



Story sheet

Kiki sorts it out

It was the summer holidays and Harold, Kiki and Derek were meeting up to go out for the day. The sun was shining and it was a lovely warm day. They hadn't decided what to do but each of them had their own ideas.

Harold wanted to go down to the library as he loved reading and he wanted to take out some books he knew were in. He'd looked up the library catalogue the night before and was worried that somebody else would get there before him and take out the books he wanted.

Kiki loved bouncing and wanted to go to Trampoline World where the three of them could bounce away all day!

Derek was feeling rather hot and really wanted to get down to the swimming pool so he could cool off a bit.

Harold explained that he wanted to get some books out of the library.

'Oh, that's boring,' said Derek, who actually liked reading but was just feeling a bit hot and bothered, 'You can go there anytime by yourself. Let's all head down to the pool so we can cool off.'

'But you can't bounce in the pool,' exclaimed Kiki, 'I thought you all enjoyed Trampoline World. Why don't we go there?'

'It's too hot!' cried Derek.

'And I might not get the books I want if we don't go to the library now,' said Harold.

The argument went round and round in circles. Each of them just kept going on about what they wanted to do and they didn't really listen to each other's point of view.

Can anyone think of a way that Harold, Kiki and Derek can sort this out so that everyone is happy?

'Oh, this is ridiculous,' said Harold, 'We're just wasting the day now. We might as well be at school.'

'That's it!' said Kiki, 'We talked about this in school in our SCARF lessons. Don't you remember?'



'No!' said Harold and Derek together.

'Yes, you do,' said Kiki, 'Mr. Tomkins said that when you can't agree on something you need to negotiate and find a compromise.'

'What do you mean?' asked Derek.

'Well, when you can't all agree on something with your friends you need to discuss it carefully with and then see if you can find something that everyone is happy with, even if it isn't exactly what everyone wanted to do,' explained Kiki.

'Oh yes, I remember now,' said Harold, 'So do you think we can find a compromise?'

The three friends discussed it for a few minutes and finally agreed on a plan. Derek and Kiki would go to the swimming pool while Harold popped in to the library to see if his books were in. He would then join them in the swimming pool and would play with Derek while Kiki had a go at bouncing from the children's diving board into the pool. Derek promised Kiki that they would go to Trampoline World the next time they all met up.

All three of them agreed that that seemed a good plan and they were all happy with it. They shook hands to show their agreement.

***Do you think their solution was a good compromise?
Would there have been another way of sorting it out [e.g. they could have found something different that they all wanted to do].***

In what way did they show qualities of friendship in how they sorted it out?