# We *Can* Stop the Fire! How to Stop Adding Fuel to the Fire: Verbal De-escalation Skills

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Audiences are made, not found. – Aristotle

- Words
- Tone/Voice
- Non-verbals



#### Words

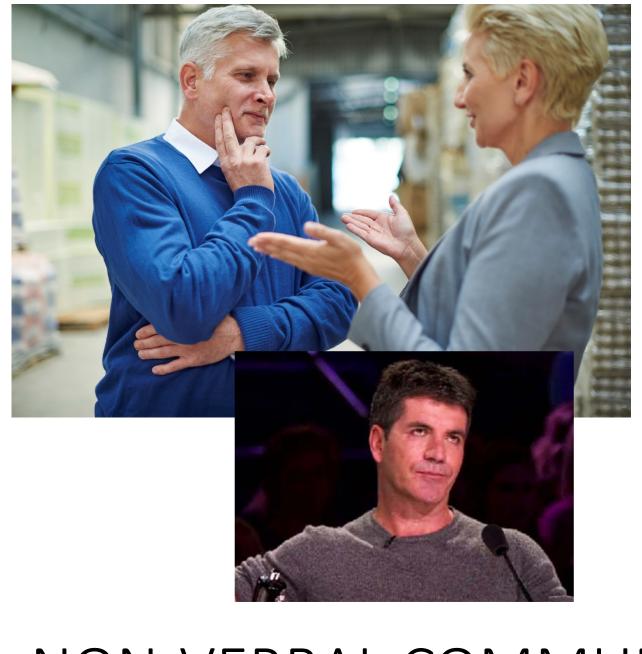


- Calm down
- It's not that bad
- Can't
- It's not that big of a deal
- You have to...



- How can I help you....
- Get and use their name
- I understand... I can see why
- Thank you/Please
- Let me see what I can find out.

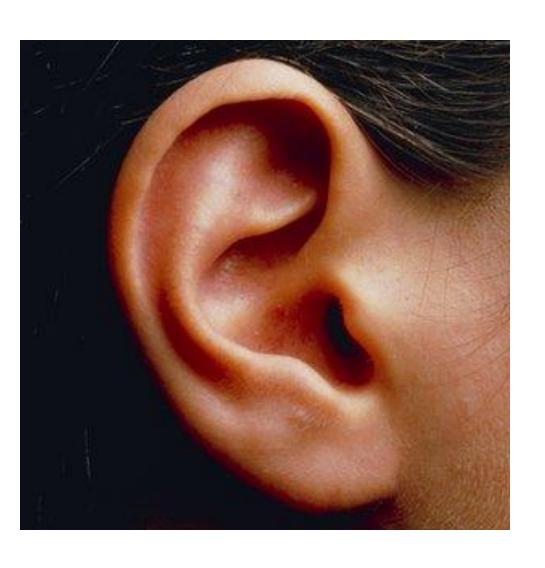






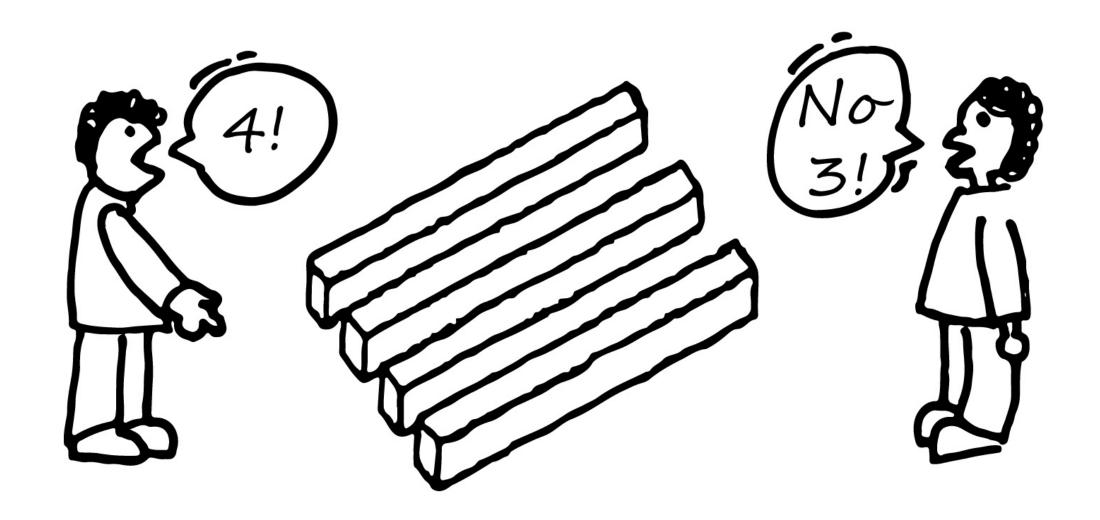


#### Listen



- Active Listeningemotion and facts
- Stop when they circle back
- Pen and paper

## Acknowledge



### Apologize

• I'm sorry this situation is so frustrating for you.

 I'm sorry that your computer crashed when you were trying to contact us.





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