

INTERPERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS WORKSHEET 12

(Interpersonal Effectiveness Handouts 17, 18; pp. 155–156)

Validating Others

Due Date: _____ Name: _____ Week Starting: _____

Fill out this sheet whenever you practice your validation skills and whenever you have an opportunity to practice even if you don't (or almost don't) do anything to practice. Write on the back of this sheet if you need more room.

Check off types of validation that you practiced (on purpose) with others:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Paid attention. | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Expressed how what was felt, done, or said made sense, given the causes. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Reflected back what was said or done, remaining open to correction. | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Acknowledged and acted on what was valid. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Was sensitive to what was unsaid. | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Acted authentically and as an equal. |

List one invalidating and two validating statements made to others.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Describe a situation where you were nonjudgmental of someone in the past week.

Describe a situation where you used validation in the past week.

Who was the person you validated? _____

What exactly did you do or say to validate the person? _____

What was the outcome? _____

How did you feel afterward? _____

Would you say or do something differently next time? If so, what? _____

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INTERPERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS WORKSHEET 13

(Interpersonal Effectiveness Handout 19; p. 158)

Self-Validation and Self-Respect

Due Date: _____ Name: _____ Week Starting: _____

Fill out this sheet whenever you practice your self-validation skills and whenever you have an opportunity to practice even if you don't (or almost don't) do anything to practice. Write on the back of this sheet if you need more room.

List one self-invalidating and two self-validating statements you made.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Describe a situation where you felt invalidated in the past week: _____

Check each strategy you used during the week:

- Checked *all* the facts to see if my responses are valid or invalid.
- Checked it out with someone I could trust to validate the valid.
- Acknowledged when my responses didn't make sense and were not valid.
- Worked to change invalid thinking, comments, or actions. (Stopped blaming.)
- Dropped judgmental self-statements. (Practiced opposite action.)
- Reminded myself that all behavior is caused and that I am doing my best.
- Was compassionate toward myself. Practiced self-soothing.
- Admitted that it hurts to be invalidated by others, even if they are right.
- Acknowledged when my reactions make sense and are valid in a situation.
- Remembered that being invalidated, even when my response is actually valid, is rarely a complete catastrophe.
- Described my experiences and actions in a supportive environment.
- Grieved traumatic invalidation in my life and the harm it has created.
- Practiced radical acceptance of the invalidating person(s) in my life.
- What was the outcome?** _____

