

Say It Like an Advocate!

You've heard of "fashion don'ts"? Well, below are some communication don'ts. Think them through and replace each with a "communication do." Then add your own communication tip (or two) to the list and share them with friends.

1. You want your school to sponsor some walking days. You meet with the principal, and you start by saying, "We are in a group and we have an idea and maybe you could help?"

(Hint: Who is we? What is your idea? Why is it important?)

2. You are asking everyone in your class to stop wasting paper. So you say, "Look at all the paper in the trash bin! This is really bad! Haven't you ever heard of *re-use*?"

(Hint: Be kind! Be positive!)

3. You are interviewing a building manager to find out how the building could save energy. You ask: "Did you replace the heating system recently?" She says, "Yes." Now you are stuck because you don't know if that helped or not. Start over with a better question.

(Hint: Try a W or an H question!)

MAKE YOUR OWN DON'TS—AND SOLVE THEM, TOO!

Now that you're a successful communicator, what are your top three do's?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Relate and Communicate: Favorite Tips

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.