quiz: what's your communication style?

you have a disagreement with a friend. You...

- A Give them a piece of your mind!
- B Try to resolve it so you are both happy
- C Listen to them but don't really get a say

you aren't getting your way about something important. You...

- A Tell them how it needs to be (give orders)
- **B** Be specific about your needs
- C Give in because it's easier

your sibling keeps crossing one of your personal boundaries. You...

- A Get angry and have a go at them
- **B** Be polite but firm about your boundaries
- C Don't say anything in order to 'keep the peace'

a friend is angry at you for something you didn't do. You...

- A Bring up all the things in the past they've done wrong
- **B** Wait until they cool down then organise to have a talk
- C Blame yourself



Mostly A - Aggressive

Mostly B - Assertive

Mostly (C) – Avoidant



aggressive



You don't always 'fight fair', which can sometimes damage relationships with others. Try staying calm, listening with empathy and looking for win-win solutions to problems.

assertive

You communicate in a way that respects other people, but also allows you to stand up for yourself. This is a great way to strengthen relationships!



avoidant

You struggle to communicate your needs sometimes and might find yourself giving in and 'people-pleasing' to keep the peace. Try using 'I' statements and focusing on the behaviour (not the person) being the problem. E.g. "I feel upset when my texts are ignored. Can we talk about it?"



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how do I know if anxiety is a problem for me?

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anxiety is less likely to be a problem if it's:

- Temporary or comes and goes
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- Manageable most of the time
- In response to something stressful
- Doesn't interfere with your usual everyday life



you might need professional support with anxiety if it:

- Seems to last a long time/longer than usual
- Feels very intense or overwhelming
- Causes you distress
- Is hard to cope with
- Interferes with your everyday life

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