

Resolving Family Conflict Worksheet~

*Family relationships are some of the most important relationships you will have in your life; however, it's not uncommon for conflicts to arise between family members. The following scenarios describe conflicts between teenagers and members of their families. After reading each scenario, offer each teen your advice for resolving the conflict. Use specific strategies suggested from the textbook to support your reasoning.

Directions: Using complete sentences and thoughtful responses, respond to **TWO** of the following scenarios.

#1. Drew and his younger brother, Michael are only a year apart. Last Month, Michael got his driver's license and now he wants to use the car all the time. The two brothers are constantly fighting over who gets to drive the car. Since he's the oldest, Drew thinks he should be able to use the car more often than Michael. Their parents are sick of the fighting an have threatened to take the car away from both of them. What advice would you give Drew an Michael about resolving their conflict?

#2. Isaac is pushing his parents to give him a later curfew. He has to be home by 10:00 p.m. on weekends, but all of his friends stay out until 10:30. Isaac doesn't understand why his parents won't extend his curfew- especially since it's only by a half hour. Every weekend night he goes out, he feels angry with his parents. What advice would you give Isaac and his parents about resolving their conflict?

#3. Rafael's parents always tell him to put his cell phone away at the dinner table. Rafael can't understand why they get so upset- it doesn't take him long to send a text message or two between bites. It seems like he's always fighting with his parents about how much time he spends on his phone. Sometimes his parents even take his phone away. What advice would you give Rafael and his parents about resolving their conflict?

#4. Olivia's younger sister, Dana, has been getting on her nerves lately. Dana comes into Olivia's room without knocking and she keeps wearing Olivia's clothes without asking. Yesterday, Olivia wanted to wear her favorite sweater, but she couldn't because Dana wore it and spilled spaghetti sauce all down the front. What advice would you give Olivia and Dana about resolving their conflict?