

Pre/Post Activities

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Storytime Pick

Built to Last

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Pre-Reading Activity

Tell students that they are going to listen to a story about two friends who like to build things together. They don't even mind if their structures come crashing down. Ask students to think about how teamwork and community are important in developing a friendship like the boys in the story. As a class, create a list of student responses on chart paper. Talk about the pros and cons of building structures alone and building them together.

Post-Reading Activity

In this story, when their latest masterpiece tumbles down in spectacular fashion, the boys aren't laughing anymore. Ask, "How do the boys get through a difficult point in their playing together and in their friendship? Have these two friends reached a breaking point?" Tell students to think of a time when playing with a friend turned into a disagreement. Have students create a chart of ways to de-escalate a disagreement and learn to work together through the disagreement. Discuss the concept of compromise and have students suggest ways they can compromise with their friends.