

ACTIVITY SHEET

PHRASES FOR OPENING A NEGOTIATION

It's important that the words you use to open a negotiation sound congruent – like YOU speaking, not a textbook. This activity will help you work out exactly what words will work for you. Rewrite each example opener phrase, using words that feel comfortable for you.

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Let's discuss this

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This is something we can negotiate

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I'm happy to talk this through and find a solution

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I'm open to exploring this

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I'd like to make a suggestion

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Let's look at our options

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I'm sure we can find a solution that will work for both of us

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You've suggested one way of dealing with this. I'd like to propose some other ideas

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Yes. That is one way to handle this. Other ways might be...