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Tara sat at her front window. She gazed out at the school track across the street and thought of her friend Jennifer. She thought of all the long runs they had taken together. Jennifer lived far away now. Without her friend, Tara felt nothing but boredom when she ran.

The girls still talked by phone from time to time, but it was not the same as when they had run together. Back then, they would chat about everything. Spending time together had made the running fun. Their friendship had been closer then, too.

Tara watched her sister cross their front yard, talking on her cell phone. Then, Tara had an idea.

The next day, Tara and Jennifer had a running date. They talked and laughed as they ran along. They weren't exactly side by side. Jennifer was in another state, but thanks to their cell phones, their running was going strong again. So was their friendship.