



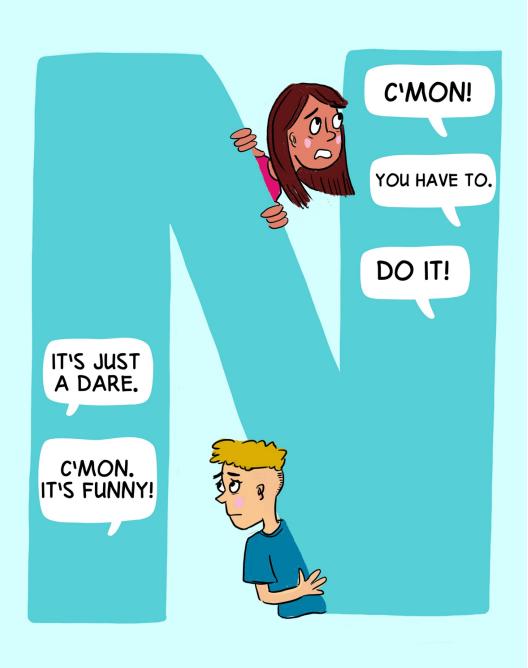
# CLEAR COMMUNICATION

- **Clear Communication** is about more than what is said, it's also about *how* it's said!
- For it to be Clear Communication someone's words and body language need to match!
- If someone says 'Okay' but their body language seems unsure, or doesn't quite match what they are saying, it's good to check in and let them know there's No Pressure
- What are some examples of Clear Communication?



#### ONE STEP AT A TIME

- It can be exciting to get to know someone, especially when there are ~crushy feelings~ involved!
- It's important to take things One Step at a Time for two reasons:
- One reason is that it can make someone uncomfortable and not want to keep connecting if the other person is moving too fast
- The second reason is that sometimes it takes a minute to figure out our thoughts and feelings, if we take lots of steps at once, we don't give ourselves time to figure out how we really feel, what we think, or what we want!
- What do you think would be the next few steps for the people in the picture?



#### **NO PRESSURE**

- These are a few ways that people can feel
   Pressure:
  - DARING someone to do something
  - Asking them OVER AND OVER
  - TEASING someone for not wanting to do something, or trying to embarrass them
  - THREATENING someone
- If someone is PRESSURING someone, then it's NOT CONSENT, even if the person says 'Fine, ok'
- It's important to think about what kind of friend we want to be, and to be respectful by letting people make their own decisions
- Can you think of some things you would say if a friend was being pressured?



### SAME AGE

- SAME AGE is important because being older than someone means they have more power, and that's a form of PRESSURE
- This is such an important rule that there are also LAWS about what people of different ages can and can't do when it comes to flirting, dating, or touching
- SAME AGE applies both in person, and online!
- Sometimes people lie about their age, and while that's never a good idea, it's still ALWAYS the older person's responsibility to not do stuff with someone younger, because that's not CONSENT!
- Can you think of some examples of how being different ages creates pressure?
- Do you know the laws about SAME AGE?



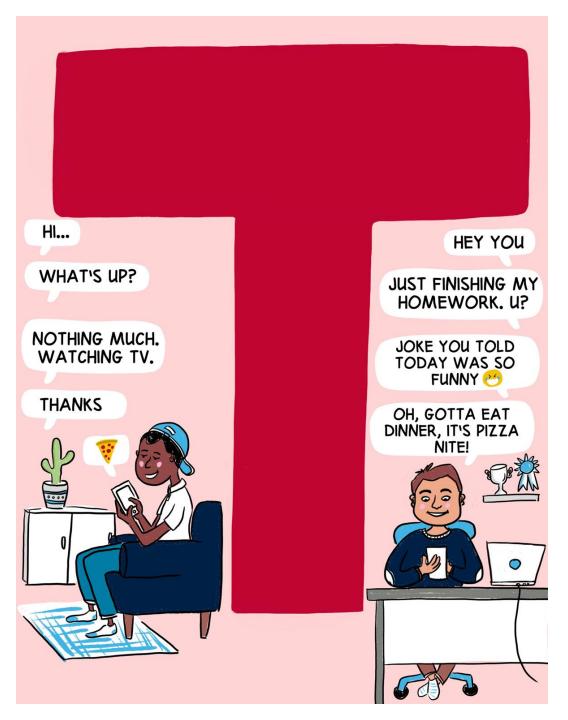
#### **EVERY TIME**

- Changing our minds is normal, which is why
  we have to check with people EVERY TIME
  we want to do something physical or
  romantic with them
- If someone's body language changes, and it doesn't feel like CLEAR COMMUNICATION is happening, it's a good time to check in!
- It doesn't matter what we've done before,
   we always get to decide in the moment,
   and we always get to change our mind.
- Can you think of some reasons why people might change their mind?



## NOBODY'S INTOXICATED OR ASLEEP

- If somebody is intoxicated or asleep, it's not CLEAR COMMUNICATION, which means it's not CONSENT
- If someone is INTOXICATED or ASLEEP, what they need is for someone to help take care of them and keep them safe
- If someone said they'd do something, and then became intoxicated or feel asleep, it doesn't count because we always need to check EVERY TIME if someone want s to do something with us
- How can you tell if someone is intoxicated?
- How can you keep a friend safe if they are intoxicated or asleep?



### **TAKE TURNS**

- It's important to TAKE TURNS whether it's texting or touching!
- TAKING TURNS means that after you
  make a move, you wait and let the other
  person make a move, if they don't make a
  move, they might not be interested right
  now
- TAKING TURNS means you're both deciding what is best for you, and helps there be NO PRESSURE
- How many texts should you send someone before you stop and wait for them to take a turn?
- What would it look like to TAKE TURNS on a date?