

Belay Communication:

What is happening?

The Climber Says... The Belayer Responds...

The climber is double checking to see if he or she is tied/clipped in and secure.	Ready (Name)	*Belayer comes and double checks the climbers carabiner. (pinch test)
The dialogue is basically an agreement that the belayer will keep the climber safe.	On Belay? (Name)	Belay On! (Name)
The climber is about to start climbing. (This must be said any time the climber is about to start climbing.)	Climbing? (Name)	Climb On! (Name)
The climber would like the rope to be tighter. This is common when the climber would like to rest or stop climbing for a moment.	Tension! (Name)	Tension On! (Name) "up rope, slide, slide"
The climber is falling.	Falling! (Name)	*Down on 1 knee, pull rope to the ground. (adult lowers & communicates "Rappel On")
The climber would like to be lowered.	On Rappel! (Name)	*Down on 1 knee, pull rope to the ground. (adult lowers & communicates "Rappel On")
The climber is safely on the ground and would like to release the belayer of the responsibility of keeping the climber safe.	Off Belay. (Name)	Belay is Off. (Name)

