

**HOW TO GET YOUR MATE TO LISTEN**  
**Extreme Home Makeover for Couples - Part 3 of 12**  
**Proverbs 15:2**  
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*"When wise people speak, they make knowledge attractive."*  
Prov. 15:2 (GN)

**1. Choose the right \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"There is a right time and a right way to do everything..."*  
Eccl. 8:6 (GN)

**2. Plan your \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Intelligent people think before they speak. What they say is then more persuasive."*  
Pr.16:23

\* Introduction: How to bring up something.

\* Illustrations: The best word picture to carry the concepts .

**3. Begin with \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"(Speak) only what is helpful for building others up, according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."*  
Eph. 4:29

\* How does this relate to what they care about?

\* How does resolving this issue be of benefit to them; satisfy them?

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ first!**

*"Listen before you answer. If you don't you are being stupid and insulting."*  
Prov. 18:13 (GN)

*"...be quick to listen and slow to speak."*  
James 1:19

**5. Say it \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"A mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is."*  
Pr. 16:21 (GN)

\*Choose to focus on the good in your mate.

**6. Clarify your \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"...Agree with each other in the Lord."*  
Phil. 4:2b

**7. End with an \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"A word of encouragement does wonders!"*  
Pr. 12:25 (LB)

\*Conclude the conversation by reaffirming three things:

1) *Your \_\_\_\_\_ to the marriage.*

2) *Reaffirm a sense of \_\_\_\_\_.*

3) *Reaffirm your \_\_\_\_\_ for your mate.*