

Two Birthday Presents

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Fip and Fop are twins. Today is their birthday. Their family has a party. Grandma and Grandpa are there. Grandma has two boxes. "You can each open one," she says. Fip and Fop hug and kiss Grandma and Grandpa. "Thank you!" they say.



"This one is mine!" says Fop. He opens the box. It's a set of building blocks. "Then this one is mine!" says Fip. He opens the other box. It's a helicopter! Fop stares at the helicopter. It's big and shiny. It has lots of interesting buttons. Fop forgets all about the building blocks.

"Wow!" says Fip. "I love my present!" "The presents are for both of you," says Grandpa. "Please share." "OK," says Fip, "but it's my turn now." Fip pushes buttons. The helicopter goes up and down. It goes left and right. Fop wants to play with the helicopter. But Fip doesn't share.



"Fop," says Grandpa, "you can play with the building blocks." "OK," says Fop. But he isn't happy. "Let's build a city," says Grandpa. "I can help, too," says Grandma. "Let's build a very big city!" Now Fop smiles.

Their city is growing. Fip puts the helicopter down. Fop picks up more shapes. "Look!" he says. "Now I'm building a tower!" Fip sits down by Grandpa, Grandma and Fop. "I can build the tower!" says Fip. "No," says Fop, "the blocks are mine." Fip feels sad. The helicopter is a fun toy. But now he thinks the building blocks are more fun. "Grandpa says we have to share," he says.



"Remember, you're twins," says Grandma. "You share a birthday. Sometimes you share toys, too. Sharing is important." "Can we please share the building blocks?" asks Fip. "OK," says Fop. "Blocks are easy to share," says Grandma. "You can both play with them! A helicopter is harder to share. But you can take turns."

Fip thinks for a minute. Then he picks up the helicopter. He gives it to Fop. "Do you want to fly the helicopter over our city?" asks Fip. "Sure!" says Fop. "You're right, Grandma," says Fip. "Sharing is important." "And it's more fun that way, too," says Fop.



Choose the correct word or phrases

Fip and Fop are friends / twins.

Grandpa asks them to share their toys / sing a song.

Mark Fip and Fop presents



Label the pictures

birthday city party



Read and choose. Why isn't Fop happy in the story?

- a. He is very tired.
- b. The party isn't fun.
- c. His brother doesn't share.

Read and choose. What do Fip and Fop learn?

Sharing is Important.

Play by yourself.

Say "thank you."

Look and choose. Which picture shows the lesson they learned?

