

# READ THE ROOM EMPATHY AND INTUITION IMPLEMENTATION

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## Reading the Room: A 7-Stage Empathy | Intuition | Intention Map

*This map is a **real-time situational awareness tool** for high-stakes environments (meetings, negotiations, teams, or any “room”). It trains you to **observe → process → respond** with precision, empathy, and calculated impact. Below are your **thoughts and actionable notes** for each of the **7 stages**, structured directly from the diagram.*

### 1. HEARING (Left Input – Sensory Intake)

- *What am I literally hearing? Tone, pace, volume, silence, repetition, emotional inflection? \**
- *Listen for **what is said** and **what is not said**.*
- *Note **repeating phrases**, **hesitations**, or **sudden shifts in tone**.*
- *Are voices rising? Dropping? Monotone?*
- *Who speaks most? Who is silent?*
- *Example: “Sarah’s voice cracked when budget was mentioned — fear or frustration?”*

### 2. SEEING (Right Input – Visual Cues)

- *What do I see in body language, positioning, and micro-expressions?*
- *Posture: Leaning in (interest) vs. arms crossed (defense)*
- *Eye contact: Avoidance = discomfort; staring = dominance*
- *Facial micro-expressions (0.5 sec): contempt, surprise, masked anger*
- *Physical space: Who sits where? Who mirrors whom?*
- *Example: “Mark keeps glancing at the door — disengaged or anxious to leave?”*

### 3. THINKING (Central Integration – Cognitive Processing)

- *Synthesizing Hearing and Seeing into coherent insight*
- *Pattern recognition: What story do the inputs tell together?*

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## **THINKING (Central Integration – Cognitive Processing) *CONTINUED***

- Cross-reference: Does tone match body language? (Incongruence = hidden agenda)
- Ask: \**“What is the emotional temperature of the room?”* \*
- Filter through *\*\*intuition\*\**: Gut sense — trust it but verify.
- Output: A clear, neutral hypothesis:
- *“Tension around timeline; team feels pressured, but leader is unaware.”\**

## **4. SAYING (Top Left Output – Verbal Contribution)**

- Speaking truth in a way that helps, heals, or advances — never just to be heard.
- Helpful truth only: Will this add clarity, reduce friction, or build trust?
- Use empathic framing: “I sense some concern about X — am I reading that right?”
- Avoid filler, jargon, or ego-driven speech.
- Golden Rule: Say less, mean more.
- Example: “It feels like we’re aligned on goal but split on pace — can we name the gap?”

## **5. DISCERNMENT (Top Right Output – Strategic Judgment)**

- Knowing when to speak, when to hold, and what the impact will be\*
- Predictive empathy*\*\**: If I say this, how will each person react?
- Risk/reward filter
- Will this *\*\*build trust\*\** or *\*\*trigger defense\*\**?
- Is silence more powerful right now?
- Discern timing, audience, and ripple effects
- Example: “If I challenge the VP now, team shuts down. Better to ask a bridging question.”

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## 6. FEELING (Bottom Left Output – Emotional Resonance)

- Tuning into the energy — yours and theirs
- Name the **collective emotion**: Anxiety? Excitement? Resentment?
- Check your own state: Am I calm? Reactive? Projecting?
- Use **somatic awareness**: Tight chest? Open posture?
- Hold space for feelings **without fixing them immediately**.
- Example: “There’s heavy energy — like grief after the layoffs. Acknowledge it first.”

## 7. DOING (Bottom Right Output – Embodied Action)

- Translating insight into calculated, ethical movement\*
- Initiate micro-actions\*\*:
- Shift seating to balance power
- Propose a 2-min pause
- Assign a clarity task
- Take **smart risks**: Speak up when silence enables harm
- Act with **precision and restraint** — no over-correction
- Example: “I’ll summarize the two views and propose a 5-min breakout to align.”

### QUICK FLOW RECAP (7 Stages in Sequence)

[HEARING + SEEING] → THINKING → [SAYING or DISCERNMENT] → [FEELING + DOING]

1. Gather (Hear + See)
2. Process (Think)
3. Decide (Say or Hold via Discernment)
4. Resonate (Feel)
5. Act (Do — with intention)

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## COACH'S PRO TIP

- Run this loop every 5–10 minutes in a meeting.
- Write one line per box in real time on the PDF form.
- Over time, *you'll read rooms like a sixth sense.*

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Below is a complete Emotional Intelligence (EI) Toolkit built directly into the Empathy | Intuition | Intention Map from Equanimity.Coach.

