

# Your Conflict Mastery Scorecard: Understanding & Elevating Your Ability to Effectively Manage Conflict

## The Conflict Mastery Imperative

Mastering conflict isn't about avoiding disagreements—it's about **leveraging them to drive innovation, improve collaboration, and strengthen relationships**. Whether you aim to **increase psychological safety, improve communication, or lead with confidence in high-stakes situations**, this scorecard will guide you toward achieving those goals with **clarity and purpose**.

Your Conflict Mastery Score reflects how well your current behaviors, communication patterns, and leadership strategies **support or hinder your ability to navigate conflict effectively**. Rather than simply measuring where you stand, this scorecard provides clear, **actionable next steps tailored to your current conflict management level**.

## 📌 How to Use This Scorecard:

- **Find your Conflict Mastery Score on the page you just took the assessment** to understand your current approach to conflict.
- **Identify 1-2 key areas for growth** where improvement will have the biggest impact.
- **Follow the recommendations**—small, intentional changes can significantly enhance your leadership impact.
- **[Attend a Cortex workshop or schedule an individual coaching program](#)** to learn and apply the skills needed to shift into a conflict management mindset.

By applying these insights, you will **shift from reactive to proactive leadership, transform conflicts into opportunities for growth, and create a more resilient and high-performing team environment**. Now, let's explore your results.

# Category 1 (25–61): At Risk

Your Conflict Mastery is currently at risk. You may avoid conflict entirely or engage in unproductive, emotionally reactive disputes. Unresolved tensions may impact team trust, decision-making, and morale, making conflict feel exhausting and challenging to manage.



📌 **Your next step:** Start with the foundation by exploring your DISC style, then progressively work your way up through each level. [Read the full article here](#) to support your journey.

# Category 2 (62–86): Emerging

You have foundational conflict skills but lack consistency. You **understand the importance of Conflict Mastery** but may struggle with follow-through. At times, **you either overcompensate by being too forceful or avoid addressing issues altogether**. Your ability to **manage difficult conversations** is developing but inconsistent.

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## Start with Your DISC Conflict Strategy

If you are high **D/I**, focus on **active listening and emotional regulation**. If you are high **S/C**, practice **assertiveness and structured conflict resolution techniques**.

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## Establish Proactive Communication

Implement **regular team check-ins** to **address potential tensions early** before they escalate.

3

## Develop a Growth Mindset

Shift from viewing conflict as a **negative experience** to an **opportunity for collaboration and innovation**.

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## Strengthen Through Practice

Engage in conflict coaching sessions to build confidence in navigating high-stakes disagreements.

# Category 3 (87–105): Developing

You handle conflict fairly well but may occasionally default to emotional reactions or avoid deeper discussions. While your approach is structured, there are opportunities to enhance adaptability, influence, and emotional intelligence in tough conversations.

## Your Development Journey:

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### Strengthen Advanced Conflict Techniques

Improve your ability to **ask high-impact questions** that **move discussions from tension to solutions**.

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### Balance Assertiveness & Empathy

If you are high **D/I**, refine **perspective-taking skills**. If you are high **S/C**, develop **assertive yet relationship-focused strategies**.

3

### Identify Recurring Conflict Patterns

Reflect on previous conflicts—what trends do you see? **Which situations are most challenging for you?**

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### Experiment with New Approaches

In **lower-stakes situations** to refine your technique before applying them in high-pressure scenarios.

# Category 4 (106–117): Proficient

You have strong Conflict Mastery skills. You effectively **manage disagreements, communicate with clarity, and approach conflict with a solution-oriented mindset**. However, **small inefficiencies may still exist in high-emotion situations or with particularly difficult personalities**.

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## Lead Conflict Resilience

Create a **psychologically safe environment for open discussions** through team workshops

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## Advanced Mediation

Master **neutral reframing, facilitated dialogue, and data-driven decision-making**

3

## High-Stakes Navigation

Refine techniques for complex power dynamics, negotiation, and emotional disputes

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## Mentor Development

Share conflict mastery strategies to elevate overall team effectiveness

At this level, your focus shifts from personal mastery to helping others develop strong conflict management skills while continuing to refine your own expertise in complex situations.

# Category 5 (118–125): Advanced Mastery

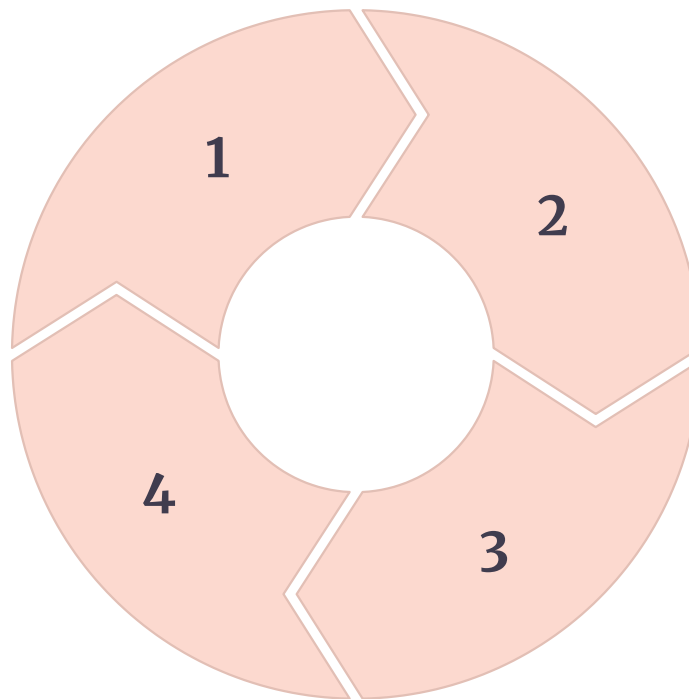
You are a high performer in Conflict Mastery! You **consistently navigate difficult conversations with confidence and finesse**. Your approach to conflict fosters **innovation, collaboration, and a high-trust team culture**. You **understand nuances in communication styles** and know how to **facilitate transformative discussions that lead to breakthroughs**.

## Lead Industry Expertise

Share insights through keynote speaking and thought leadership

## Scale Best Practices

Drive organizational transformation across teams



## Train Future Leaders

Develop and deliver conflict leadership programs

## Master Advanced Influence

Excel in executive negotiation and persuasion

These elements work together continuously to elevate both your expertise and your organization's conflict management capabilities.

# Implementation Tips for Everyone

## Step 1: See Conflict as Opportunity

Begin by reframing conflict as a powerful tool for innovation and leadership growth

## Step 2: Build Psychological Safety

Create an environment where teams feel secure navigating disagreements productively

## Step 3: Adapt Your Approach

Learn to flexibly adjust your strategies based on different situations and personalities

## Step 4: Drive Continuous Growth

Successfully transform everyday challenges into opportunities for team success

**Final Thought:** Conflict is not something to fear—it is **an opportunity to refine your leadership impact, improve decision-making, and create an environment where teams thrive.** By mastering these skills, you **transform conflict into a powerful tool for growth and success.**