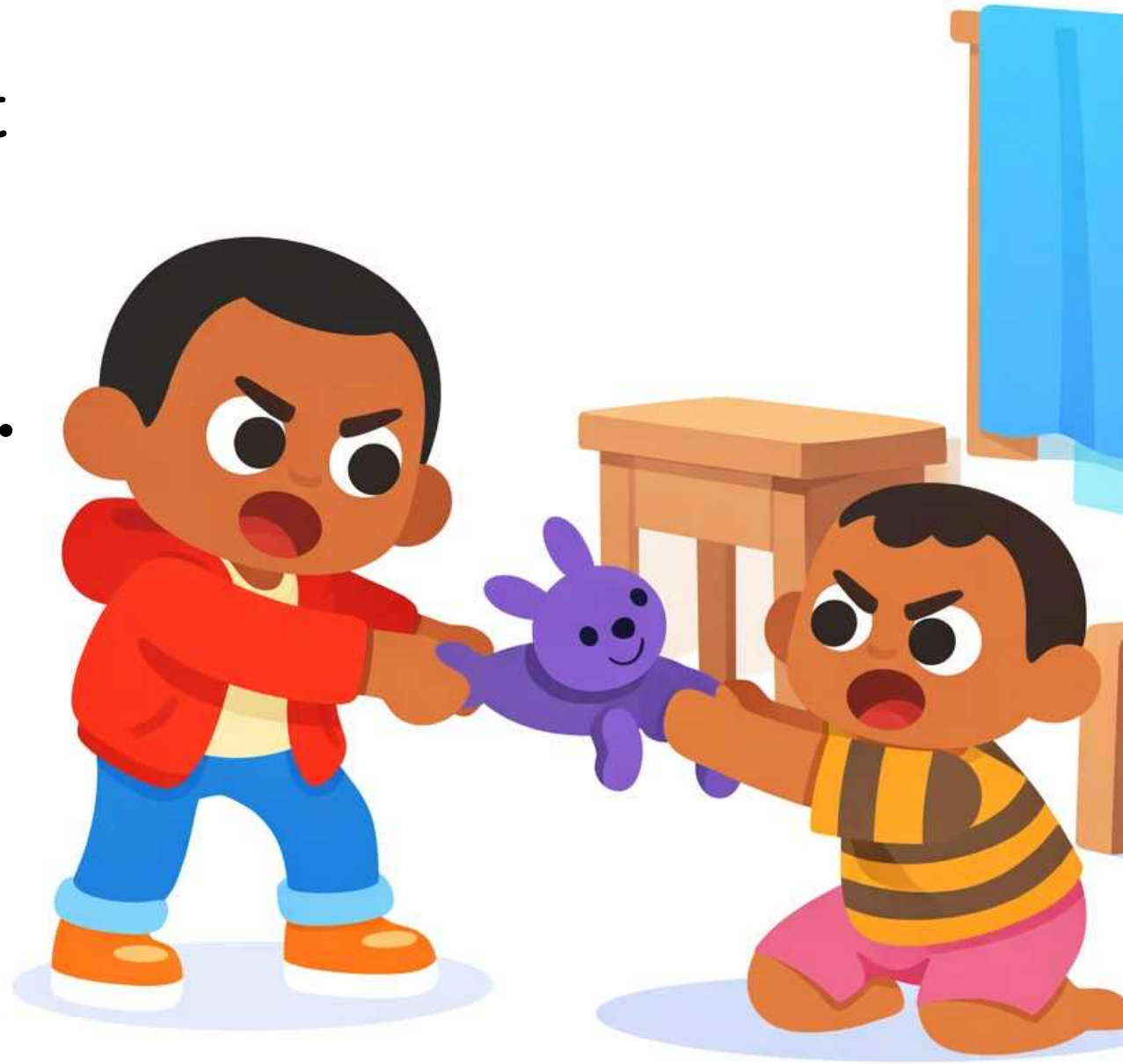


Give It Back!



Ben and Brother
begin a big fuss. 'It
is mine!' Ben yells.
He tugs the animal.
'Let go!' Brother
demands, and he
pulls back. Not one
of them will let go.





Crash! Stuff is
broken on the
mat. Mom is mad.
'Go to bed at
once!' Mom says.
Brother drops his
chin and sulks.

Ben sits in the grass with
his small rig.

'I wish one thing could
belong to just me,' he says.
The rig is all he has.





Then Ben sees a
big, big thing in
the grass! Ben
hops up on its
back and rides.
'Hold on!' Ben says.
What an **event**!

They go past big,
open land. It is so
silent. Just Ben,
and no fuss.

Then Ben spots
Brother. He sits by
a tree in the grass.





Then a big mad
one runs at
Brother! Stomp,
stomp! It is a
titan! 'Run, Brother,
run!' Ben yells.
Brother runs as
fast as he can.

Brother is quick! He
gets up the tree.
He grips a branch
and sits still. He is
frozen up there.
'Brother must not
fall,' Ben says.





'Go fast!' Ben yells.
They gallop and
gallop. Ben has
one focus. He must
get to Brother.
'Hold on, Brother!'
Ben calls.

The mad one tugs
the branch. Crack!
The branch could
snap at any
moment. Brother
grips it and gasps.
'Stop that!' Ben
yells.





Ben gets up on a
branch. He lifts his
hand up to Brother.

'Grab my hand!'

Ben calls. He must
protect Brother.

Just a bit more!

The trunk grips Ben
and lifts him up! His
legs kick and kick.

Even so, Ben thinks
of Brother. 'Brother
must be safe!' he
sobs.





'Wake up, Ben!' Mom says. Ben blinks. He is safe in his bed. Brother is there, and Ben grips his hand and will not let go. 'Have my rig, Brother,' Ben says. At last, he can relax.



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A boy finally has one thing that's only his: a small toy tractor. But when a real elephant appears in the yard and he climbs aboard for a wild ride, he forgets all about sharing, until he spots his brother alone in the grass and a mad elephant charges straight at him. Can he reach his brother in time? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 68: Open/Closed), this book practices words like 'begin', 'belong', 'frozen', 'gallop', 'protect'.

Phonics Focus: Open/Closed

animal, begin, belong, broken, demand, even, event, focus, frozen, gallop, moment, open, protect, relax, silent, titan

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