

Flip these "YOU" statements into "I" statements.

"You're always complaining about everything!"



"You can't read the recipe? These portions are all wrong."



"You're always outside talking to the after-school staff instead of doing your job."



"You always take way too long on the serving lines. You're too slow!"



Starter "I" Statements

- **1. I notice...** (to bring attention to a behavior without assigning blame)
- **2. I'm concerned about...** (to express worry or urgency without sounding aggressive)
- 3. I want to understand... (to invite dialogue instead of confrontation)
- **4. I value...** (to reinforce teamwork or appreciation before addressing an issue)
- **5. I'd like to work together on...** (to encourage collaboration on finding a solution)
- **6. I'm open to hearing your side...** (to invite respectful two-way communication)
- 7. I've observed that... (to state facts in a non-personal way)
- **8. I want to make sure...** (to clarify expectations or open dialogue)