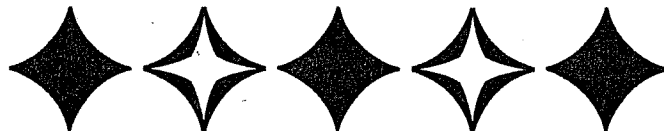


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The Positive Value of Conflict

If conflict is handled constructively
it can have many benefits.

It can help us to:

- * learn new and better ways to respond to problems
- * build better and more lasting relationships
- * learn more about ourselves and others

Mediation Word Search

D L I G K R S M C Q P Z M R F A T E C R M E
H V O L N A G M E N T D B J Z C F B N J S A
C Z X C E V B N M D L K J H G F D S A P Y G
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R T Q A L X D E R F G Y H J U I K O L M N E
F G E R T Y U I J G D D F G C V L B N U X N
V B L E R E S O L U T I O N R T E A R T Y T
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B F E T A I T O G E N J D S U T Y H L H U R
N D C P M F S H H E W V B N Z T I W E R T M
H S A C T R A L T E R N A T I V E C V C A W
Y A E V G D H J I O P U R G H J Q E R E S O
W Q P V B S B N M D L T U P I D I L Y M K H

See how many of these mediation related words you can find.

Agreement
Alternative
Conflict
Dispute
Mediate

Mutual
Negotiate
Neutral
Peaceful
Resolution

Unscramble these sentences to discover some peaceful quotes

lenao ew nca od os tillet gteoterh ew cna od os cuhm - leehn erlekl

ceeap nca nlyo eb hiedacev yb desntdunanirg - belrta niienets

ti si isblseop ot ievl ni capee - hamaatm ihgadn

Answers
Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much - Helen Keller
Peace can only be achieved by understanding - Albert Einstein
It is possible to live in peace - Mahatma Gandhi

The Maligned Wolf

The forest was my home. I lived there, and I cared about it. I tried to keep it neat and clean. Then one sunny day, while I was cleaning up some garbage a camper had left behind, I heard footsteps. I leaped behind a tree and saw a little girl coming down the trail carrying a basket. I was suspicious of this little girl right away because she was dressed funny – all in red, and her head was covered up as if she didn't want people to know who she was. Naturally, I stopped to check her out. I asked who she was, where she was going, where she had come from, and all that. She gave me a song and dance about going to her grandmother's house with a basket of lunch. She appeared to be a basically honest person, but she was in my forest, and she certainly looked suspicious with that strange getup of hers. So I decided to teach her just how serious it is to prance through the forest unannounced and dressed funny.

I let her go on her way, but I ran ahead to her grandmother's house. When I saw that nice old woman, I explained the problem and she agreed that her granddaughter needed to learn a lesson all right. The old woman agreed to stay out of sight until I called her. Actually, she hid under the bed.

When the girl arrived, I invited her into the bedroom where I was in bed, dressed like the grandmother. The girl came in all rosy-cheeked and said something nasty about my big ears. I've been insulted before so I made the best of it by suggesting that my big ears would help me to hear better. Now, what I meant was that I liked her and wanted to pay close attention to what she was saying. But she made another insulting crack about my bulging eyes. Now you can see how I was beginning to feel about this girl who put on such a nice front, but was apparently a very nasty person. Still, I've made it a policy to turn the other cheek, so I told her that my big eyes helped me to see her better.

Her next insult really got to me. I've got this problem with having big teeth, and that little girl made an insulting crack about them. I know that I should have had better control, but I leaped up from that bed and growled that my teeth would help me to eat her better.

Now let's face it – no wolf would ever eat a little girl – everyone knows that – but that crazy girl started running around the house screaming – me chasing her to calm her down. I'd taken off the grandmother clothes, but that only seemed to make it worse. All of a sudden the door came crashing open, and a big lumberjack is standing there with this axe. I looked at him, and all of a sudden it became clear that I was in trouble. There was an open window behind me and out I went.

I'd like to say that was the end of it. But that Grandmother character never did tell my side of the story. Before long the word got around that I was a mean, nasty guy. Everybody started avoiding me. I don't know about that little girl with the funny red outfit, but I didn't live happily ever after.

1. Can you describe a time in your life when you looked at some situation one way, but changed your mind after you listened to another person tell about the same situation?

2. See if you can write a story by picking a "villain" from another fable or fairy tale and write the story from the villain's point of view, such as the giant in "Jack and the Beanstalk" or the spider who frightened "Little Miss Muffet."



Write your story here

I pledge to support mediation
because it encourages people to
solve conflict peacefully.

This can make people happier,
our neighborhoods safer and
create a more peaceful world
for all of us to live in.

Signed _____

Dated _____