

Better Learn to Wait Your Turn



Me first! When should you learn to wait your turn?



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Today, it was Eddie and Sofie's turn to host the show. 'Thank you, one and all!' said Eddie. 'It's time for...'

'Mia's fairytale theatre!' Mia interrupted.

'Mia! You'll have to wait your turn!' said Sofie.

'Aw, rats. But I don't want to wait!' huffed Mia.



'Yo-ho-ho! Arr!' said Eddie.
'Ahoy, Tessa,' said Sofie.
'Ahoy, Sofie! Ahoy, Mia!' said Tessa. But
Mia ignored Tessa. She was still angry that
she had to wait her turn.





Off the ship went. An octopus swimming along saw it. 'Ooh! Nice pirate ship!' he said.



'It's time for pirate lunch,' said Sofie. There were sandwiches for everyone. 'Me first!' said Mia, as she pushed past her friends. Suddenly, a slippery tentacle snatched the sandwich out of her hand. It was the octopus. And he did not like to wait his turn. He used all his tentacles to push in and eat everyone's food!



After that, Tessa went up to the top deck, to sit in her favourite chair. But the octopus pushed past her and stole her seat! 'Coming through!' he said.

But he wasn't done, yet. Next, he saw
Captain Eddie steering the ship.
'I always wanted to steer a pirate ship,' the
octopus said. So he grabbed the steering
wheel, pushing Eddie out of the way.
'Hey!' Eddie was annoyed.



Back downstairs, the friends gathered round. 'That pushy octopus is trying to take over our ship!' said Eddie.

'He always wants to go first!' said Tessa.

'I've got an idea,' said Mia.



'I'm going to tell a story called *The Princess and the Octopus*. I'll be the princess,' said Mia. 'But who will be the octopus?'

'ME!' the octopus cried, barging to the front.

Mia started her story: 'Once there was a pushy princess, and an even pushier octopus. One day, the princess went to get some water.

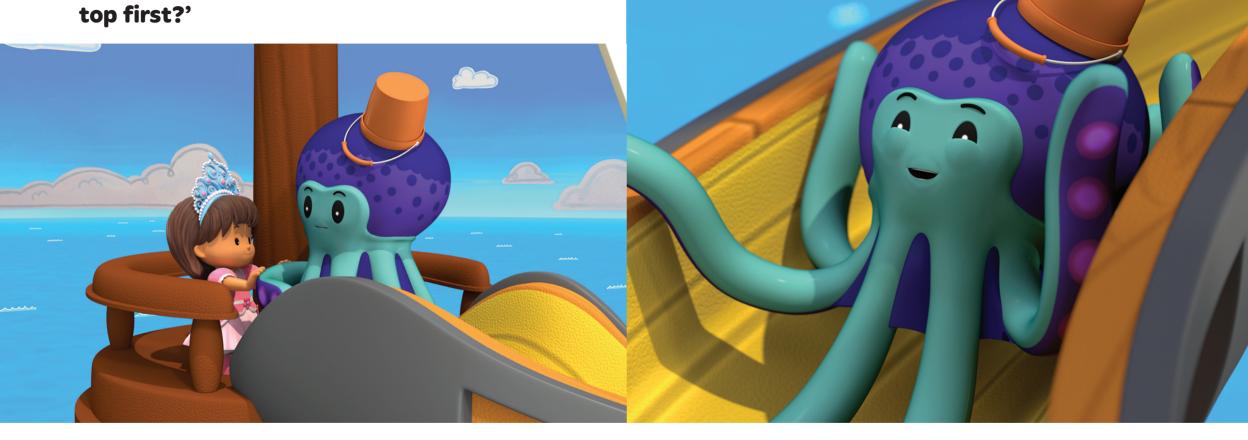
"Me first!" she said.'

Mia went to get the water jug, but the octopus jumped in front.

'Me first!' he said.



'Next, they climbed the rigging, up to the crows nest. But who would make it to the top first?'



The octopus used his eight tentacles to race up the rigging and beat Mia. 'Ha-ha! Me!' he yelled.

Before Mia had even made it to the top, the octopus jumped on the slide. 'Me first! Hee-hee!'





'I'm sorry for being so pushy before,' said Mia. 'But did you like my fairytale?' 'Like it? We loved it! You got that pushy octopus to jump overboard!'

Back in the garden, everyone took turns climbing the ladder to go down the slide. 'Last one down the slide is a rotten egg!' said Eddie.

Mia stepped aside to let Sofie and Tessa have their turn.





Eddie saw Mia waiting beside the ladder. 'Hey, Mia? You waited your turn. You go first.' 'Thanks, Eddie,' said Mia. When you wait your turn, everyone has fun!

COANNERS AND SHARING Discussion

- At the beginning of the story, Mia doesn't like to wait her turn. Why should she give others a turn?
- When is it important to wait your turn?
- The octopus is very pushy. How do you feel when someone pushes in front of you?
- How can you politely ask to have a turn?