The Sibling Agreement Sheet

Protect each child and settle one practical dispute.

Safety comes before negotiation. Hear each account, identify the actual issue, and make the next action clear.

Example: two children want the same household board game. The first finishes the current turn; the second goes next. Personal notebooks remain with their owners. If grabbing begins, the game pauses and an adult helps carry out the turn rule.

01 Protect and pause

Identify the boundary before trying to settle the disagreement.

Behavior that must stop

Adult action needed for safety

Disputed object or activity

Where each child can pause safely

02 Hear each account

Keep observations separate from disputed reports.

First child's account

Second child's account

What the adult actually observed

What remains uncertain

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03 Write the agreement

Choose the rule that fits ownership, turns, or repair.

Issue: ownership / turns / repair

Specific agreement

Words the children can use

When an adult will step in

04 Review the boundary

Check protection and follow-through rather than demanding instant closeness.

Did the agreed boundary hold?

Concern that remains unheard

Repair or adult correction needed

Next activity / review time