

Decoding Other's Communication Styles

Part A

Give the following examples, then let the students respond:

1. A child comes home with good grades. What would a touch-oriented parent do? (Give the child a hug and kiss or other physical reinforcement.)
2. What would a verbal-oriented parent do? (Say things like, "I am very proud of you." "You are a wonderful student.")
3. What would a task-oriented parent do? (Give the child money, buy something for the child, take the child somewhere special, do something nice for the child.)
1. A co-worker gets a promotion or a raise. What would a touch-oriented co-worker do?
2. What would a verbal-oriented co-worker do?
3. What would a task-oriented co-worker do?

Ask the student to come up with a few other situation for them to figure out the responses would be.

Part B

METHODS OF DECODING OTHER'S COMMUNICATION STYLES:

1. Ask him/her to take the quiz
2. Recognize how he/she reacts and shows love to others.
3. Observe his/her reactions when a compliment, hug, or gift is given. Which do you think means the most?

(Give students extra credit if they go home and have 2-3 people take the test to see what Communication Style they are).