everyone is a little weird.  
Finding a friend who lets you be weird your way is special.

# QUOKKA FINDS A FRIEND

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Late one afternoon, Quokka **hopped** down to the beach.  
A young fur seal sat on a rock by the water.


**'Hello, Seal,'** said Quokka.  
'Would you like to be my friend?'

'That sounds nice,' said Seal. 'What shall we do?'

Quokka thought for awhile. 'You don't look very happy,' he said.  
'How about I try to make you **smile?**'

**'I don't smile much,'**  
said Seal, 'that's just how I am.'



An illustration of a brown rodent, likely a quokka, standing on a rocky shore and looking towards a grey seal. The rodent is on the left, and the seal is on the right, both facing each other. The background shows a blue sky with two birds flying and a blue sea with white-capped waves. The rodent has a white patch on its chest and is standing on its hind legs. The seal is resting on a grey, textured rock.

'Oh, let me try!' said Quokka. 'It'll be **fun!**'

'**Okay,**' said Seal.