

## TALKING CONTRACT

*Copy the lesson on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to title it "Talking Contract". Please sign and date the bottom of your paper before turning it in.*

I understand that time is one of the most valuable things we have. Fifty or so minutes is so little time to do all the things we need to do in class, so it is vitally important to make every minute count. When I talk or goof off or disrupt the class, I am wasting valuable learning time. That is not fair to my teacher, my classmates, or to myself.

I understand that it is okay to talk:

1. If I raise my hand and the teacher calls on me.
2. If talking is necessary to complete my assignment.
3. If it is free time and I have completed my assignments.

But I know that I must not talk:

1. When the teacher is talking.
2. When a student is asking or answering a question.
3. When the teacher has instructed the class to be quiet.

I understand that one of the major expectations in this classroom is to respect others. I will work harder to abide by that policy in the future.