

Tug of War





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *What do you think the children are doing?*
- Explain that a tug of war is when two teams are at either end of a piece of rope and they have to pull the rope across a marker to win.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:
**went children fell let's
park skip too tug with**
- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.
**said have bridge
rope saw tied
threw war**



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



The children went to the park. They went with Mum and Dad.



They went to the stream.



Chip saw a rope. It was by a tree.



Dad had an idea.
“We can skip,” he said.



He tied the rope to the tree.



Dad and the children began to skip.
“Go on, jump!” said Mum.



“Jump! Jump! Jump!”



They all jumped. They jumped too soon.



Whoops! They all fell over.



Mum had an idea.



“Let’s have a tug of war,” she said.



Dad threw the rope over
the stream.



Mum went over the bridge.



The children began to pull.



Mum and Dad began to pull.



“Easy,” said Wilf, and he let go.



Mum and Dad pulled and pulled.



“Easy,” said Wilma, and she let go.



Mum and Dad pulled and pulled.



“Easy,” said Biff and Chip, and they let go.



“Pull, Dad!” called Wilma.



“Easy,” said Kipper. “Look at me.”



He pulled Mum and Dad into the stream.



“Easy,” said the man.

AFTER READING

- Talk about the story and ask your child what they liked about it.
- Ask: *Who did the rope belong to?* Discuss whether the man was happy about the family borrowing the rope.
- Turn to page 24 and ask: *Were Mum and Dad cross at the end?*

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