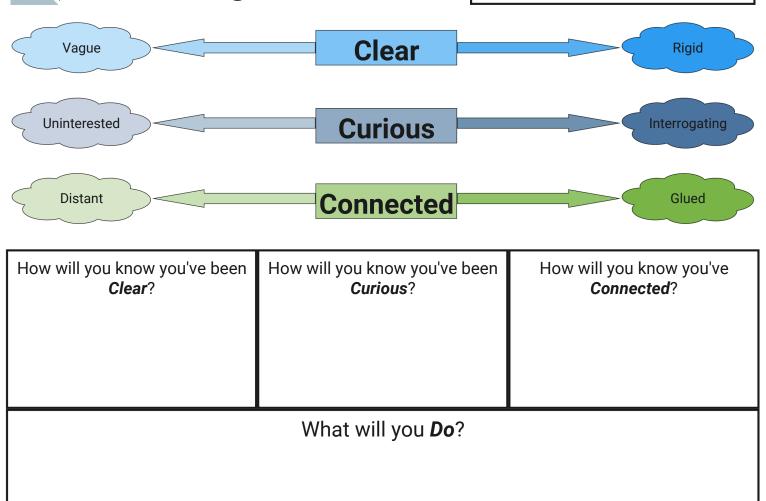


## Conversation Planning Sheet

What are your goal(s) for this conversation?



What will you Say?

What will you Ask?

## Guidelines for *Planning*

- Clarify your goal (s) for the conversation: What do you need to accomplish? How could the conversation improve the working relationship?
- Based on what you know about yourself and the other person, where are you likely to end up on each of the 3Cs by default?
- To achieve your goal(s), which sliders do you need move from those defaults, and which direction?
- Each of your 3Cs should be tied to the topic of the conversation. You can't say you were Connected because you talked about your cats.
- When things go awry...
  - What's a mantra you can repeat to yourself to get back on track?
     (This is a useful thing to **Do**.)
  - What's a soundbite you can repeat to them to get back on track? (This is a useful thing to Say.)
- Remember: The 3Cs are about how they experience you, not just how you feel.

## Tips for **Dancing**

- Use the 3Cs to gauge how things are going.
- Don't stop once you've gone through your initial plan. Keep dancing until
  you get confirmation for all of the 3Cs.
- When things go awry...
  - Use your mantra to re-center yourself.
  - Repeat your soundbite to get the conversation back on track.

## Questions for *Retrospecting*

- Did we accomplish what I needed from the conversation?
- Did we improve the working relationship?
- How did I do on each of the 3Cs?
- What did I Do/Say/Ask that contributed to that?
- What do I want to take from this for future conversations, either with this person or around this topic?

