



Neighbors

CONFLICT

Name _____

Per. _____ Date: _____

Jonathon and Bob were neighbors. At first, these neighbors were very friendly with each other and got along well. Jonathon would often attend barbeques at Bob's house. However, things began to change as soon as Bob had a beautiful pool built in his backyard.

One day Bob went to Jonathon's house and began to yell at him. He was angry that Jonathon's large tree shed leaves into Bob's new pool. "You need to cut down your tree Jonathon as it is ruining my pool!" Jonathon tried to listen and suggested to Bob that he could buy a cover for his pool. Jonathon also said he would be happy to trim the branches of his tree as long as Bob would help pay for the pruning. But, Bob would have none of it and told Jonathon he must remove the tree or else.

A few weeks later, Bob decided he would take care of the problem and snuck over to Jonathon's house when he was at work. Bob proceeded to cut the tree down and it began to fall. But to Bob's horror, it was falling in the wrong direction. And suddenly the tree made a loud crashing noise as it landed on Bob's house.

Directions: Answer the questions below.

- 1) What was the conflict (disagreement) between the neighbors?
- 2) Who do you think was at fault for the conflict?
- 3) What do you think is the moral of this story?
- 4) Why do you think most conflicts occur?
- 5) What was conflict you have had with a friend and how did you resolve it?

