

# Askthem today

RU OK?

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## Make a moment meaningful and ask R U OK?

### Find time to ask them how they're really going:

- On breaks from work or study.
- When exercising together.
- When connecting or doing activities together online.
- When you're spending time together socially.
- When you're doing an activity side-by-side.
- When you're sharing a meal.
- When you're travelling together, even a short trip can be a good time to talk.
- Whenever you're spending quality time together.

Remember to stay connected and make asking "are you OK?" part of your everyday





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## Have a conversation using these 4 steps



1. Ask R U OK?

How are you travelling?

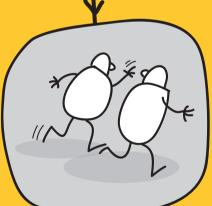
You don't seem yourself lately – want to talk about it?



2. Listen with an open mind

I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.

Have you been feeling this way for a while?



3. Encourage action

Have you spoken to your doctor about this?

What do you think is a first step that would help you through this?



4. Check in

Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?

Have things improved for you since we last spoke?

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Make staying connected and asking R U OK? part of your everyday.

Start by asking "Are you OK?"

#### No, I'm not OK.

Dig a bit deeper:

"What's been happening?"

"Have you been feeling this way for a while?"

"I'm ready to listen if you want to talk."

#### Yes, I'm fine.

But your gut says they're not:

"It's just that you don't seem to be your usual self lately."

"I'm always here if you want to chat."

"Is there someone else you'd rather talk to?"

#### Listen with an open mind

#### **Encourage action and offer support:**

"How can I help?"

"What would help take the pressure off?"

"What do you enjoy doing? Making time for that can really help."

"Have you thought about seeing your doctor?"

#### Make time to check in:

"Let's chat again next week."

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