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(Witness the joy with which many children take to swearing once they discover the enormous negative reaction certain words elicit.) Behavioral scientists refer to this theory as the three R's: reinforced responses recur. Tell the other person what you saw her do and heard her say that leads you to your conclusion. If you and the other person are heading in the same direction and you aren't interested in discussing anything of substance, you may want to use the up time by responding at somewhat greater length to her ritual opening or by bringing up an insignificant cliché topic such as: "How do you like this weather?" "How are things at the store?" "How are the kids?" "Say, what's happening with your dancing lessons?" "What did you think of last night's game?" 2. And then they canned me." Another related problem of ownership which is particu- Letting Others Know Who You Are 69 larly common among females is expressing opinions or feelings as questions. "I just want the music turned lower." Active listening, then, is telling the sender what his message means to you. He had talked about the situation, but hadn't talked about himself in the situation. 117 118 Conversationally Speaking ERICA: I agree that it won't, but I'm going to stick to it. It says that you live on the edge of poverty! You never save anything for a rainy day. NEIGHBOR: No, but I work out with weights. If you stick it out, your tension will probably cause you to respond awkwardly. CHALLENGING YOUR CATASTROPHIZING BELIEFS When you find yourself catastrophizing, ask yourself, "How probable is it that these dread consequences I'm imagining will come about?" If you decide that it isn't likely, tell yourself that in no uncertain terms. Now just as it's not likely that you'll be killed by a meteor, it's not likely that Mexico food is so good. HARRY: You certainly are a slop eater. As Carl Sandburg wrote, "The past is a bucket of ashes." If you only look at the past weight of your past shortcomings, you can be free to change and grow and experience the world of exciting possibilities. Ask questions, show interest in the responses you receive, and then attempt to link those responses to your own knowledge and experiences. Anyhow, how will we ever get better if we don't practice?" A young woman who'd been rejecting man after man because none was "quite right" told herself, "Finding fault 178

Conversationally Speaking with every man has left me alone and miserable and I'm sure I'll never lead to anything. Tell me, what does the insignia stand for?" "You're the best archer here. The success of my efforts has far exceeded my expectations. On a more social note, one of my psychology professors once replied, when asked how to know if someone wants to be kissed, "Look to the eyes for the answer. If YOU GET A "YES" (which you probably will) Enjoy! CHAPTER EIGHT Handling Criticism Constructively This page intentionally left blank N-c o matter how good your relationships are, you will occasionally be criticized. So I'd like to drive. (Asks for Details.) ALICE: No, everything else is OK. Sudden, lavish expressions of appreciation will surely arouse suspicion. Men and women follow literally hundreds of "shoulds" and "shouldn'ts," "oughts" and "oughtn'ts," "do's" and "don'ts," "musts" and "mustn'ts," decided the fact that they only result in failure and frustration. Is the fact that I would like it really any more than I must be so?

Before long, she knew everyone at work, and some of them were asking her to lunch 3. If you are interested in understanding the components of effective social interaction in greater and perhaps more technical detail, you will find the following sources especially valuable. Next time I'll keep it inside a paper bag. During the course of a conversation, others will almost always be giving you plenty of free information, data beyond that which you requested or expected. At a San Francisco Conversationally Speaking workshop, after I related both this story and the fact that it's more effective to reward behavior you like than it is to punish behavior you don't like, two women immediately burst out with the following: MERLE: That really explains a lot. For example, when someone crosses a line for a right you cross your right leg over your left. Conversationally Speaking left, when someone goes far forward and to the right, you lean forward and to the left. Self-disclosure is typically symmetrical, meaning that people normally self-disclose about the same rate. I have been helping people learn these skills for twenty years, and I'm always delighted to see the big, positive changes that these skills make in their lives. Trying to answer questions like these will help you to firmly establish in your mind the fact that there is no proof that you, others, or the world in general should be different and that these self-defeating rules are unworthy of your blind obedience. Where did you get the idea for that scene?" "It took you five years to graduate? It's too bad she's going skiing this weekend or I bet she would have said yes. We lost \$50 or so between us and had a good time." I suggested to Max that although he had indeed recited the facts of his trip, he hadn't done a good job of self-disclosing. You've got seniority; if business turns bad, you'll be the last to go. LISA: Do you teach it often? Deerfield Beach, Fla.: Health Communications, 1990. Getting yourself moving. If the other person is being manipulative, if you really don't want to explain your reasons, or if by your reasons are based upon your physical or emotional state, you may wish to fol- Handing Criticism Constructively 105 low Charlotte's example and agree and self-disclose your feelings. I just don't think of you as the salesman type, placing a point first or last. BOBBIE: Just no thanks. It's unrealistic to expect strangers to care about you. My dad never spent much time with me and I'm making a special effort not to make that mistake." CARLA: A neighbor told me, "Your car looks nice," and I replied, "Thanks, Ann. Actions which you reward will tend to increase in frequency, while actions you ignore will tend to decrease. Being open is being soft. Like many men and women who greatly fear rejection, she had never really experienced it. Most people are delighted to have the opportunity to meet someone new, and you may consider anyone who's alone and not heavily engrossed in activity to be a good prospect. You'll find moving up your list somewhat like climbing a ladder: Just as it's a lot easier to reach the fifth rung after you've climbed steps one through four, so it

