A Four-Step Problem-Solving Model for Conflict Resolution



Four-step problem-solving model	Situation 1 example	Situation 2 example
 1. Identify the problem: What are you arguing about? Have the other person state his or her wants and feelings. Describe how you feel. 		
 Read the other person's body language. Summarize both people's wants and feelings and what they suggest. Is there a disagreement? 		
2. Develop a plan (solutions): List some of the ways you can		
 bevelop a plan (solutions): List some of the ways you can solve this problem. Each person should generate at least two solutions. Is someone willing to compromise? It is important to be open minded and respectful instead of being spiteful or sarcastic during the brainstorming of ideas step. Which way seems the most reasonable, responsible, and respectful for those involved? 		
 3. Evaluate the plan: Determine if the plan will work. What would happen if? Would it be safe and fair? How would everyone feel? Does it work for all involved? Is it a win-win situation? Is the plan realistic and will it help make the situation better? 		
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4. Implement the plan: Everyone agrees to try the plan.		