I Statements

Making I Statements is a conflict resolution strategy that allows you to express and take responsibility for your feelings without blaming the other person. I Statements set the stage for a constructive interaction. When you express yourself with I Statements, you should speak in a firm and gentle voice.



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EXERCISE: Write an I statement to respond to each scenario. Use the format provided above.

- 1. Someone is trying to discourage you from doing something that is important to you.
- 2. Someone you respect and admire has disappointed you.
- 3. Someone you have known and liked for a long time has suddenly started to act differently towards you.
- 4. Your boss keeps undermining your authority at work.

