The Importance of Civility

The video "The Importance of Civility" discusses the impact that civility can have on those around you. You should be civil to everyone in all of your interactions. But what does it sound like to be civil?

Try This!

Find a red crayon and a green crayon. Sort the phrases below by coloring the civil phrases green and the not civil phrases red. Finally, answer the questions that follow.

Are you being civil?

You've got to be kidding me. You can't really think that. It's stupid.	You're obviously not understanding me. Listen more carefully!
Sorry, but I don't really agree because…	I think that's a bad idea.
I don't know why you're even talking. You didn't explain your point.	I see what you mean, but I think…
How interesting. Tell me more about your opinion.	I'm not sure I understood your last point. Could you repeat it?

Practice rephrasing the not civil language into more civil language on the lines below. We did the first one for you!

~~I think that's a bad idea.~~ = I hadn't thought about it like that before. Could you explain your idea a little more ?

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How can you tell the difference between civil and not civil language?

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Is it easier to be civil or to be rude? Why?

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