# **Steps for Resolving Conflicts**



Stop! It looks like we have a problem...



1. What happened? How do I feel? & How do I feel?



2. What can we do? Think of some solutions!



3. Give it a try!

4. Teacher follows up and gives PDA





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Include the children directly involved and use these steps

# 1. Acknowledge there is a problem or conflict: What happened? How do you feel?

- Approach children calmly, take deep breaths, and acknowledge feelings
- Ask what happened and how do you feel?; hear from both children. This is about listening to each other

#### 2. Ask for solution ideas

- See if the children have ideas first
- Get a "solution kit" if needed

### 3. Give it a try

- Get the children to signal agreement: thumbs up, hand shake
- You can state the solution again if needed and provide PDA for being flexible, being good at solving problems, asking for help, staying calm

## 4. Teacher, follow up with children, use PDA!

• It's important to see that the issue is resolved or that the children move on



