

# Words to use with Students For teaching staff



## Instead of . . .

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"Do you understand?"

"Here's a problem to try."

"You should know that."

"That was covered in last year's course. Here's a resource to learn more."

"That's easy."

"I think you can do that."

"Here's the solution to this problem."

"Here are some strategies you could use to find a solution."

"That's not my job."

"This person can assist you with that."

"I don't answer questions about assignments."

"I'll help you understand the concepts."

"That's in the course handbook."

"Here's the appropriate section in the course handbook."

"There's a form you have to fill out."

"Here's how to find the form to fill out."

"This course has a high fail rate."

"It takes focussed effort to do well in this course."

"I don't have the answer."

"Let's look that up on *AskAdelaide*."

## Making a Positive Difference

- > Be clear about your expectations
- > Give study advice as you go
- > Model the thinking and decision-making process
- > Familiarise yourself with resources available to students
- > Continually tell them about student support options
- > Spend time with them to learn how they think
- > Remember the little things

For staff resources, go to: [adelaide.edu.au/learning/teaching/development](http://adelaide.edu.au/learning/teaching/development)