

Sharing: Problem Solving Cards

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Grade Level: Early Childhood, Elementary, Special Ed

Description:

Use these cards to teach students to resolve their own conflicts over toys or other objects! The cards display five different solutions, in the form of both words and pictures, which students can use when having difficulty sharing with a peer. Solutions include: choose something else, ask nicely, wait for a turn, play together, and ask Morah for help. Students can use these cards as cues to help them problem solve when faced with a situation in which they want the same toy as someone else in place of fighting. Note: pictures are geared for a girls' class.

What to download

- Download the print-ready PDF file (includes lesson plan/instructions).
- OPTIONAL: Download the editable Word file (does not include lesson plan).

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Goals/Objectives:

Students will use these cards as a prompt when problem solving situations in which two students would like to use the same object.

Materials Needed:

- Puppets
- Laminated problem solving cards
- Binder ring

Instructions:

1. Using puppets, act out a scene in which two students are fighting over a toy or object.
2. Engage the students in a discussion about what went wrong and how the two students could solve their problem. Encourage the students to think of different ideas; when a student mentions an idea that's displayed in one of the cards, show the students the card.
3. Once all the cards are introduced, review all the different options with the students, showing the card which corresponds to each option as it is being discussed.

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4. Keep the cards available for the students to use when necessary.
5. Each time an argument breaks out over an object, refer students to the cards until they can problem solve without needing the cards as a prompt.

Variations:

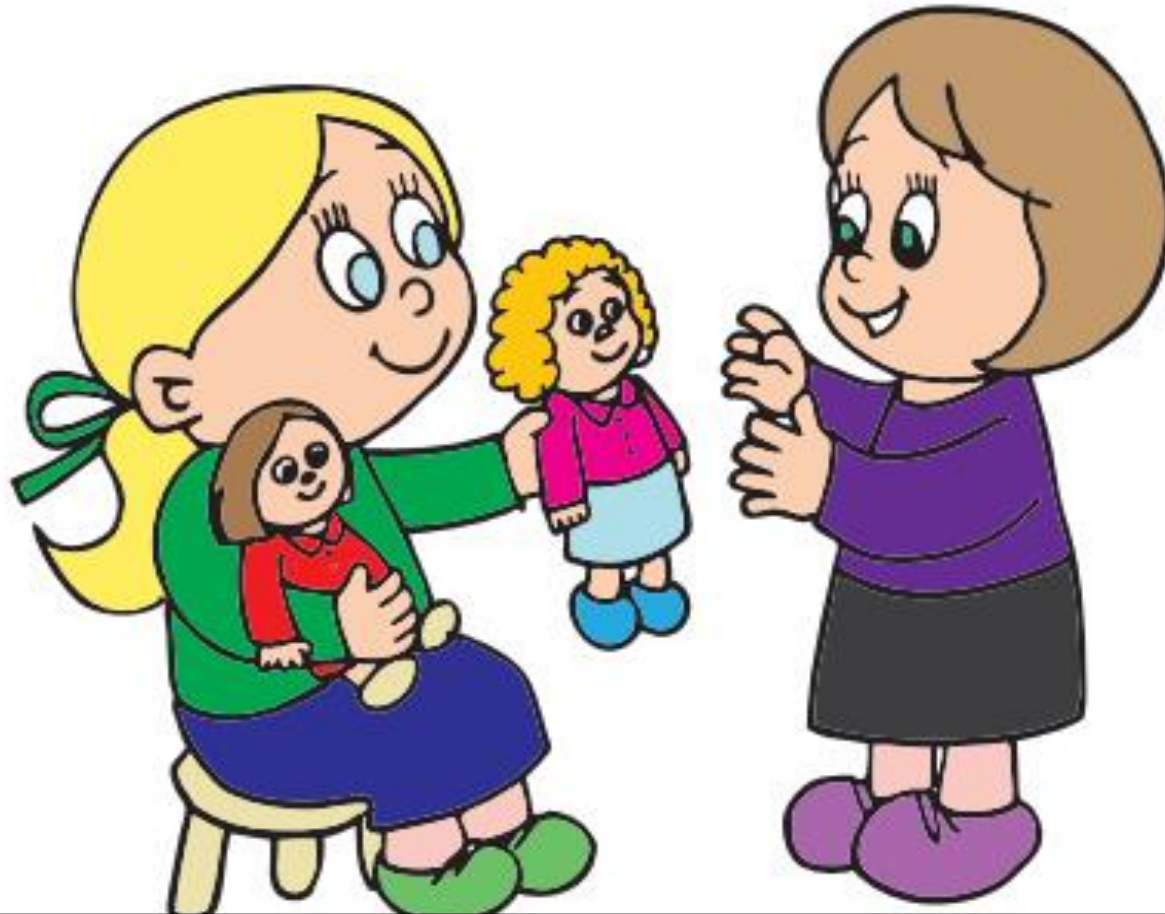
Cards can be displayed on a classroom bulletin board.



