

# Chapter 9-Interpersonal Communication

1. The goals in the first stage of a relationship are to show that you are interested in making contact and that you are the kind of person worth talking to. A. Integrating
2. Small talk stage. After we have made contact with a new person the next stage is to decide whether we are interested in pursuing the relationship further. B. Relational Transgressions
3. This stage is usually a time of relational excitement and even euphoria C. Circumscribing
4. This stage is a time when individuals give up some characteristics of their old selves and develop shared identities D. Affinity
5. During this stage, the parties make symbolic public gestures to show the world that their relationship exists. E. Intensifying
6. Is likely to occur when a relationship begins to experience the first, inevitable feelings of stress. F. Initiating
7. In this stage the communication between members decreases in quantity and quality. G. Experimenting
8. The excitement of the intensifying stage is long gone, and the partners behavior toward each other in old, familiar ways without much feeling. H. Control
9. When stagnation becomes too unpleasant, parties in a relationship begin to create physical distance between each other I. Social Support
10. Characteristics of this stage include summary dialogues of where the relationship has gone and the desire dissociate. J. Openness-privacy dialectic
11. The degree to which people like or appreciate one another K. Bonding
12. Refers to the degree of interest and attention that we feel toward and communicate with others. L. Differentiating
13. To describe messages that people exchange, verbally or nonverbally, about their relationship. M. Terminating
14. Along with the need to disclose, we have an equally important drive to maintain some space between ourselves and others N. Metacommunication
15. To describe communication that keeps relationships running smoothly and satisfaction. O. Avoiding
16. When one partner violates the explicit or implicit terms of the relationship, letting the other one down in some important way. P. Relational Maintenance

17. Is about helping loved ones during challenging times by providing emotional, instrumental, informational resources

Q. Stagnating

18. The degree to which the parties in a relationship have the power to influence one another.

R. Immediacy