Ready Replies

For Now

Make some copies of this planning form to keep in your desk, notebook, or locker. Keep some at home, too. Use a form each time you want to plan ahead about what to say in a tough situation.

1. What is one thing people say or do that you don't like? Write it here:
2. What ready reply can you say next time someone says or does that thing? Write your ready reply here:
For Later After you have tried using the words you planned, answer questions 3–6.
3. Did your reply help the situation? YesNo

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4. If YES, that's great! Keep that ready reply in mind. Use it again!	
5. If NOT, what was the problem?	
I got the words wrong.	
I should have used a different voiceThe person didn't listen to what I said.	
The person made fun of what I said.	
Other (write the problem here):	
6. If there was a PROBLEM, what can you say or do next time? Write I change what you say or how you say it:	how you'll