



Teaching Conflict

Conflict is what creates the plot of the story. There are typically four kinds: Character versus Character, Character versus Nature, Character versus Society, and Character versus Self. Often, more than one kind of conflict is taking place at the same time.

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
EASY		
PreK-3	Andersen, Hans Christian. (Adapted and illustrated by Jerry Pinkney). <i>The Ugly Duckling</i> . New York: Morrow Junior Books, 1999.	E AN228U.A
	An ugly duckling spends an unhappy year ostracized by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan.	
PreK-3	Auch, Mary Jane. <i>The Plot Chickens</i> . New York: Holiday House, 2009.	E AU22PL
	Henrietta the chicken loves to read so much that she decides to write a book herself, but first no one will publish a book written by a chicken, and then, when she publishes it herself and it gets a terrible review in "The Corn Book," Henrietta is devastated.	
PreK-3	Benjamin, Floella. <i>My Two Grannies</i> . London: Frances Lincoln Children's, 2007.	E B4382M
	When her two grannies want to eat different meals and tell their own stories, how can Alvina make everyone happy?	

PreK-3	Bildner, Phil. <i>Marvelous Cornelius: Hurricane Katrina and the Spirit of New Orleans</i> . San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2015.	E B491M
	A man known as the "Trashcan Wizard" sings and dances his way through the French Quarter in New Orleans, keeping his beloved city clean, until Hurricane Katrina's devastation nearly causes him to lose his spirit.	
PreK-3	Blos, Joan. <i>Old Henry</i> . New York: Morrow, 1987.	E B6236O
	The neighbors aren't too happy about Henry and his beat-up old house. Why doesn't he clean it up, and weed his garden and sweep his walk? Henry's got better things to do. Tired of being bothered, he finally gets fed up and moves away. The funny thing is, nobody's really happy when he does--not the neighbors, and not Henry.	
PreK-3	Boelts, Marilyn. <i>A Bike Like Sergio's</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2016.	E B6333BI
	Ruben feels like he is the only kid without a bike. His friend Sergio reminds him that his birthday is coming, but Ruben knows that the kinds of birthday gifts he and Sergio receive are not the same. So, when Ruben sees a dollar bill fall out of someone's purse, he picks it up and puts it in his pocket. But when he gets home, he discovers it's not one dollar or even five or ten--it's a hundred-dollar bill, more than enough for a new bike just like Sergio's! But what about the crossed-off groceries? And what about the woman who lost her money?	
PreK-3	Brown, Peter. <i>Children Make Terrible Pets</i> . New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2010.	E B81453C
	When Lucy, a young bear, discovers a boy lost in the woods, she asks her mother if she can have him as a pet, only to find him impossible to train.	
PreK-3	Creech, Sharon. <i>A Fine, Fine School</i> . New York: HarperCollins, Pub., 2011.	E C8612F
	When a principal loves his school so much that he wants the children to attend classes every day of the year, it's up to his students to show him free time is a good thing, too.	
PreK-3	Deedy, Carmen Agra. <i>The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!</i> New York: Scholastic Press, 2017.	E D36058R
	The mayor of the noisy city of La Paz institutes new laws forbidding all singing, but a brave little rooster decides he must sing, despite the progressively severe punishments he receives for continuing to crow. The silenced populace, invigorated by the rooster's bravery, ousts the tyrannical mayor and returns their city to its free and clamorous state.	
PreK-3	Ellis, Carson. <i>Du Iz Tak?</i> Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2016.	E EL591D

Readers are invited to imagine the dramatic possibilities to be found in the natural world, even the humblest back garden! With detailed illustration that will appeal to children and art-lovers alike, and a wonderfully playful invented language, we soon find ourselves speaking "Bug" ... Du iz tak? What is that?

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| PreK-3 | Hoffman, Sarah. <i>Jacob's New Dress</i> . Chicago, IL: Albert Whitman & Company, 2014. | E
H67555J |
| | Jacob, who likes to wear dresses at home, convinces his parents to let him wear a dress to school, too. | |
| PreK-3 | Keats, Ezra Jack. <i>Goggles</i> . New York: Macmillan, 1969. | E
K225G |
| | Two boys must outsmart the neighborhood bullies before they can enjoy their new treasure, a pair of lens less motorcycle goggles. | |
| PreK-3 | Lionni, Leo. <i>Six Crows: A Fable</i> . New York: Knopf, 1988. | E
L661SI |
| | An owl helps a farmer and some crows reach a compromise over the rights to the wheat crop. | |
| PreK-3 | Martin, Bill. <i>The Ghost-Eye Tree</i> . New York: Square Fish/ Henry Holt and Co., 2012. | E
M3633GHE |
| | Walking down a dark lonely road on an errand one night, a brother and sister argue who is afraid of the dread Ghost-Eye tree. | |
| PreK-3 | Michelson, Richard. <i>Across the Alley</i> . New York: Putnam, 2006. | E
M58266A |
| | Jewish Abe's grandfather wants him to be a violinist while African American Wille's father plans for him to be a great baseball pitcher, but it turns out that the two boys are more talented when they switch hobbies. | |
| PreK-3 | Olshan, Matthew. <i>A Voyage in the Clouds: The (Mostly) True Story of the First International Flight by Balloon in 1785</i> . First edition. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2016. | E
OL83V |
| | Dr. John Jeffries and his pilot, Jean-Pierre Blanchard, each want to be the first man to fly from one country to another, across the English Channel. There's only one problem: they can't stand each other! | |
| PreK-3 | Palatini, Maggie. <i>Piggie Pie</i> . New York: Clarion Books, 1995. | E
P172P |
| | Gritch the witch flies to Old MacDonald's farm for some pigs to make a piggie pie, but when she arrives she can't find a single porker. | |
| PreK-3 | Polacco, Patricia. <i>My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother</i> . New York: | E
P7569MYR |

Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1992.

After losing running, climbing, throwing, and burping competitions to her obnoxious older brother, a young girl makes a wish on a falling star.

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| PreK-3 | Sauer, Tammy. <i>Ginny Louise and the School Showdown</i> . New York: Disney-Hyperion Books, 2015. | E
SA857G |
| | A new hedgehog in town stands up to bullying by the Truman Elementary Troublemakers and wins them over with her unwavering cheerfulness. | |
| PreK-3 | Shannon, David. <i>The Rain Came Down</i> . New York: Blue Sky Press, 2000. | E
SH191R |
| | An unexpected rain shower causes quarreling among the members of a small community. | |
| PreK-3 | Viorst, Judith. <i>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day</i> . New York: Atheneum, 1972. | E
V814A |
| | On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too. | |
| PreK-3 | Waddell, Martin. <i>Owl Babies</i> . Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 1992. | E
W1175-
OW.A |
| | Three owl babies whose mother has gone out in the night try to stay calm while she is gone. | |
| PreK-3 | Willems, Mo. <i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!</i> New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2013. | E
W667D |
| | No matter how hard he pleads and begs, the pigeon is not supposed to drive the bus while the driver is away, but pigeon tries every persuasive trick a young child knows to get you to say, "Yes." | |
| PreK-3 | Zuppari, Sam. <i>Jack's Worry</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2016. | E
Z873J |
| | Jack has been looking forward to playing the trumpet in his first concert, but on the morning of the big day, Jack becomes anxious about performing and his worry starts to grow. | |

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