

Relationships

A Healthy relationships

1 Complete the sentences and the puzzle with the correct words. Use words about relationship behaviors.

Across

- 3. Mr. Jenkins said I didn't do a good job. He always finds things in my work to _____.
- 6. Don and Greg _____ all the time. They never listen to each other.
- 7. Gina is really sorry. She's going to _____ to Kate.
- 8. Kate knows Gina is sorry. She's going to _____ her.

Down

- 1. My mother likes to _____ my friends. She always tells me if they are good or bad friends.
- 2. Please don't _____. I know you're not being honest.
- 3. Josh and Dan usually _____ by email, but they sometimes talk on the phone.
- 4. I want to go to a restaurant, and you want to go to the park. Let's _____ and eat food in the park!
- 5. Shannon talks about everyone! I hate when people _____.

The crossword puzzle grid is 10 columns wide and 10 rows high. The word "CRITICIZE" is pre-filled across row 3, starting at column 6. The grid contains the following pre-filled words and clue numbers:

- Across 3: CRITICIZE (row 3, columns 6-13)
- Across 6: _____ (row 6, columns 1-10)
- Across 7: _____ (row 7, columns 1-10)
- Across 8: _____ (row 8, columns 1-10)
- Down 1: _____ (column 1, rows 1-10)
- Down 2: _____ (column 2, rows 1-10)
- Down 3: _____ (column 3, rows 1-10)
- Down 4: _____ (column 4, rows 1-10)
- Down 5: _____ (column 5, rows 1-10)
- Down 6: _____ (column 6, rows 1-10)
- Down 7: _____ (column 7, rows 1-10)
- Down 8: _____ (column 8, rows 1-10)

2 Complete the advice column. Use the infinitive forms of the correct verbs from the box.

apologize argue be communicate compromise ✓lie

Ask Lee

Dear Lee,

Sometimes it's difficult to tell my parents the truth. I'm a pretty good son, but I make mistakes. I don't want my parents to get upset. I know that it's not good

to lie ¹, but sometimes it's hard to be honest. What's your advice?

– Stressed-Out Son

Dear Stressed-Out Son,

It's not always easy

_____ ² honest, but you should try. It's very important

_____ ³ with your parents. If you say you made a mistake, it might help them understand. They used to be young, and they made mistakes, too.

Dear Lee,

My friends and I are planning a vacation, and we're arguing. Two people want to go to the beach, and one person wants to go hiking. What should we do?

– Ralph

Dear Ralph,

It's never a good idea

_____ ⁴ with your friends. It's important

_____ ⁵. Why don't you go to a park with mountains near the ocean, like the Manuel Antonio National Park in Costa Rica? You can hike in the mountains and go to the beach!

Dear Lee,

I gossiped about my friend to some other people. I feel terrible, and now she won't talk to me. Please help!

– Pamela G.

Dear Pamela,

When someone is upset with you, it's useful _____ ⁶. If she doesn't want to talk to you, tell her you're sorry in an email. If she knows how you feel, she may forgive you.

3 Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. It's / to help / your neighbors / a good idea / .

It's a good idea to help your neighbors.

2. to apologize / It's / nice / when you're wrong / .

3. with your teacher / not good / It's / to argue / .

4. It's / to compromise / important / with your friends / .

5. helpful / It's / in class / to listen carefully / .

6. never a good idea / about your friends / It's / to gossip / .

4 Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Use expressions from the box.

It's (not) a good idea	It's (not) helpful	It's (not) useful
It's (not) good	It's (not) important	

Example: At school: It's important to be on time.

At school:

1. _____ (be) on time.

2. _____ (use) a dictionary in class.

With your friends:

3. _____ (communicate) dishonestly
or impatiently.

4. _____ (plan) activities that
everyone enjoys.

At a library:

5. _____ (talk) quietly.

6. _____ (write) in the books.

B

I'm really sorry.

1 Circle the correct phrase to complete each conversation.

A.



Kelly: Hi, Doug. That's OK / I'm really sorry / I missed your birthday.

Doug: There's no need to apologize. / I'm sorry.

Kelly: Well, it's not nice to miss a friend's birthday.

Doug: Please, Kelly. I'm sorry. / Don't worry about it.

Kelly: OK. But let's celebrate on Friday.

Doug: Great!

