Dealing with Difficult People

Strategies, tips and techniques for fighting frustration in the workplace

Never again fall victim to those who love to make life miserable for the rest of us:

✔ You’ll learn why they act the way they do.
✔ You’ll find out exactly what to say and do in specific situations.
✔ You’ll become less of a target for their barbs and antics.
✔ You’ll see how to bring out the best in even the worst offenders.

This is a day of intensive training with immediate payback.

Learn to take the offensive against know-it-alls, dictators, snipers, gripers, “yes” people, “no” people and all of the other contrary characters you confront every day.

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“I learned more about how to deal with people in one day than I have during all my years in the work force. I wish we had this kind of seminar years ago — maybe there would be less hostility and aggressiveness in the offices.”

— Evelyn Allard, administrative assistant

Attend this seminar and gain the communication skills you need to de-stress all of your difficult relationships, on the job and off.
Do you recognize these people?

The Know-It-Alls
They’re arrogant and usually have an opinion on every issue. When they’re wrong, they get defensive.

The Passives
These people never offer ideas or let you know where they stand.

The Dictators
They bully and intimidate. They’re constantly demanding and brutally critical.

The “Yes” People
They agree to any commitment, yet rarely deliver. You can’t trust them to follow through.

The “No” People
They are quick to point out why something won’t work. What’s worse, they’re inflexible.

The Gripers
Is anything ever right with them? They prefer complaining to finding solutions.

Of course you recognize them. They’re the people you work with, sell to, depend on, live with. Learn to deal with them quickly and confidently at Dealing with Difficult People.

How this seminar will help you deal with problem people

1. You’ll understand the difficult people in your life.
   Learn how they think, what they fear, why they do what they do. Understanding difficult people makes dealing with them less frustrating.

2. You’ll know specifically what to do and say.
   At this seminar, you’ll concentrate on here’s-how-you-do-it techniques. You’ll leave knowing how to use these techniques in specific situations, with all types of difficult people.

3. You’ll be less of a target for difficult people.
   Look at the difficult people in your life. Chances are, at least one person manages to get along with them. You can, too. Learn how to derail problem people and teach them to treat you with respect.

4. You’ll bring out the best in people.
   Let’s face it — nobody’s difficult all of the time (and everybody’s difficult some of the time). Your new skills will help you reinforce the most positive behavior in everyone — at work and at home.

Register online, by phone, fax or mail. See page 7.

Thumbs-up from past participants:

“Before today, I didn’t realize how much I allowed others to control my reactions and emotions. I will, from this day forward, focus on being a happy and more supportive person.”
— Deborah A. Hoze, registered medical assistant

“At times, I too, become a difficult person because I’ve allowed others to manipulate me … I learned how not to become part of the problem.”
— Judith A. Ray, accountant

“This course was straightforward and practical — ‘user friendly.’ The time passed quickly.”
— Jacqueline Trayner, graduate student

“My leadership skills will improve greatly now that I have the tools to deal with my staff.”
— Wendi Perea, customer service supervisor

“Helped me to not only understand my own personality style, but also those of the people I deal with on a daily basis.”
— Cristy Spencer, regional traffic director

“This seminar revitalized me, brought things ‘home,’ refocused my skills to deal with difficult staff more effectively.”
— Susan Klingensmith-Gilkey, director
26 specific techniques and insights to give you more power with difficult people

COURSE CONTENT

1. How to “map” difficult people to gain insight into what makes them tick
2. The most common mistake well-intentioned people make that actually worsens conflicts
3. Why complainers complain and how to move them into the problem-solving mode
4. The single best response to sarcasm
5. Three ways to get people to keep their word
6. How to respond to someone who practices one-upmanship
7. Strategies for working with the negative person who throws a wet blanket over everything
8. What to do when someone — even a boss — starts yelling
9. Four steps to take when communicating with any difficult person
10. How to determine whether a difficult relationship is worth salvaging, and what to do if it isn’t
11. When someone says one thing to you, but the opposite to someone else
12. How to get in sync with a difficult person and get along better
13. The essential four-step process for successful confrontation
14. Techniques for dealing with touchy people who take things personally
15. What to do when someone criticizes you unfairly
16. How to know when to back down and when to hold your ground
17. Ways to cope with excuse-makers and blamers
18. Three tactics that prevent you from being manipulated by others
19. Hot buttons: how to keep people from pushing yours
20. When and how to let someone save face
21. A proven way to buy time in a conflict so you can respond with a level head
22. When to go to a third party for help in dealing with a problem person
23. What to do when people make promises you suspect they won’t keep
24. How to give an aggressive person an alternative to direct conflict
25. For managers: how to deal with employees who don’t keep commitments, have a negative attitude or are closed-minded
26. The special body language to use in dealing with specific kinds of difficult people (it can be even more powerful than what you say)

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Our brochures are cross-checked for accuracy against actual course content.

Dealing with Difficult People

Your tuition includes a detailed course workbook that simplifies note taking, freeing you to listen more and learn more. After the seminar, you’ll turn to it time and time again, to recall key points, validate opinions and address specific problems.
**Message to managers:**

Wouldn’t it be nice if everyone on your staff got along great, day in and day out? No squabbles. No pettiness. Just harmony and nonstop productivity from 9 to 5.

Of course, you know that’s practically impossible.

But the next best thing is having staff members who want a smoother-running office and are willing to work hard toward that goal.

This is the perfect opportunity to show your support. It’s simple. Just look over this brochure — especially the learning points on page 3. Consider all your employees have to gain from attending this seminar and all you’ll gain, too.

Learning these communication skills together will help your employees understand each other better. They’ll support one another in using their new skills and techniques. And they’ll become a tighter, more effective, more productive team starting immediately.

Put your team members on the path to enhanced interpersonal skills and improved morale. **Go the extra mile and send the whole team. You’ll save money, too!**

After the seminar, you’ll sense a new mood of cooperation among your employees. You’ll see them treat each other with greater respect. You’ll watch them resolve conflicts more quickly without putting you in the middle. And you’ll enjoy the fact that their minds are firmly on the tasks at hand.

This seminar provides an ideal training ground for coworkers to learn together and support one another in implementing these new skills.

The ability to handle contrary and unreasonable people with determination and diplomacy is a valuable skill for anyone.
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Curious, but not yet convinced?

Consider this: In one fast-paced day, you’ll gain an advantage that will continue to pay off for years to come, starting the very next day.

If that’s not incentive enough, here are 4 more reasons to sign up now:

1. Your coworkers will welcome and admire your initiative.
   After all, they’ll benefit by working with someone who has answers to some of the very same problems they face.

2. In a single day, you’ll learn strategies that will last you a lifetime.
   This seminar is full of specific ideas you can put to use right away. You’ll leave eager to try them and confident they’ll work.

3. You’ll learn people skills that will be noticed — and most likely copied — by others.
   Tact and skill in handling difficult people are enviable traits. In no time at all, you’ll see direct results in your dealings with all kinds of people. And they’ll see the difference in you, as well.

4. Your day will fly by.
   When learning is fun, time goes fast and what you learn sticks.
   You’ll be surprised when the seminar ends — and impressed with how much you’ve learned.

This seminar is a great opportunity for you to build your personal power and benefit your company or organization in the process.

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