REPAIR CHECKLIST

I FEEL

- 1. I'm feeling scared; please say that more gently.
- 2. I sense that you are hurt, is this accurate?
- 3. What you said hurt my feelings.
- 4. That felt like an insult.
- 5. I'm feeling sad.
- 6. I'm feeling blamed. Can you rephrase that?
- 7. I'm feeling unappreciated.
- 8. I feel defensive. Can you rephrase that?
- 9. I feel like you're lecturing me.
- 10. I don't feel like you understand me right now.
- 11. I feel criticized. Can you rephrase that?
- 12. I'm getting worried.
- 13. I sense you are withdrawing, please don't.

I NEED TO CALM DOWN

- 1. Can you help to make things safer for me?
- 2. I need things to be calmer right now.
- 3. I need your support right now.
- 4. Just listen to me right now and try to understand.
- 5. Tell me you love me.
- 6. Can I have a kiss?
- 7. That's not what I meant...
- 8. I really need your gentleness right now.
- 9. Please help me to calm down.
- 10. Please just try to listen to me.
- 11. This is important to me.
- 12. I was not finished with what I was saying.
- 13. I am starting to feel flooded.
- 14. Can we take a break?
- 15. Can we talk about something else for a while?

SORRY

- 1. My reactions were too extreme. I'm sorry.
- 2. I really blew that one.
- 3. Let me try again.
- 4. I want to be gentler to your right now and I don't know how.
- 5. Tell me what you hear me saying.
- 6. I can see my part in this.
- 7. How can I make things better?
- 8. Let's try that one over again.
- 9. What you are saying is...
- 10. Let me start again in a softer way...
- 11. I'm sorry please forgive me.

STOP ACTION

- 1. I might be off base here...
- 2. Please let's stop for a while.
- 3. Let's take a break.
- 4. Give me a moment. I'll be back.
- 5. I'm feeling flooded.
- 6. Let's start over again please sum up what you would like me to understand.
- 7. Hang in there don't with draw.
- 8. I want to change the topic, is that ok?

GETTING TO UNDERSTANDING

- 1. I can see how you were hurt...
- 2. I'm beginning to understand...
- 3. I can see a part of what you're saying...
- 2. I'm wondering if we can compromise here...
- 3. Let's find some common ground.
- 4. I never thought of things that way.
- 5. My problem is not very serious in the big picture.
- 6. I think your point of view makes sense.
- 7. Let's see how we can consider and incorporate both our views in a solution.

I APPRECIATE

- 1. I know this isn't your fault.
- 2. My part of this problem is...
- 3. I see your point.
- 4. Thank you for...
- 5. That's a good point.
- 6. I think we are both saying...
- 7. I understand.
- 8. I love you.
- 9. I am thankful for...
- 10. One thing I admire about you is...
- 11. I see what you're talking about...
- 12. This is not your problem, it's OUR problem.