

Exercise #5

Practicing Out Loud Words That Work

In this group exercise you will practice saying and listening to different sentences and discussing which ones you prefer and why.

Instructions: Take turns repeating these pairs of sentences with other members of your small group. Discuss which sentences you prefer and why.

First Pair

- a. I like your new plan for the summer reading program, and I am curious how you want to include more middle school-aged boys this year.
- b. I like your new plan for the summer reading program, but I am curious how you want to include more middle school-aged boys this year.

Second Pair

- a. I can put you on the waiting list for this book or find another copy at one of our other facilities.
- b. I can't renew this book, because other library users have requested it.

Third Pair

- a. Why are you so angry with Pat and Chris about the cuts to your book budget this year?
- b. I understand that you are angry about the cuts to your book budget this year. What do you want to do next?

Fourth Pair

- a. There is nothing I can do about Pat's playing her choice of music in the staff room when it is her turn, and you are just going to have to live with her taste in music.
- b. What are you going to do despite the fact that Pat has the right to play music in the staff room that you say you hate?

Fifth Pair

- a. What will satisfy your concerns about the library's opening on Sundays?
- b. Why are you voting against the library's opening on Sundays?