



**BAD WORDS,
GOOD WORDS**



Characters: Teddy Bear
Setting: Teddy's office

Sawyer Habitat Bear Mama Bear & Bear-T

Teddy and Sawyer talk in Teddy's office

Teddy (*answers a knock on office door*): Come in! Good morning, Mrs. Bear and Bear-T!

Sawyer: Hello, Mrs. Bear! Hello, Bear-T!

Mama Bear: Good morning!

Bear-T: Hello!

Teddy: How can I help you today?

Mama Bear: I'm upset with Bear-T because she uses curse words.

Teddy: Where did you learn curse words, Bear-T?

Bear-T: Kids at school cuss all the time.

Teddy: Out loud In class?

Bear-T: No, at recess or they whisper them at lunch.

Teddy: Sometimes kids curse because they are scared or mad. Or they respond to what someone said.

Sawyer: I remember when I was a kid. For a while I thought that cussing was really cool.

Teddy: How did you learn that curse words aren't cool?

Sawyer: My Mom heard me saying them. She said we don't use those ugly words in our family. We use appropriate language. We use words that don't hurt other people.

Teddy: Yes, we use appropriate language. The opposite of curse words are good words.

Sawyer: What do you say when someone sneezes, Bear-T?

Bear-T: Bless you.

Teddy: Right! Instead of curse words we can say, "Good for you! Good luck!"

Sawyer (*gets a box*): Here's a box for curse words.

Mama Bear: We can mark the box - inappropriate language.

Bear-T: I'll put the curse words I learned in the box right now.

Teddy: Good, Bear-T! Now I will write good words, appropriate words on the white board.

Bear-T (*reads the words*): I'll practice saying good words, like cool.

Mama Bear: We can practice together, Bear-T. Thank you, Teddy and Sawyer. You helped Bear-T understand. Now I'm calm, not upset any more.

great	good
fine	nice
excellent	wonderful
awesome	cool
super	terrific
kind	helpful



Do I want to use curse words that are ugly and hurt people? What are some appropriate words I can use instead?

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date _____

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Directions: Answer the questions about this fable-play.

1. Who are the characters? _____

2. What is the setting? _____

3. Who has a problem? What is the problem? How is the problem solved? _____

4. How did Sawyer learn that curse words aren't cool? _____

5. Do you know any kids like Bear-T? _____

6. Writing: Text-to-self. Have you had a similar experience? _____

7. Writing. Stop and think! Do I think how the person will feel before I say something? Do I think before how the person will feel before I do something? Do I know how she will she respond?