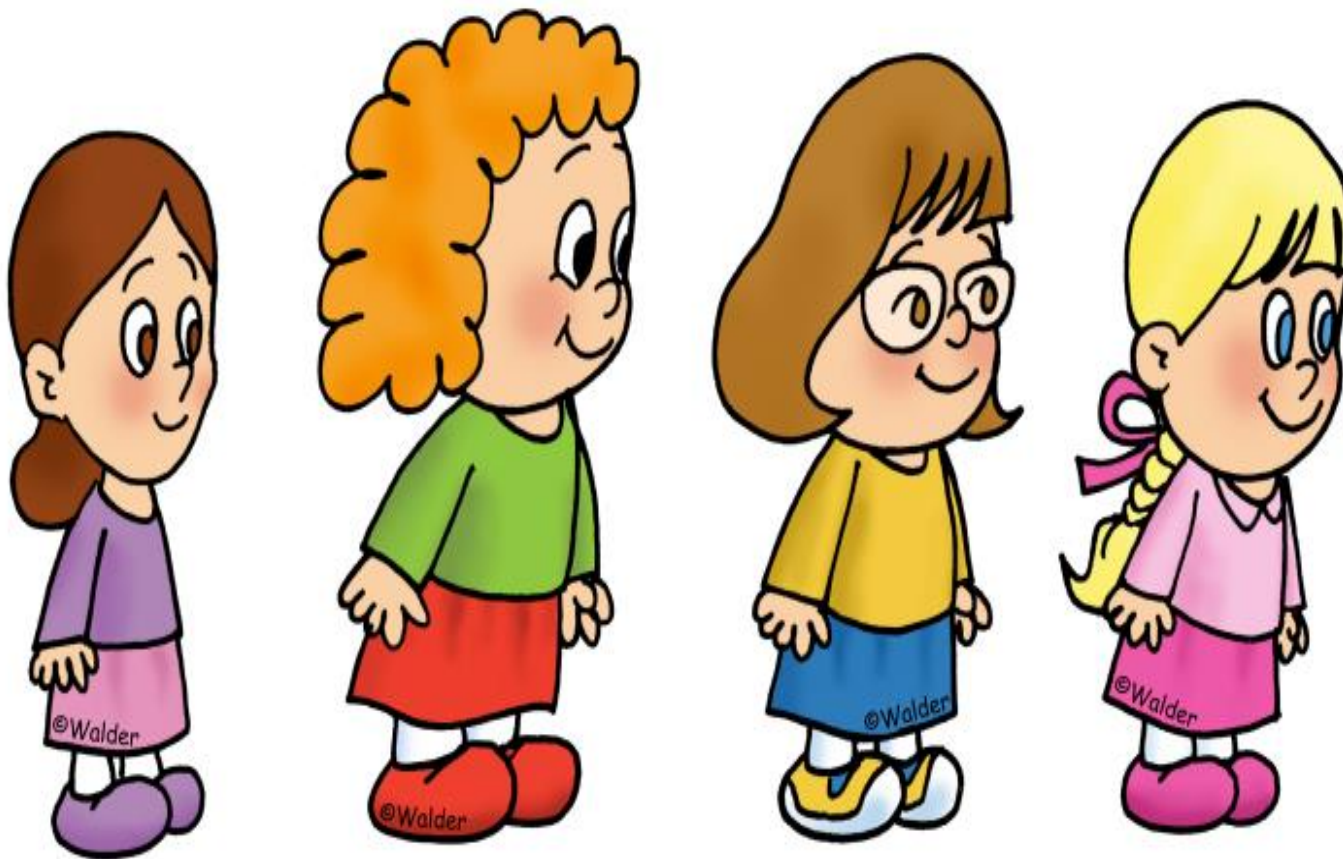
Choose something else



Ask a Morah for help



Ask Nicely



Wait for a turn



Play Together