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The Case of the Confused Conversations Answer Key

These are suggested answers - student responses may vary as long as the reasoning is supported with understanding of tone.

Clue #1: ✗ Disrespectful

Why? The word “ugh” and sarcastic “like you always do” shows frustration and passive-aggression.

Clue #2: ✓ Respectful

Why? It shows disagreement without blame and invites collaboration.

Clue #3: ✗ Disrespectful

Why? Insults (“so dumb”) and mocking the person are aggressive and hurtful.

Clue #4: ✓ Respectful

Why? It shows open-mindedness and a desire to understand.

Clue #5: ✗ Disrespectful

Why? The phrase “you always mess things up” is blaming and accusatory.