B. Kelly: Hi, Doug. There's no need to apologize / I'm sorry, but I can't make it on Friday.

Doug: That's OK. / My apologies.

Kelly: No, it's not. I feel terrible.

My apologies. / Don't worry about it. Can you come over on Saturday? I'll make dinner!

Doug: OK. That sounds great.



2 Complete the conversations. Use some of the expressions from Exercise 1 and your own ideas.

A. You: I missed your party. _____ 1

Friend: Oh, _____ 2. What happened?

You: _____ 3

Friend: That's too bad.

B. Friend: I am very late. _____ 1

You: _____ 2. Is everything all right?

Friend: Not really. _____ 3

You: Oh. Too bad!

3 Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box.

can't may ✓ must

1. Cindy must get along well with her family. She's at her parents' house every weekend.
2. I'm not sure, but I think I _____ know where the restaurant is.
3. Mark _____ be breaking up with me! He loves me!

could might not must not

4. Bev _____ come to work today. She felt sick yesterday.
5. Josh _____ be coming to the party. It started an hour ago, and he's not here.
6. You _____ run into Dan at the mall. I think he's shopping today.

4 Complete the conversation with *must*, *can't*, or *might*.

Sandra: Good morning, Paul. Do you know where Dan is? I didn't see his car outside.

Paul: I'm not sure. He might¹ be at a doctor's appointment.

Sandra: No, he _____² have a doctor's appointment today. I have all his appointments in my calendar.

Paul: You're right. He _____³ be taking the bus today. The buses are often late.

Sandra: Well, he _____⁴ have a good reason. He's never late.

Paul: Wait! My phone's ringing. It _____⁵ be Dan. Let me see. . . .

No, it _____⁶ be Dan. It's not his number.

Sandra: Well, you should answer it! Dan _____⁷ be calling from a different phone if there's a problem.

A minute later . . .

Paul: Yes. It was Dan. He _____⁸ be feeling pretty stressed. He ran out of gas and had to ask a stranger to drive him to a gas station. But he left his cell phone in his car, so he had to ask the stranger to use her phone.



5 Answer the questions with your own ideas. Use words from the box to speculate and to say how sure you are.

can't could may (not) might (not) must (not)

Example: I don't know. She might be looking for some money. or
I see her car. She must be looking for her keys.



1. What is the woman looking for?



2. What animal is it?



3. Why is the boy crying?



4. Why are they arguing?



5. Why is the woman late?



6. Where are they going?

D

Getting advice

1 Read the advice. Who is the speaker giving the advice to? Write the correct heading from the magazine article.

1. "I'm sorry, but you need to get more organized. Your work is often late." To a co-worker
2. "It must feel bad that James doesn't want to play with you. Could you ask Kahii?" _____
3. "I don't think he's good for you. Do you ever think about breaking up?" _____

How to Give Advice

Everyone has an opinion, but sometimes it's not easy to give advice. This is really true for important relationships. Here are some tips on how you can give advice in different relationships.

To a child If you aren't careful, children might get angry when you give them advice. They are often immature, and they don't understand that you want to help. It's useful to tell them you understand what they are going through before you give them advice. Be considerate, think about how they might feel, and remember that their opinions matter. It's not helpful to speak loudly or to criticize; this makes children feel worse, and they might not listen to you.

To a co-worker It can be difficult to give advice to people at work, so it's often good to apologize first. For example, say, "I'm sorry, but I think you could..." And remember that it's never a good idea to judge people. Give advice about what you think should change about the person's work, not about the person! Also remember that in work

situations, you often have to compromise. You may give advice, but the person might not take it!

To a friend Friends can be the hardest people to give advice to. It's important to be honest, but you should also be kind. When you give advice to a friend, don't argue. Try to communicate with your friend. Ask questions and really understand your friend's problem before you give advice.

These tips are useful in other types of relationships, too. The important thing to remember is to be patient with others, and give them a chance to respond to your advice. It's also helpful to give advice when the person is ready to listen. Don't give advice when the person is extremely upset or stressed. Try to find a time when he or she is more relaxed.

2 Read the article again. Check (✓) what the writer says about giving advice.

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| 1. Don't argue. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4. Be honest. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. You may need to compromise. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Don't give advice about work. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. You might need to get angry. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Ask questions. | <input type="checkbox"/> |