



Give each student a small card that they can use as a reminder when confronting difficult situations.

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Example: You always make fun of the way I play baseball.

I feel embarrassed **when you** make fun of me **because** it hurts my feelings and **I need** you to help me catch the ball better.

1. You never listen to me when I am talking!

2. You got a "C" on your test again because you didn't study! Your brain must be the size of a peanut!

3. You are always posting terrible pictures of me and never anything positive.

4. I waited all lunch hour for you to sit by me and you never did!

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I FEEL hurt WHEN YOU interrupt me BECAUSE what I have to say is important and I NEED you to stop and listen, please.

2. You got a "C" on your test again because you didn't study! Your brain must be the size of a peanut!

I FEEL upset WHEN YOU put me down BECAUSE I tried my best on the test and I NEED you to support me.

3. You are always posting terrible pictures of me and never anything positive.

I FEEL angry WHEN YOU post terrible pictures BECAUSE I am a talented person and I NEED you to affirm me.

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I FEEL sad WHEN YOU don't sit by me BECAUSE I sat all alone and I NEED you to sit next to me at lunch tomorrow.

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