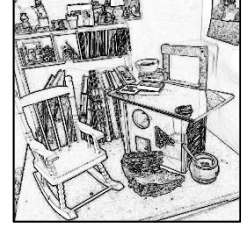




**A Problem
with
Mean Words**



Characters: Teddy Bear Mom Fox & Fozzy Fox Setting: Teddy's office

Teddy is in his office.

Teddy (*answers a knock on door*): Come in, Mrs. Fox.

Mom Fox: Hello, Teddy. This is my son, Fozzy.

Teddy: Welcome, Fozzy!

Fozzy: Hello, Mr. Teddy.

Mom: Teddy, can you help Fozzy with a problem?

Teddy: Yes, I'm glad to help. What is the problem?

Mom: Okay, Fozzy, tell Mr. Teddy what you did at school.

Fozzy: I said mean words to Racco Raccoon in my class. Mommy says that's a problem. What should I do?"

Teddy: What mean words?

Fozzy: I said '*You are dumb. You don't know anything*'.

Teddy: How did Racco react?

Fozzy: He got under his desk and cried.

Teddy: How did Racco feel?

Fozzy: He was crying, so I guess he feels bad.

Teddy: I think you really hurt his feelings. *Dumb* is a mean word.

Fozzy: I'll talk to Racco. I'll tell him I'm sorry for calling him dumb. I'm sorry I was mean.

Teddy: Very good, Fozzy! You solved the problem yourself.

Mom: Yes, that's good, son!

Teddy: What is the opposite of dumb?

Fozzy: Smart.

Teddy: The opposite of hurt feelings?

Fozzy: Good feelings.

Teddy (*writes on white board*): Here are some opposites: Smart- dumb, feel hurt-feel good, mean – kind.

Mom: Thank you, Teddy! You helped Fozzy solve his own problem.

Fozzy: Thank you for helping me, Mr. Teddy!

Smart - dumb

Feel hurt - feel good

Mean - kind



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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. Who does Teddy represent in real life? _____
5. Is this a good title for this fable-play? Can you think of a better title? _____

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

7. Stop and Think! How do I feel if someone says mean words to me? If I say mean words to someone, how do they feel?

