Respectful Communication

Student Handout
GRADE 6 | Unit 4 | Lesson 23

Name:	Date:
Warm-Up	
Describe a time when someone blamed you for somethin person think in that situation?	ng that wasn't your fault. What did the other
Activity	

Instructions

Partner Activity

- 1. Read each statement.
- 2. Rewrite the statements using these guidelines to make them respectful:
 - It doesn't use blame language
 - It doesn't make the conflict worse
 - It helps resolve the conflict
- 3. Try saying the statements aloud before you write them down.

Statement	Make It Respectful
1. "It's all your fault our project isn't done!"	
"You're so slow! You always make us late!"	
3. "You leave your stuff everywhere!"	



Activity (cont.)

Group Activity

Instructions

- 1. Join two other pairs to form a small group.
- 2. Each pair will share the three respectful statements they wrote.
- 3. As a group, decide which statements are the most respectful.
- 4. Write down your choices in the Group Choice boxes below.

Statement	Group Choice Which statement does the group think is most respectful?
1. "It's all your fault our project isn't done!"	
"You're so slow! You always make us late!"	
3. "You leave your stuff everywhere!"	

Wrap-Up

Look back at the situation you described in the Warm-Up. What language did the other person use that made what they said a blame statement? How could they have said it respectfully?		