

Communication Tips

1. I have a concern I'd like to share with you...
2. After seeing that (T.V. show, magazine article, and movie), I've been thinking about...
3. What do you think about...?
4. How do you feel about...?
5. I'm not sure I understand you. Will you try to say it another way?
6. Let me check this out with you... Are you saying that...?
7. What we're talking about makes me feel pretty uncomfortable (embarrassed, angry, concerned), but I'd like to continue anyway.
8. I'd be really interested in hearing what you think about... (or feel about...)
9. Tell me some more about how you feel about...
10. Can you say anything more about...?
11. You know, I haven't given that much thought lately. Give me a few minutes to think about it.
12. There's something important to me that I'd like to share with you.
13. Go on...
14. I don't know the answer to that one. But let's (go to the library, think about it, look it up, talk with someone who might know, find out about it) and talk again tomorrow on our way to the game (set a specific time to get back to it).
15. It would be really helpful to me if you'd share with me how you feel about...
16. I've been thinking about our conversation last night (last week, last month) about...and there's some more I'd like to say.
17. I have a different feeling about that.
18. Thank you...for sharing with me, for talking with me, for listening...for being patient, for giving me time.