(feeling word)



Listening:

The effective use of listening skills (**Summarize** or **Empathize**) demonstrates to the other person that you both hear and understand that in turn, builds trust and rapport. Both gather information without asking another question. In addition, empathizing helps manage emotion.

SUMMARIZE: Use your own words to reflect back what you heard. **WHEN to Summarize HOW to Summarize** WHY Summarize? Demonstrates that you are listening. Use these three steps to summarize: Results in a speaker feeling heard and When you hear 1. Use your own words. Logic understood. a flow of data 2. Avoid adding opinion. Builds trust and rapport in the When logic and relationship. 3. **STOP** speaking to allow the emotion are in Emotion person to respond Gains agreement. balance Redirects the conversation's focus. EMPATHIZE: Reflect emotion back to the person along with the reason for the feeling. **WHEN to Empathize HOW to Empathize** WHY Empathize? It's the first step in problem solving. Use these three steps to empathize: Diffuses emotion. 1. Reflect the *feeling* (name it!). Logic · When you hear Gets important information. 2. Summarize the reason for the undercurrent **Emotion** Builds trust and rapport. feeling. of emotion Moves the conversation forward. 3. **STOP** and let the other person respond. Example statements that demonstrate empathy: You're (It's) when (feeling word) (summarize reason) The fact that makes you

(summarize reason)