

The Mongolian Adventures Podcast
Season 2 Episode 4: Khustai National Park
Lesson Plan: Empathy + Conflict Resolution

*This lesson plan can include time for students to listen to the podcast in class or students can be asked to listen to the episode before class as homework. If students listen beforehand, more time can be given for class work.

Skills: Conflict resolution, communication, problem solving

Students will be able to:

- Define vocabulary words relevant to conflict and conflict resolution
- Name the steps of conflict resolution and give examples of how to utilize them
- Apply the conflict resolution skills to example conflicts

Lesson Format:

Timing :	Content:
5 minutes	Vocabulary review: Introduce, define and discuss the following vocabulary words: protected, reintroduced, endangered, conflict and empathy.
15 minutes	Listen to Season 2 Episode 4: Minjin Visits Khustai National Park
5 minutes	Introduction to the basics of conflict resolution. Explain to the students that like the Takhi horses, we live in communities and sometimes have conflict. Part of being human is learning how to resolve that conflict between us and others. Introduce the keys to conflict resolution to the students and explain each step to them. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Stop + Calm down2. Say: What is the conflict about?3. Think about a fair solution4. Choose a solution that both people agree on

10 minutes	<p>5. Respect the feelings of the other person + check-in to make sure the solution is working</p> <p>Conflict resolution stations: Students will now visit the stations around the room and brainstorm how they would use the conflict resolution steps to solve the problems listed at each station. Have them take notes about what they think a good resolution would look like and what might make that challenging.</p>
5 minutes	<p>Debrief: Discuss the students' ideas and reactions to the stations. Which conflicts were ones they had experienced before? How do they think conflict resolution skills would help in the different scenarios?</p>

Bonus Links + Extension Ideas:

[Conflict resolution stations](#)

-Role-play + writing exercise: Have students work in partners or small groups and write a script of their own conflict. They then must role play how they would use the conflict resolution skills and to solve their conflicts. The groups can take turns performing these for the class or create a video of their role plays and solutions to share with other students in the school.

-Links on teaching kids about empathy:

- [Strategies by age](#)
- [Building empathy to strengthen school communities](#)
- [Books to read](#)

-Research extension: In this episode, Minjin visits a special group of horses in Khustai National Park. Research the Takhi horses and the story of how they went from being endangered to being reintroduced to the Mongolian countryside. See if there are any examples of endangered species near your school and have the students research ways the class could help support conservation efforts of these animals in your community.