

## How To Begin a Difficult Conversation

1. I have something I'd like to discuss with you that I think will help us work together more effectively.
2. I'd like to talk about \_\_\_\_\_ with you, but first I'd like to get your point of view.
3. I need your help with what just happened. Do you have a few minutes to talk?



4. I need your help with something. Can we talk about it (soon)? If the person says, “Sure, let me get back to you,” follow up with him.
5. I think we have different perceptions about \_\_\_\_\_. I'd like to hear your thinking on this.
6. I'd like to talk about \_\_\_\_\_. I think we may have different ideas about how to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I'd like to see if we might reach a better understanding about \_\_\_\_\_. I really want to hear your feelings about this and share my perspective as well.