

Exploring Reactions to Conflict

Puppet “A” takes the apple of Puppet “B” at lunch.

First, Puppet “B” says firmly and respectfully: “Please give me my apple back.” *(Pause)* When “A” refuses:

1. Aggression: Argue and fight

“B” stares at “A” with an angry look. Then yells: “That’s my apple!” and aggressively grabs the apple right out of “A’s” hand.

2. Avoidance: Withdraw and avoid the other person

“B” gets up and walks away from “A,” and sits down at another lunch table.

3. Compliance: Give In

“B” just keeps looking down and doesn’t look up.
“B” lets “A” eat the apple.

4. Negotiate: Discuss and work out a solution that is fair for both

“B” says, “I will let you keep the apple if you give me two of your chocolate chip cookies.”