Child Says	Child is Feeling	You Say to Active Listen
I suck at basketball. I should	disappointed	You feel disappointed for not making that shot?
quit trying.		
I'm not having any fun.	Lonely, sad	Sounds to me like you feel sad in this game.
I can't think of anything to do.	bored	Are you bored right now?
I hate school.	frustrated	You really hate school at this time of year.
My teacher gives us too much	overwhelmed	Your teacher is giving you too much homework
homework.		and you feel overwhelmed with it all.
All the kids went to the beach. I have no one to play with.	Lonely, left-out	You are feeling left-out because everyone else went to the beach.
I shouldn't have been so mean	guilty	You are feeling guilty for how you think you
to Jessie.	,	treated Jessie?
I'm old enough to go by myself.	Mis-understood	You feel responsible enough to go.
Math is too hard. I'm too stupid.	frustrated	Math is frustrating you a lot right now.
Nobody cares about what I	Mis-understood, sad	You are feeling sad that your voice is not heard?
think about the situation.		
I don't want to do an oral	Scared, worried	An oral presentation scares you right now?
presentation.		
I never want to play with Jared	angry	You are angry at Jared for some reasonmaybe
again. He's mean.		he is being mean?
I don't want to go to college,	Mis-understood, pressured	You are feeling pressured to meet your parent's
but my parents insist.		standards and wishes?
My pants are too short.	embarrassed	Your pant length is causing you embarrassment.
My Dad drinks too much.	Wistful, worried	You are worried about your Dad's behaviour?
Life isn't worth living. No one	hopeless	You are feeling hopeless about life? Are you
would miss me.		thinking of hurting yourself?

Adult Says	Adult is Feeling	You Say to Active Listen
My child has too much	Worried, angry, Mis-understood	You are worried about preserving family time, yet
homework and we have no		find that the kids bring home too much
family time.		homework?
My son is failing math.	worried	You are pretty worried about your son.
I want my daughter to go to	Worried, upset, sad, angry	You seem upset and sad that your daughter is
university but she refuses.		choosing not to go to university.
My boss loads too much work	overwhelmed	Your workload is overwhelming for you right
on me.		now.
My partner thinks our house	Mis-understood	You feel mis-understood about expectations in
isn't clean enough.		keeping the house tidy?
I need some self-care time.	overwhelmed	You are feeling overworked?
My students are rude to me.	Unappreciated, disrespected,	Could it be that you are feeling disrespected by
	hurt	your students this year?
I don't have enough time to	overwhelmed	Sounds to me like you are feeling overwhelmed
teach everything.		by the years workload.
My child feels left out of recess	Sad, hurt	You seem sad that your child is feeling left out of
play with other kids.		play time.
I sometimes regret choosing	Wistful, regretful	Sometimes you wish that you never began a
teaching as a profession.		career in teaching.
Sometimes life just takes too	hopeless	You are feeling hopeless about life? Are you
much effort and no one really		thinking of hurting yourself?
cares.		