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Why? Allows us to share: Interests Dreams Worries Wants Support one another Be more organized It can always get better

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Simple Truths

- Pick the right time and place
- Try to arrange a "face-to-face" conversation
- Watch the use of "you" vs. "I"
- Be honest time to "come clean"
- Be in a place to listen



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Conflict Communication

- · Changes the entire game
- Emotions can make us change
- · Can change a relationship forever
- Remember to stop and breathe
- · What is their side?
- · Are we overreacting?
- · Do not walk away



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Tough Topics

- Finance
- Intimacy
- · Child rearing
- Family
- · Job Choices
- Travel plans
- · Household responsibilities

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Communicating in Times of Change

- Be more forgiving, change is hard
- Try to get all the facts
- Be able to answer as many questions as possible
- It is always okay to say "I really do not know"
- Be positive
- · Share your concerns

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Words to Avoid

- Always
- Never
- Should
- Must
- Only



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Communicating Through Technology

- Remember manners still count!
- Who else can hear this conversation?
- Am I avoiding a face to face conversation?
- Great to use to confirm details
- Cross generations millennials love all technology



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Let's Try it!

Re-work these sentences:

- "You never help me at home"
- "How come you are always late?"
- "Why didn't you do a better job?"
- "I can't believe you messed up again!"
- "Are you kidding me!"
- "We didn't expect you to do a good job"
- "We are always filling in for you"

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