# Six Simple Steps to Building Better Communication Skills with Your Partner



Communication is the cornerstone of any healthy relationship. It allows partners to express their thoughts, feelings, and needs, and to work together to resolve conflicts. When communication is open and honest, it can help to build trust, intimacy, and a strong bond between partners.

Unfortunately, communication is not always easy. There are many factors that can interfere with communication, such as stress, fatigue, and unresolved conflicts. As a result, it is important to develop strong communication skills in order to navigate these challenges and maintain a healthy relationship.



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Here are six simple steps to help you build better communication skills with your partner:

## 1. Listen actively

One of the most important things you can do to improve your communication skills is to listen actively to your partner. This means paying attention to what they are saying, both verbally and nonverbally. Try to understand their point of view, even if you don't agree with it. When you are listening actively, you are showing your partner that you respect them and that you value their opinion.

## 2. Speak respectfully

It is important to speak respectfully to your partner, even when you are disagreeing. This means avoiding name-calling, insults, and other forms of verbal abuse. When you speak respectfully, you are creating a safe and supportive environment for communication.

#### 3. Use "I" statements

When you are expressing your feelings, it is important to use "I" statements. This helps to avoid blaming your partner and it allows you to take ownership of your own feelings. For example, instead of saying "You never listen to me," you could say "I feel hurt when I don't feel heard."

## 4. Be specific

When you are communicating with your partner, it is important to be specific about what you are talking about. This will help to avoid misunderstandings and it will allow your partner to better understand your point of view. For example, instead of saying "I'm upset," you could say "I'm upset because I feel like I'm not being heard."

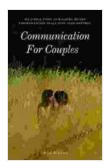
#### 5. Take breaks

If you are feeling overwhelmed or frustrated, it is important to take a break from communication. This will allow you to calm down and collect your thoughts. When you come back to the conversation, you will be able to communicate more effectively.

### 6. Seek professional help

If you are struggling to communicate with your partner, it may be helpful to seek professional help. A therapist can help you to identify the barriers to effective communication and develop strategies for overcoming them.

Communication is a skill that takes time and effort to develop. By following these six steps, you can build better communication skills with your partner and create a stronger, more fulfilling relationship.



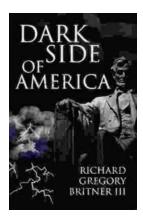
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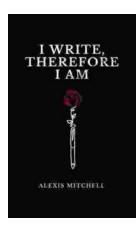
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