

3 Steps to Playtime Success Script

A Parent and Educator Guide



1 - Describe the Situation

Get down on their level and say, "I see that you are frustrated because you both want to play with that ball."

No judgment; just name the situation and the feeling.



2 - Give the Words

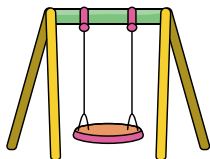
"Prompt the child on what to say.

"Can you say, 'I would like to play with the ball. Can I play with you?'"

Sometimes that will end the conflict right there. But if the other child is not willing to do that, move to #3.



OR



3 - Provide Choices

"It looks like Sally wants to play alone right now. Should we set a timer or should we find something else to play with?"

Consult Conflict Solutions Cards for options; Present ONLY 2 options