



WHERE ARE YOU?

Practical Ways to Create Emotional Intelligence

Purpose: To facilitate the identification and sharing of personal feelings

- Identification: Where are you on this tree? What do you feel?
- Clarification: What makes you feel that way?
- Understanding: How long have you felt this way? On a scale of 1-10, how intense is your feeling?
- **Encouragement:** Is there some place else on the tree where you would like to be? Why? How do you think it would feel to be there?
- Motivation: What would it take to get there?

Purpose: To enhance emotional intelligence

•	Find the child that you think shows	(Facilitator selects a feeling word from the
	feelings word bank.) What do you notice about this child that makes you think he/she is	
	experiencing?	
•	Where on the tree is a child that portrays what you are feeling when you are	
	? (Facilitator selects a word from the locations/situations word bank or inser-	
	an appropriate situation or location unique to the events in the participant's life.)	
•	 Where do you think is on this tree? (F 	acilitator inserts the name of a specific
	individual—perhaps a close friend, family member, teacher, character in a book, etc.)	

Purpose: To develop the language of feelings

- · Name the feelings you think each child might be experiencing.
- · Can you find two children that might be experiencing opposite emotions?
- After identifying the feeling of a child, see if you can think of another feeling word with a similar meaning (i.e. happy/cheerful).
- Divide participants into small groups and see which group can list the most emotions being demonstrated by children on this tree.

Purpose: To reflect on character qualities

- Find the child that you think demonstrates ________.
 (Facilitator selects a character quality from the character word bank for each of these activities.)
- Write a paragraph that describes or gives examples of

Purpose: To facilitate group work

- Where are you?
- Who do you identify with in this picture as you anticipate starting this group?
- Where would you like to eventually be?
- What might it take to get there? What is the first step?

Feelings Word Bank

Confident/Optimistic/Hopeful Exhilarated/Overjoyed/Delighted Shy/Timid/Hesitant Shocked/Surprised Silly/Playful/Goofy Fearful/Apprehensive/Terrified/Anxious/Nervous Discouraged Challenged Hurt/Irritated/Hostile/Upset/Annoyed Determined Satisfied/Calm/Comfortable/Pleased Alienated/Alone/Rejected Exhausted/Weary Frustrated/Indignant Cautious/Worried/Shaky/Doubtful Confused/Bewildered/Puzzled/Undecided Happy/Cheerful/ Giddy Compassionate/Considerate/Loving/Sensitive Triumphant/Elated/Jubilant Excited/Enthusiastic Courageous/ Brave/Daring Friendly Lonely/Inferior/Vulnerable Involved Competent Secure/Content/Quiet/Relaxed/Serene/Comfortable Free Independent/Self-reliant Success/Accomplishment Dejected/Humiliated Understanding/Sympathetic Curious/Inquisitive/Interested

Character Word Bank

Success Kindness Leadership Confidence Compassion Risk Courage Initiative Perseverance Friendship Helping Encouraging Boldness Contentment Determination Diligence Endurance Enthusiasm Sensitivity **Patient**

Dependable

Gentle

Locations/Situations Word Bank

In front of people

On the school bus In the classroom On the playground With your dad With your mom With your friend With___ (name) Doing your homework Taking a test Working Home alone Snuggled in your bed Beginning a project At a party or social event At your house In your favorite place