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<ul> <li>You have supervised Dennis for 2 ½ years</li> <li>This is his 3<sup>rd</sup> formal appraisal from you</li> <li>You need to address his tardiness with both coming to work late and meeting deadlines</li> <li>Lay out your expectations and a timeframe for</li> </ul>	
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SUPERVISOR	NIGEL
<ul> <li>You have been supervising Nigel for 6 months, but you have been with the organization for 5 years and are well aware of his 'non-stick' reputation</li> <li>This is your first appraisal with him</li> <li>You need to address the problem areas in the administration unit as well as Nigel's lack of personal responsibility for the overall performance of administration unit under his supervision</li> <li>Find some solutions</li> <li>Don't forget to address what he is doing well</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>You initially act somewhat irritated that you are being blamed for things that you personally have not done or have control over</li> <li>It's not your fault: you have a vacant position in your unit and some non-performers AND you just have too much work</li> <li>It's not your fault the building owners won't fix the temperature problem – you have given up trying</li> <li>You don't have time to start a staffing process and files are missing because some of your staff need training</li> <li>Note: feel free to improvise beyond the script</li> </ul>
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SUPERVISOR	WENDY
<ul> <li>You have been her supervisor for 3 years</li> <li>She is significantly older than you</li> <li>Somehow, she's flown under the radar and this is her first formal performance appraisal</li> <li>You need to formally address the messy workstation and eating at her desk</li> <li>Find some solutions</li> <li>Don't forget to address what she is doing well</li> <li>Note: feel free to improvise beyond the script</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>You initially act all friendly but you are feeling somewhat timid then get weepy as soon as concerns are addressed - You are very sensitive and cry at the 'Kleenex' commercial on TV</li> <li>This is your very 1<sup>st</sup> formal appraisal</li> <li>You see everyone in the office as your friend, including your boss who is much younger than you</li> <li>You can't help being messy – it's your nature</li> <li>You need to snack in order to regulate blood sugar</li> <li>Note: feel free to improvise beyond the script</li> </ul>



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<ul> <li>Because you did not hire Sam, you are not very clear on his other work experience</li> <li>Now that Sam has been in the job for 12 months, you want to know where HE believes he can add value and further contribute to the organizations goals</li> </ul>	
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