

This is the student workbook page that accompanies the teacher's lesson.

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## Speaking With Respect



### *Last Name*

When addressing authority or someone older than you, you should always call them by their last name. If that person is a doctor, then you call them Dr. Russell. If that person is a judge, that person is referred to as Judge Sanchez, or The Honorable Judge Sanchez. Regardless of professional status, all adults deserve the respect of being addressed by their last name.

### *First Name*

If you are introduced to an older person, and are only given a first name, then you are to put 'Ms.' or 'Mr.' in front of their first name.

### *Getting Their Attention*

If you are trying to get the attention of someone older than you, and you do not know that person, you refer to that person as Sir or Ma'am.

### *Activity*

The custodian who cleans up at your school is named Terry Henderson, and all the kids call him Terry. He looks like he is your grandparents' age. What is the appropriate way to address him?

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You are walking in a parking lot and an elderly woman has dropped her jacket. How do you get her attention?

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You are at your friend Keisha Moore's house and she is introducing you to her father. He is a doctor at the children's hospital. What do you say to Keisha's Dad?

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Keisha's mom, who you know very well, comes home. How do you address her?

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The new science teacher looks young enough to be your older sister's age. She has written on the board that her name is Cynthia Howard. How do you address your new science teacher?

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Now you write a scenario where you speak with respect to a member of an older generation. Share with the group.

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## *How to Talk to the Elderly*



We all deserve consideration when someone is engaging us in conversation. But especially so when we speak with the elderly. The older generation has years on them. Years add up to knowledge and experience in the ways of the world, and in life in general. That's why it is important to defer to older people when engaged in conversation. We could use their counsel, and for that, we pay them the price of deference and respect.

### *Questions to Generate Appropriate Conversation*

1. What's your favorite sport?
2. Do you have any kids?
3. Do you have any grandchildren?
4. Ask them their grandchildren's names and some other relatives' names.
5. Do you have any brothers or sisters?
7. Where were you born?
8. What's your favorite food?
9. If you could travel, where would you go?
10. What kind of music do you prefer to listen to?
11. Who's your favorite actress?
12. What's your favorite television show?

### *Inappropriate conversation*

1. Don't discuss emotional and personal problems.
2. Don't ask about their parents.
3. Don't ask about their husband or wife.
4. Don't discuss their illnesses.
5. Don't talk about death.
6. Don't ask about their child life.
7. Don't ask them their age.