



Don't Compare

Avoid: "Your sister got better grades."

Comparisons can damage confidence and self-worth.

Don't Dismiss Their Feelings

Avoid: "It's not the end of the world."

Even if true, it can feel invalidating. Acknowledge their emotions first.

Don't Overreact

Avoid showing visible disappointment or anger. Stay supportive and constructive.

Don't Pressure

Avoid: "You should have studied more."

It's not the time for blame. Focus on solutions and support.

Don't Take Over

Let them lead the conversation with schools or universities if they're ready. Be there to advise or support them up.