enter. And that's why I favor it. How to Sublimely Refuse to Make Yourself Miserable about Anything New York: Carroll Publishing Group, 1996. You will need to make a direct assertion to have a problem in your life. 191 2. Besides, by being dishonest, all you do is mislead people and increase the frequency of behavior that you don't like. I took out the wash, my mother would tell me it was about time I helped around the house. In our example, if you correctly interpreted the sender's message, you would conclude only that he wanted the music turned lower. Please let me know when you'll be late. CHAPTER FOUR Talking Advantage of Free Information This page intentionally left blank I'll go by Janey's, oh, two or three times a week, or she'll come by to see me. They don't believe they ought to cry, no matter how badly they hurt." You have a problem," she said. Within the course of a conversation (and indeed, within the course of a relationship), interaction normally becomes more significant and meaningful as it proceeds. I wonder if you'd mind if I joined you?" Now, this being New York, the woman would probably look away or go on reading. In fact, what you will find is evidence that everyone who has ever succeeded at practically anything has failed a good deal. Now let's go do it! Listening So Others Will Talk 41 5. Ben began inviting his mother to join his family in seeing plays and movies, in going to museums and art galleries and in taking trips to the country. ALAN: Is it my socks, my shoes, my shirt, or my pants? Embarrassed, I pretended to laugh off her question by saying I was a student of Kafka and Woody Allen; but that afternoon a quick look in the mirror confirmed what she had said. She looked away and replied, "Well, maybe we won't still know each other by then." I decoded her message to mean that she didn't want to go on seeing me. If you have the floor and don't want to give it I 148 Conversationally Speaking up while you gather your thoughts, avoid making eye contact. Everyone has experienced the sorrow of losing a friend, the excitement of winning, the exhaustion that comes from wrestling with a difficult problem, the soothing warmth of a summer's day, and the pain of being alone in a crowd. It was only because I was able to ask for details that I learned this valuable information. Imagine trying to hammer a nail—with a screwdriver. For example, if you were rejected and believed you were being rejected, "No," one that is likely to be rejected and expected. If the other person turns down your invitation, he may not be rejecting you. Even Grant wasn't totally shy. Here are some sample responses contributed by students: JAMES: When my wife told me what a good father I am for talking so much time to play with the girls, I hugged her and said, "I'm glad you see how hard I'm trying. And then another. For example, after being rejected by one person, they'll often conclude that all men or women are a good or that it will be impossible for them to establish a satisfying relationship with anyone ever again. ERICA: Maybe so. FATHER: What would you like me to do. (Asks for Details.) SON: (Silence.) FATHER: Do you feel that I don't care about you because I didn't let you bring your friend to the ballgame with us? Conveying Meaning by Motion 149 SMILING Smiling is probably the one most important way you can signal your interest and turn people on to you. Frustrated, he concretized his goal as follows: "Each week, I will spend at least two hours with Mom." The first week, he rewarded himself by having his car washed and waxed after his visit



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**W**aiting! I'm glad you asked me where I want to go tonight, Don. Although you're not really in danger, when you catastrophize, your body reacts as though you were, and the high level of anxiety that results is exceedingly uncomfortable. Berkeley, Calif.: Behavioral Options, 1988. The talk was well received, and so I was surprised when a friend named Sherry came up and said, "Why are you still wasting time with Plato?" I was tempted to strike back and inquire how she, a Physical Education major who whiles away most of her life playing badminton, could have the nerve to criticize me for my interest in Plato. And, if you want large changes, you are far more likely to get them if you get agreements for small changes to take place over time. ME: No, I really don't care much for baseball. Mars and Venus in the Bedroom. (He crosses to center, and maybe if I turned on some music and made some coffee." Karen's efforts, she told me later, created a warm, inviting atmosphere in her home which attracted plenty of friends. I started out on the nickel slot machines, figuring I'd lose \$-3 and then quit. The figures are pretty grim. We just have to start exercising daily. When you use them, you make past failure an excuse for present inaction. Well the same is true for other people. The findings were conclusive and overwhelming. There was not one person who did not seek attention from others. It was simply a matter of degree. PERSONAL ATTENTION: APPEARANCE: Alan, I think that new styling really highlights your eyes." POSSESSIONS: Alan, those tan loafers go well with your khaki pants." HOW TO HELP OTHERS ACCEPT OUR DIRECT POSITIVES Dear Abby: My wife has a habit of down-grading sincere compliments. b. ("I noticed you have a Phillies T-shirt on. Everyone doesn't enjoy the humor of Amy Schumer or Stephen Colbert. What was the hardest part? According to behavioral learning theory, the way others act toward you is determined in large part by how you respond. Ben decided that his participation alone was enough of a reward. ah "Your finger really hurts a lot." 2. If you give in, you're likely to feel angry at the other person and disgusted with yourself. JANET: You're a little under the weather. They ask for explanations and elaborations, while showing your conversational partners (much to their delight) that you are so interested in what they have said that you want to know more. Shouldn't we stay home tonight?" "You don't think they're right, do you?" Two hours of TV is enough for one evening, don't you think? Asking leading questions in court has earned many a lawyer a reprimand, and asking them in social situations isn't likely to do your relationships much good either. Instead of restoring peace, this strategy typically leads to sharper and sharper outbursts of pent-up tension and, as a result, makes each side look like a loser. In fact, there is nothing wrong with listening to someone tell things that might possibly go wrong and telling myself how horrible it would be if even one of them happened. Wait until the week before you plan to achieve each goal before deciding exactly when you will act. (Agrees with the Critics Right to an Opinion.) FATHER: Why do you want to live there? (Asks for Details.) MICHAEL: No. I just wish you'd go a little slower, add a few more examples, and allow a bit more time for practice. Day after day, I'd see him calmly walk up to young women and say in his husky voice, "Hi. My name's Big Al. I noticed you were sitting alone. JACK: No way. The response I got improved dramatically. There's a new Mexican restaurant opening up on the Mall. Delivering Honest Possitives 19 I knew that Tim was in no serious emotional difficulty and so I decided to change his behavior around me by responding only to his occasional cheerful and optimistic remarks. You may seek friendship, happiness, romance, a satisfying family life. Over 50,000 students have taken my workshop, and the public and professional

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