

Communication Scenarios

Conversation between members of opposite sex who are attracted to each other – both parties are nervous, somewhat tongue-tied, being silly, fidgeting with hair, using their cell phones and stuttering

College interview (the student has poor communication skills) - wears inappropriate clothing, chews gum and talks about how popular he/she was in high school

Group presentation (at least one student in group of presenters demonstrates communication faux pas) - poor posture, fidgets with pen, hair or necklace, uses vague sentences, looks at feet and turns back on audience when writing on board

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Class memo for club event - memo is messy, vague and rambling, fails to give definitive information for club event and so forth

Conversation between best friends (best friend is talking about his/her recent breakup and listener is not very sympathetic) - listener acts distracted, changes subject, pulls out cell phone and begins texting, rolls eyes when friend isn't looking and answers, "Uh-huh"

Conversation with teacher (student is shy and unable to have a meaningful dialogue concerning science project) - student fails to make good eye contact, student's voice is low and barely audible, student taps foot on floor and has body partially turned away from teacher, student's shoulders are slumped and student uses vague, indecisive language

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Conversation between a husband and wife – both parties are angry due to the fact that the wife wants the husband to help more around the house

Conversation between mother and teenage daughter - daughter wants to stay out one hour longer than her curfew, but mother is refusing to listen to the daughter's reasons because the daughter has proven to be irresponsible in the past

Conversation between two friends at school discussing whether or not they should join a CTSO. One friend says no because he or she really does not have the time, but the other friend says yes. He or she want to participate in community service projects.

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