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Twitter, I need your help. I stacked a ceramic bowl into another one while doing dishes and now they are stuck. How do you remove the smaller bowl without breaking both of them?

Why am I so invested? I've tried to fix this for 2 days, and I cannot give up now. <https://t.co/ONfuw7L9dH>



Things I've tried so far and no dice:

- warm soapy water
- hot water on outer bowl, cold water + ice on inner bowl
- oil on edges
- microwave
- aggressive shaking
- WD-40

Will try next:

- hair dryer

-freezer then running hot water

Thank you for being as invested in this as I am.

Update: Bowls are currently in the freezer and thanks to the replies, I will not be running hot water on them!

Still no dice:

- Freezer, then cold water
- Freezer, then rubber mallet
- Passive-aggressive comments to either/both bowls
- Tap lightly onto the table

Still very stuck:

- Cards, toothpicks, and straws not getting through to break the seal
- Water submergence

Up next:

- Long game of gravity
- Dishwasher

Update: Still stuck

- upside down, twisting inner bowl, tapping outer bowl
- upside down, submerged under water, tapping outer bowl with mallet
- hot out of the dishwasher
- googled autoclave

Let us all rest tonight knowing these bowls will still be together tomorrow.

In the last 10 hours:

- upside down, soap around the edges, overnight submergence
- made self-deprecating joke about the sunk cost fallacy (not one chuckle)
- thread, paper, knife around the edges

Still stuck.

Update:

- electric toothbrush
- mini plunger (no go, circumference is bigger than smaller bowl)
- compassionately, but firmly threw bowls onto pillow
- no easy way to say this: smaller bowl has a chip now

Still stuck. <https://t.co/5diGPZvhTy>



OMG WE DID IT!

Last 20 hours:

- upside down, on a towel, undisturbed
- gave to toddler (clear mandate that bowls must stay together)
- suction cup
- small bowl asks to not give up on it now
- banged on carpet

UNSTUCK!!!! <https://t.co/zllvidh07H>



Hi everyone,

Whether you reached out via Twitter, email, DMs, phone calls, or cheered us on from far away—thank you for sticking with us, even just for a moment! We're sending you a note of gratitude from NYC to where you are in the world.

Huzzah,

Bowls + mom of chaotic toddler