

# Pushy or Shovey?

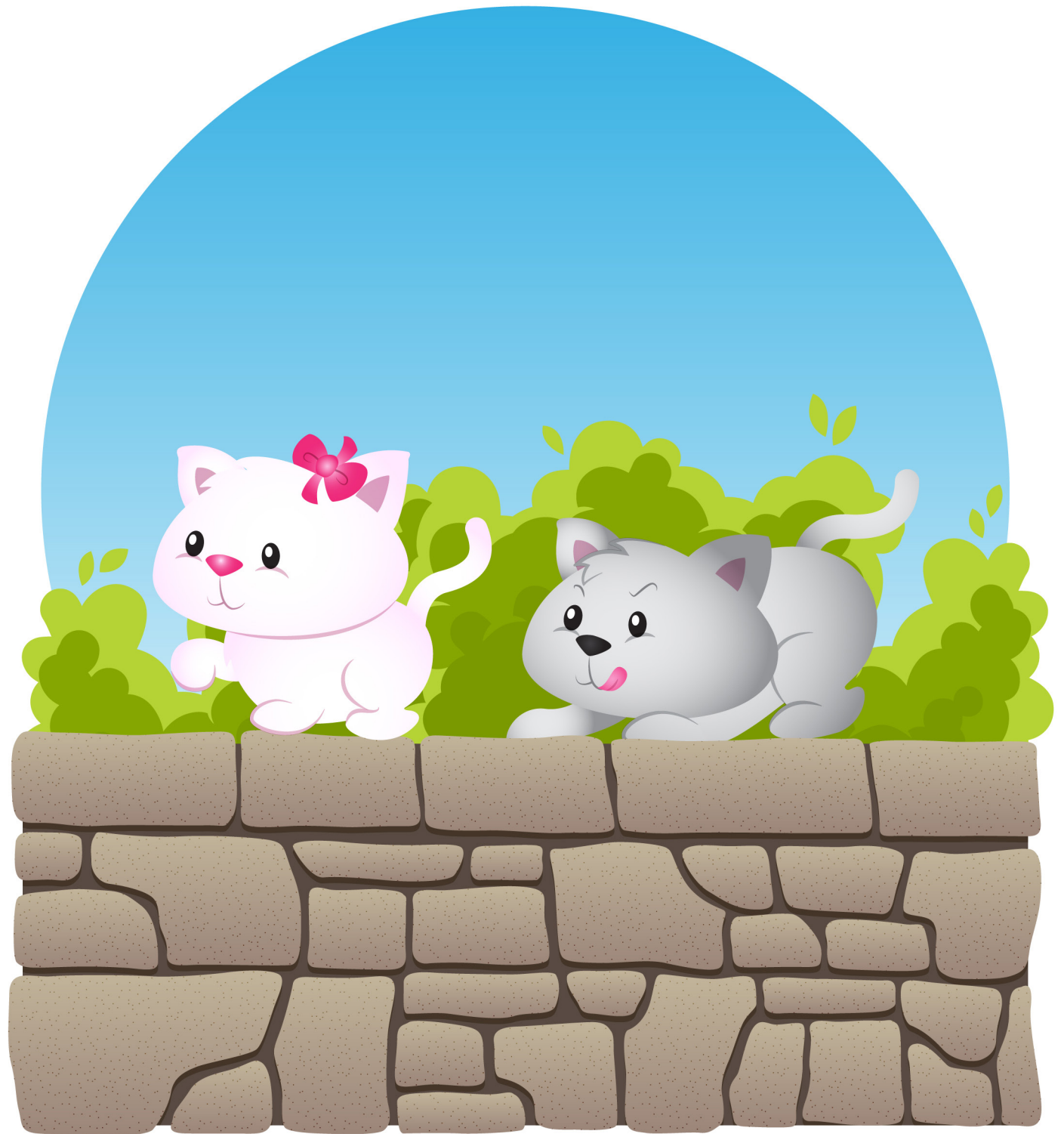
"Don't push!" cried Bebe at her brother Hugo.

"I'm not pushing," Hugo said. "You're just sooooo slow."

Hugo and Bebe were two kittens that loved to walk on top of the wall that surrounded their master's property.

"I'm not slow! I'm just being careful," said Bebe as she gingerly placed one foot in front of the other.

Hugo sighed dramatically. If he was in front of her, then he wouldn't need to wait. Perhaps he could just jump over her. Yes! He would try that.



He jumped! But he landed on top of Bebe and they both tumbled off the wall and into the dirt! It had rained the day before, and the dirt was soft and muddy.

"You pushed!" wailed Bebe. Her white fur was now covered with mud.

"I didn't mean to..." said Hugo. He felt sorry he had made his sister tumble to the ground. "Are you hurt?" he asked, concerned.

Bebe stopped crying to consider this. *Was she hurt?* She checked her front paws and her hind legs. "No, I'm not. I guess I was just surprised." She giggled. "But now I'm all muddy."



"Here, I can help you get cleaned up, and I'm sorry for pushing you. I didn't mean to." Hugo did not like to fight with Bebe. They always had more fun when they got along.

"That's okay, Hugo," said Bebe. "Next time, you can lead."

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Would you like it if someone pushed or shoved you? Probably not. When you push or shove, it's usually because you feel impatient with others. This happens when you think too much about yourself and what you want to do, and not about others. If you think a little more about what others are thinking and feeling, it will help you behave in a kind way toward them and you will have a happier time.

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