

Working It Out

Directions Work with a few classmates to solve a conflict and present your solution to the class. Follow the steps below.

- 1 **Choose a scenario.** Pick one of the four conflict scenarios below for your group to explore. As you work together, think of all possible ways to resolve the conflict, and list them.
- 2 **Compare solutions.** Consider the pros and cons of each solution and agree on the one you think is best.
- 3 **Develop a skit.** Plan how to act out the conflict and its solution. This could be a play with written and rehearsed dialogue or a role-play with improvised lines. The scene should show how the conflict develops and how the characters solve it. (You may change the genders of the characters in the scenarios if you wish.)
- 4 **Perform your skit for the class.** Have other students evaluate your solution to the conflict and discuss whether they thought it was realistic.

Scenarios	
A	Sibling Spiff A family is moving into a new house. The two children are arguing over who should get the larger bedroom. The older sibling argues that it should go to him because he is older. The younger one says it is not fair for her older brother to get what he wants all the time just because he is older.
B	Dress Code A school has just announced plans for a dress code beginning in a few weeks. All students are to wear white shirts and tan pants. The administration believes this will help maintain order at the school by giving all students a neat and business-like appearance and by avoiding competition over clothes. Some students object to the new dress code and think that they should be able to wear whatever they want. Some parents think the dress code is a good idea, but others do not want to buy new school clothes in the middle of the school year.
C	Family Reunion A teen's family has planned a trip to another part of the country to attend a family reunion that will mark the 100 th birthday of a family member. The teen has just discovered that the family is leaving the day before a special school dance. The teen wants to go to the dance and is upset about not being able to go.
D	Cell Phone Intrusion A person sits down on a crowded train where some people are talking quietly and others are reading. He proceeds to have a loud conversation on a cell phone. This is bothering other passengers.