

## Using Language to Get What you Want

We communicate with others for a reason. Sometimes we just want to talk to a friend and other times we need something. Think about all the times you talk to other people. Why are you doing it? In each situation below, you need to get something. Think about what you would say to get what you want.

You're trying to listen to your teacher but the student sitting next to you is humming loudly. You can't hear at all. What would you say?

You need to ask your teacher for help but they are working at their desk. You're not sure if they are too busy. What would you say?

You want to borrow your sister's sweater. She is very protective over her clothing. What would you say?

You want to go to the movies on Saturday. You know your parents will tell you to clean your room first. What would you say?

Your friend just invited you to her birthday party. You asked your parents and you have a family party that day. What will you say to your friend?

You want to ask your friend to hang out on Friday after school. What would you say?

You're having a really hard time understanding your math homework. You want to ask your friend to help you. What would you say?

You're hanging out with a group of friends. Two people want to go to the park but you want to watch TV. What would you say?

You need to take Friday off from work for something that is really important. Who do you ask and what would you say?

A friend keeps teasing you about your hair color. They made up a nickname for you and keep calling you it. What would you say to them?

You want to order pizza for dinner. Your brother wants to order Chinese food. What would you say?

Your parents tell you they will pay you \$10 to wash their cars. You want to buy a new video game and already saved \$40. You need \$20 more to buy the game. What would you say?

## Topics of Conversation

We talk about different things with different people. The way we talk to our friends is very different than how we talk to our teachers. The “topic” is what you are talking about. Fill in the chart below with topics that you can and cannot talk about with the different people in your life.

<b>Person:</b>	<b>Appropriate topics of Conversation</b>	<b>Inappropriate topics of Conversation</b>
<b>Family</b>	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....
<b>Friend</b>	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....
<b>Teacher</b>	Your Homework ..... ..... .....	Your personal life ..... ..... .....
<b>Acquaintance</b>	Something they are interested in ..... .....	Politics ..... ..... .....
<b>Stranger</b>	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....

## Tone of voice

Tone of Voice is all about how your voice sounds. You can say the same sentence with the same words but have a totally different meaning each time. The way your voice sounds makes all the difference. If you sound angry or upset, then your words will have a negative tone. This will make people think you are upset. Read through the following situations and decide how your voice should sound. Think about how the person feels and what message they are trying to send. Figure out the differences between situation 1 and situation 2.

- 1 Situation 1: You are going to the mall after school. You love shopping and are excited to go.

Your line: I can't wait to go to the mall today.

Situation 2: You are going to the mall after school. You hate shopping and are mad that you have to go.

Your line: I can't wait to go to the mall today.

- 2 Situation 1: The weather is cold and rainy.

Your line: What beautiful weather we're having.

Situation 2: The weather is warm and sunny.

Your line: What beautiful weather we're having.

- 3 Situation 1: You see a friend that you haven't seen in years.

Your line: Hi how are you?

Situation 2: You see a friend in the hallway.

Your line: Hi how are you?

- 4 Situation 1: You failed two tests and lost your wallet at school.

Your line: I had some day today.

Situation 2: You won the art contest and won \$20 in a scratch ticket.

Your line: I had some day today.

- 5 Situation 1: You want to borrow your brother's iPod.  
Your line: Hey Paul.  
Situation 2: You are really angry that your brother ruined your homework.  
Your line: Hey Paul.
- 6 Situation 1: You think your friend stole your homework notebook.  
Your line: I can't find my notebook. Do you know anything about this?  
Situation 2: You can't find your notebook so you ask the person sitting next to you.  
Your line: I can't find my notebook. Do you know anything about this?
- 7 Situation 1: Your class is going to watch the movie March of the Penguins. You love penguins and are excited.  
Your line: Did you know we're watching Match of the Penguins tomorrow?  
Situation 2: Your class is going to watch the movie March of the Penguins but you do not want to.  
Your line: Did you know we're watching Match of the Penguins tomorrow?
- 8 Situation 1: Your friend tried to steal your hat from you as a joke without you noticing.  
Your line: I saw that.  
Situation 2: Your friends are talking about a movie you just watched.  
Your line: I saw that.
- 9 Situation 1: Your friend has one day left to sign up for the field trip and they keep forgetting when to sign up.  
Your line: You need to sign up online by tomorrow.  
Situation 2: Your friend has one day left to sign up for the field trip and they keep forgetting how to sign up.  
Your line: You need to sign up online by tomorrow.

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Situation 1: You have been accused of lying when you know you did nothing wrong.

Your line: Excuse me.

Situation 2: You are trying to get someone's attention but they don't see you.

Your line: Excuse me.