



## Tips for Youth/Adult Working Together

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### **TOP 10 TIPS FOR ADULTS WORKING WITH TEENS:**

1. Ask open-ended questions.
2. Be genuine and honest.
3. Watch your body language and make eye contact.
4. Actively listen and try not to interrupt.
5. Provide teens with meaningful work, rather than busywork and follow through on your commitments to them.
6. Do not be condescending.
7. Create an open environment.
8. Be mindful not to make assumptions.
9. Feel free to ask for clarification.
10. Recognize the generation gap and find a common ground.

### **TOP 10 TIPS FOR TEENS WORKING WITH ADULTS:**

1. Realize that adults can be just as uncertain as youth.
2. Recognize adults have good intentions.
3. Create an environment of mutual respect.
4. Actively listen when an adult is speaking with you.
5. Watch your body language and make eye contact.
6. Be willing to compromise.
7. Recognize that adults have more experience and they want to share their knowledge with you.
8. Be mindful of what annoys adults.
9. Be professional when speaking with adults and follow through with your commitments.
10. Recognize the generation gap and find a common ground.