

# Dog Fight

## About the Story

Martha and Skits don't want to share their toy. Now T.D. and Alice are bickering too. Can't they all just get along?

## Special Words

**bicker:** To *bicker* is to argue or quarrel about little things.

**negotiate:** When you *negotiate*, you talk about a problem until you can agree on a solution.

**quarrel:** To *quarrel* is to fight or disagree about something.

**truce:** A *truce* is called when people who are fighting agree to stop fighting.

## Materials

**Game:** Truce!

**Book:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reading Buddies Journal**

**Pencils, markers, scissors, wooden sticks, glue**

## Watch Together: "Dog Fight"

- Watch the show with your Little Buddy.
- Listen for the "special" words.
- Find a place where you and your Little Buddy can talk, play, and read together.

## Talk and Play Together

Talk about these questions with your Little Buddy. Share your ideas, too!

- What were Martha and Skits **quarreling** about? Why did T.D. and Alice start **bickering**?
- Did you ever call a **truce** when you were fighting with someone?
- How did Helen help Martha and Skits **negotiate** a solution?

### Game: Truce!

1. Cut out the pictures of Martha and Skits. Attach them to wooden sticks (if available) to make puppets. You and your Little Buddy will be acting out a scene in which Martha and Skits are quarreling. Then you will both call a truce and negotiate a solution.
2. Set the scene for your Little Buddy. Say, *Martha and Skits are quarreling again. What are they bickering about this time?*
3. Together, decide what Martha and Skits are fighting about. Do they want to watch different shows on TV? Does Martha want to sleep when Skits wants to play?
4. Use the puppets to act out the quarrel.
5. Talk about a solution. Will they take turns? Will they play together? Will they share?
6. Say, *Let's call a truce!* Then act out the solution to the quarrel.

### Before meeting with your Little Buddy, work with your Big Buddy partner to:

- Read and role-play the session plan.
- Cut out the Martha and Skits character pictures.
- Read the selected book aloud. Ask and answer the questions.
- Review the *Journal* activity.


## Read Together

Read the story aloud. Use the words from the MARTHA SPEAKS show as you talk about these questions with your Little Buddy:

- *What were the characters in the story quarreling about?*
- *How did the characters call a truce or come up with a solution?*
- *What did you like about the ending of the story?*

## Write Together

- In the Reading Buddies Journal, read the words that that Martha is saying in the speech bubble.
- Explain to your Little Buddy, *Those are the same words that the character says in the “baby” show that Martha and Skits watched. Let’s draw a picture of something Martha and Skits could share and play together.*
- Together, draw a picture of the object and label it.



**Let's call a  
truce and share!**