

ribbon is still held by **B**) – but there's nothing there for it to show (remove corresponding Post-it Note from **Child A**).

If the picture is put back where it should be (give **Child D**'s picture back to **Child B**) then the browser can see it again (replace Post-it Note).

This also works well, with a few adaptations, to explain the mysteries of saving. ("Miss, the computer's lost my work again...")
Teresa Wilson, upper primary/lower secondary education student (ICT), University of Brighton

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