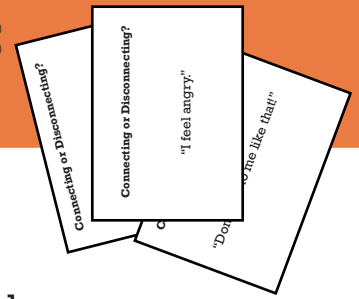


Mindful Communication Phrase Game: Connecting or Disconnecting?



Number of players: 2-3

Directions:

1. Choose one person (Player 1) who will read from the card deck and one person (Player 2) to guess if it is a connecting or disconnecting phrase.
2. Player 1 chooses one card and reads the Connecting or Disconnecting phrase.
3. If Player 2 guesses if the phrase is a disconnecting or connecting phrase correctly, they keep the card. If they guess incorrectly, the card goes to the bottom of the card deck.
4. Switch positions so that Player 1 now guesses and Player 2 draws and reads a card.
5. The game continues until all of the cards have been read.

Card Deck



Connecting or Disconnecting?

“Don’t talk to me like that!”

Connecting or Disconnecting?

“I feel angry.”

Connecting or Disconnecting?

“Could we talk when we are both calm?”

Connecting or Disconnecting?

“I will never talk to you again!”

Name _____

Date _____



Connecting or Disconnecting?

“I want to listen.”

Connecting or Disconnecting?

“You are mean and are making me feel angry.”

Connecting or Disconnecting?

“It’s all your fault!”

Connecting or Disconnecting?

“I feel disappointed. I don’t think either of us wanted things to be this way.”

Connecting or Disconnecting?

“What would have helped?
Let’s brainstorm solutions.”

Connecting or Disconnecting?

“You are showing me that I can’t believe or trust you.”

Disconnecting Phrases

"Don't talk to me like that!"
(demand)

"What do you think you are doing?"
(challenge)

"I told you what I wanted,
this is all your fault!"
(blame, guilt)

"I don't want to talk to you ever again!"
(consequence, fear)

Connecting Phrases

"Let's talk when we have both cooled off."
(observation)

"I realize that you wanted a turn and notice
that you are frustrated."
(acknowledge feelings and needs)

"Fairness and making sure everyone
has a turn is important."
(acknowledge needs)

"What are some things that can be done to
make sure you are feeling heard?"
(solutions and requests)

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Answers

Connecting	Disconnecting
<p>"I feel angry."</p> <p>"Could we talk when we are both calm?"</p> <p>"I want to listen."</p> <p>"I feel disappointed. I don't think either of us wanted things to be this way."</p> <p>"What would have helped? Let's brainstorm solutions."</p>	<p>"Don't talk to me like that!"</p> <p>"I will never talk to you again!"</p> <p>"You are mean and are making me feel angry."</p> <p>"It's all your fault!"</p> <p>"You are showing me that I can't believe or trust you."</p>