

Actions

Shel Silverstein

If we meet and I say, 'Hi,'
That's a salutation.
If you ask me how I feel,
That's a consideration.
If we stop and talk a while,
That's a conversation.
If we understand each other,
That's a communication.
If we argue, scream and fight,
That's an altercation.
If later we apologize,
That's reconciliation.
If we help each other home,
That's a cooperation.
And all these actions added up
Make Civilization.
(And if I say this is a wonderful poem,
Is that exaggeration?)

Ments

Niko Bardacke

If we talk and laugh,
That's enjoyment.
If I make time for you,
That's an investment.
If we're honest and true,
That's a requirement.
If we bicker, yell, and fight,
That's an argument.
If I say 'I love you',
That's a statement.
If you say it back,
That's commitment.
(But if it's all in my head,
Is that embarrassment?)