



INSTRUCTIONS: Instructions: Review the following triggers and note any keywords that resonate with you—whether it's a person, thought, or event. Recognizing and understanding these triggers can be a crucial step toward resolving conflicts. Conflicts often arise from task-based or relational issues. Task-based conflicts tend to be productive, while relationship-based conflicts are usually destructive. However, conflicts are often complex and multifaceted, without a single identifiable source.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Here is a list of 75 reasons for conflict, categorized to help you identify and address unresolved issues:

TASK-RELATED CAUSES

- 1. Competing goals
- 2. Incompatible interests
- 3. Differing principles
- 4. Incongruent values
- 5. Disagreement about strategy
- 6. Disagreement about execution
- 7. Diverse perspectives
- 8. Lack of focus
- 9. Unclear objectives
- 10. Poor planning
- 11. Missed deadlines

EXTERNAL INFLUENCES

- 12. Struggle for resources
- 13. Limited resources
- 14. A failing project
- 15. Win-lose scenarios
- 16. Disgruntled customers
- 17. Budget allocations
- 18. Lack of information
- 19. Interdependence
- 20. Ineffective processes

EMOTIONAL TRIGGERS

- 21. Mixed feelings
- 22. Expectations
- 23. Prejudices
- 24. Perception of injustice
- 25. Jealousy
- 26. Retaliation
- 27. Anger
- 28. Nonverbal signals triggering "fight or flight"
- 29. Stress build-up
- 30. Burnout
- 31. Fear
- 32. Power dynamics
- 33. Harsh feedback
- 34. Feeling unappreciated
- 35. Lack of trust
- 36. Distrust
- 37. Dissatisfaction
- 38. Feeling judged
- 39. Being isolated

BEHAVIOURAL ANTECEDENTS	58. Abusing auth
40. Miscommunication	59. Desire to be '
41. Risk-aversion	60. Overdepende
42. Self-centeredness	61. Blaming or po
43. Sarcasm	62. Power strugg
44. Competitive culture	63. Interrupting
45. Competitive personality	64. Accusing
46. Demeaning language	65. Rudeness
47. Patronizing language	66. Unreliable bel
48. Condescending language	67. Failing to sha
49. Undermining expertise	68. Micromanagin
50. Arrogance	69. Incompetence
51. Assumptions	70. Complaining
52. Complacency	71. Slow to adapt
53. Hostility	72. Not walking t
54. Passive-aggressive behaviour	73. Questioning of
55. Avoiding conflict	74. Assuming the
56. Perfectionism	75. Assuming the
57. Inconsiderate behaviour	

58. Abusing authority

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Reflective Questions

- Which of these triggers affect you personally?

- Which causes of conflict are most common in your family?

- Which of these are common at work or among your friends?