Goats on a Plank

Level 5

Name: _____

Two goats lived by a stream, one brown, one gray.

Both goats wanted the grass on the far side.

A thin plank lay across the stream.

Brown Goat stepped on one end.
Gray Goat stepped on the other.

They met in the middle. Nose to nose!

"Go back!" said Brown Goat. "No, you go back!" said Gray Goat.

Neither one would move. They stamped and pushed.

The plank shook. Splash! In they fell.

The water was cold. They swam to the bank.

Brown Goat was wet. Gray Goat was wet. Both were cross.

The plank was still there. Gray Goat said, "You go first."

Brown Goat went. Then Gray Goat went. Nobody fell in.

They ate the grass, and it was good.