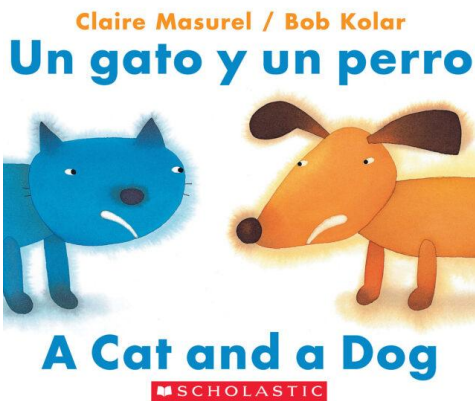


Read Aloud Guide for Families



A Cat and a Dog / Un gato y un perro

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Themes: Family, Bilingual

Book Brief: A cat and a dog who don't get along learn that helping each other can turn enemies into friends.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Do you ever argue or disagree with a friend or sibling? How do you make up and become friends again?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- How do the cat and dog treat each other?
- What happens to dog's ball? What happens to cat's mouse?
- Why can't dog get his ball? Why can't cat get her mouse?
- How do the cat and dog help each other? What happens after they help?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What happens in the story? How do the cat and dog become friends? Why is it important to help others?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Practice helping each other! Do something kind for someone at home (like sharing a toy, helping pick up, or giving a hug). Talk about how helping others makes everyone feel good, just like cat and dog became friends by helping each other.
- Practice saying new words in both English and Spanish from the book together.