

Dad

Communication

Communication styles can and do influence relationships. As you view "Dad", cite examples of each of the following communication styles. Briefly write the situation in the first column, who the conversation was between and finally, in the last column, the effect it had on the listener(s).

Communication Blockers (& Situation)	From Who to Whom	Outcome
Name Calling		
Judging Another's Actions		
Attacking Personality		
Sarcasm		
Pre-Occupation		
Predictions		
Demanding/Bulldozing		
Putting on Spot		
Being Defensive		
Jumping to Conclusions		
Disregarding Beliefs		

Communication Openers (& Situations)	From Who to Whom?	Outcome
Willingness to Learn		
Task Centered		
Compliment		
Express Gratitude		
Respite (silent time)		
Ask for Clarification		
Rephrasing		
Respecting Values		
Explore Alternatives		
Trying to Understand Other's Feelings		
Ask to be Listened to		

Relationships

The relationship between parents and children undergo many changes over a lifetime. As children grow into adults, both parents and children adapt to new roles, often leading to conflicts between the generations. The relationship sometimes comes full circle as parent/child roles change, overlap and, in some cases reverse themselves. Choose two relationships in "Dad" and briefly summarize on another piece of paper (in a few paragraphs) the changes that occurred over the years in that relationship. What factors precipitated the change? Describe the conditions of the relationship initially, and how it changed over time. How did each generation depend on the other?

Jake and John, Billy and John, Jake and Bette, John and Bette.