[TITLE] HOW TO COMMUNICATE: COMPETENT CONVERSATION

00:01 [XIREN enters study room to meet JACOB who is sitting at a table behind his laptop. XIREN sits down.] **XIREN:** Hey Jacob. How are you doing?

00:04 [JACOB avoids eye contact.]

00:07 **JACOB**: Fine. Just fine.

00:12 **XIREN**: Okay. I realize this is awkward.

00:17 **JACOB**: (interrupting) ‘Ya think? How are you doing? Destroyed any new lives recently?

00:20 [XIREN visibly collects herself before responding.]

00:24 **XIREN:** I don’t think this is the right time or place to be talking about that. If you want, I'll hang around after class and maybe we can talk then?

00:38: **JACOB:** I can't believe, out of everyone, I get paired up with you.

00:41 **XIREN**: (composed) I'm hoping we can work through this. We've got about twenty minutes to get something done. I already have a few ideas about the project, but I’d really like to hear yours first.

00:53[JACOB remains silent and keeps typing on his laptop.]

00:56 **XIREN:** I know you’re really angry with me, and I admire you for that, because it shows you’re a loyal friend. But we have to work together. Can we put the past behind us for the sake of the project?

01:16 [JACOB takes a moment to think.]

01:18 **JACOB:** Fine, let's get on with it.

01:22 [XIREN nods and opens her laptop.]

01:23 **JACOB:** But I do want to talk to you afterwards.

01:26 [XIREN nods agreeably.] **XIREN:** Okay.

01:28 [XIREN and JACOB adjust body language to indicate cooperation.]

01:29 **XIREN:** So--How should we start? Do you have a topic in mind?

01:35 **JACOB:** Yeah, I was thinking that we could start here.

01:38 **XIREN:** Okay, that looks great.

01:40 [Scene fades as XIREN and JACOB look at JACOB’s notebook and explore topic idea.]