



Are you “Listening” Dash?

Hello there,! I am Dash, your robot buddy! Can you please teach me how to become a good listener and be a good friend? My teacher and mum tell me I need to get better at understanding listening.

How do we do that? We will read on the story of Sofia.

Sofia is the big sister of Zinnia. Since Sofia is older than Zinnia, she always tries to tell Zinnia what to do.

"You should wear shoes instead of sandals." she insisted while they prepared to go the shopping centre.

"Girls, hurry. So, we won't be caught in the traffic." their mum told them.

When they arrived at the mall, they shopped for dresses for Zinnia's Birthday Party.

Zinnia is looking at a pink dress. Sofia saw the pink dress and thought the blue one she's holding is better. "Zinnia, I think you would look better in this blue dress I'm holding." she told Zinnia.

"But I like this one." Zinnia protested.

"But blue is better than pink." Sofia argued.

Their parents immediately interrupted them. "What seems to be the problem?" their mum asked.

want may not be what she wants." their mum told Sofia.

"Sofia always try to make a decision for me. She never listens." Zinnia told their mother

Their dad tapped Zinnia's back and told her to come with him outside the shop. While their mum asked Sofia to come with her in the dressing room.

"Sofia, I understand that you want to look after your sister. But you don't always have to decide for her. You also must listen what she wants. What you

"But I just want to help her." Sofia replied.

"I know that. You care for your sister. But you also must learn to listen to others. They have thoughts and feelings different from your own" their mum told her.

"I know that now. Thank you, Mum. I think I owe Zinnia an apology." Sofia said sincerely.

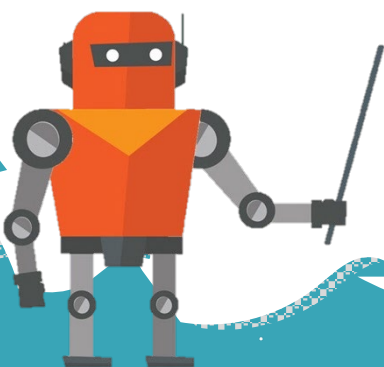
Their mum hugged her, "That's my girl." she whispered.

They both went outside the shop. Sofia immediately hugged Zinnia, "I'm sorry Zinnia. I should have tried to listen to you too." Sofia said. "Thank you, I know that you just want to help me Dad said." Zinnia replied as she hugged her sister back.

"At least you both learned a lesson today. I'm proud of you, girls!" their dad said. "Maybe we can grab something to eat before we continue shopping." their mum suggested.

They ate happily while talking about the games and activities to do for Zinnia's Birthday Party.

Listening is not always the easiest thing to do especially when you think you are right, but it helps us consider what other people think and feel.



Inquiry provocations for scaffolding children's social emotional learning:

- Have you ever tried listening to others? How does it feel?
- I hope you learned something from the story of Sofia. Now can you teach me how I can become like Sofia and learn to listen to my mum and teacher!
- What are the things I need to do and feel? How should my voice sound like?
- What should I do when my heart and brain feel nervous and I don't want to listen!
- Can you draw/write some coding steps and then take me for a ride and teach me how to listen!
- You know you can code me on your created story map! And imagine how would that make you feel when you get to play with me while teaching me how to listen!

Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity

- o 1.4 Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy, and respect.

Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

- o 2.3 Children become aware of fairness.