Each of the **\*\*7 stages\*\*** now includes **\*\*one high-impact EI technique\*\***, with **\*\*micro-drills\*\*** you can practice in real time — no prep needed.

## EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNIQUES

1. **HEARING:** → Active Listening Echo
  - a. **Technique:** Mentally repeat the last 3–5 words someone says before responding.
  - b. **Why:** Forces full auditory focus; reduces premature judgment.
  - c. **Drill:** In your head: “...so we’re behind schedule.” → Echo: “Behind schedule...”
  - d. **EI Skill:** Self-Regulation (slows reactive speech)
  
2. **SEEING:** → Facial Action Coding (Micro-Expression Scan)
  - a. **Technique:** Scan **\*\*3 zones\*\*** in 3 seconds:
  - b. **Brows:** (raised = surprise, furrowed = anger/confusion)
  - c. **Eyes:** (darting = anxiety, wide = fear/interest)
  - d. **Mouth:** (tight lips = tension, one-sided smirk = contempt)
  - e. **Drill:** Pick one person. Name 1 micro-cue per zone.
  - f. **EI Skill:** Empathy (Nonverbal)

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3. **THINKING:** → Emotion Labeling (Name It to Tame It)
  - a. **Technique:** Assign **one emotion word** to the room's energy.
  - b. **Rule:** Use specific (not "bad") → e.g., "frustrated," "cautious," "hopeful"
  - c. **Drill:** Write in THINKING box:
  - d. **Room:** = cautious optimism
  - e. **Bonus:** Self-Awareness + Social Awareness
  
4. **SAYING:** → The Empathy Lead-In
  - a. **Technique:** Start every contribution with **"I sense..."** or **"It feels like..."**
  - b. **Formula:** "I sense [emotion] around [topic]. Am I reading that right?"
  - c. **Example:** "I sense hesitation about the timeline. Am I off?"
  - d. **EI Skill:** Empathy + Relationship Management
  - e. **Bonus:** Invites correction → builds trust
  
5. **DISCERNMENT:** → Impact Forecasting (3-Second Rule)
  - a. **Technique:** Before speaking, ask:
    1. Will this land as helpful or harmful?
    2. Who wins? Who loses?
    3. Is silence the better move?
  - b. **Drill:** Count to 3. If any answer is "harmful" or "ego," hold.
  - c. **EI Skill:** Self-Regulation + Strategic Empathy
  
6. **FEELING:** → Body Radar Check
  - a. **Technique:** Quick 3-point somatic scan:
  - b. Chest tight (anxiety) / open (calm)?
  - c. Gut flutter (intuition) / heavy (dread)?
  - d. Shoulders up (stress) / down (grounded)?
  - e. **Drill:** Label your body state in FEELING box:
  - f. "Chest tight → mirroring room's stress"
  - g. **EI Skill:** Self-Awareness (Interoception)

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## 7. **DOING:** → The 1% Action Rule

- a. **Technique:** Take the smallest effective action that shifts energy.
- b. **Examples:**
  1. Stand to reset dominance
  2. Ask one person's name again (inclusion)
  3. Propose a 60-sec silence to “digest”
- c. **Drill:** In DOING box:
  1. Ask Raj for his take — he's been silent”
- d. **EI Skill:** Relationship Management + Initiative

## LIVE PRACTICE FLOW (90 Seconds)

### *Stage Action EI Technique*

1. HEARING | Echo last 3 words | Active Listening |
2. SEEING | 3-zone face scan | Micro-Expression |
3. THINKING | Label room emotion | Name It to Tame It |
4. SAYING | “I sense...” opener | Empathy Lead-In |
5. DISCERNMENT | 3-Second Impact Check | Forecasting |
6. FEELING | Body Radar (3-point) | Somatic Awareness |
7. DOING | 1% micro-action | Calculated Risk |

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## **EXAMPLE FIELD NOTES (USE THEM WITH THE DIAGRAM!)**

ROOM: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. [HEARING] Echo: \_\_\_\_\_
2. [SEEING] Brows/Eyes/Mouth: \_\_\_\_\_
3. [THINKING] Room emotion: \_\_\_\_\_
4. [SAYING] "I sense..." line: \_\_\_\_\_
5. [DISCERNMENT] Hold or Speak? \_\_\_\_\_
6. [FEELING] Body state: \_\_\_\_\_
7. [DOING] 1% action: \_\_\_\_\_

### **FINAL EI COACH TIP**

1. Mastery = 100 rooms.
2. Fill this map live in every meeting for 10 sessions.
3. By room 11, you'll feel the shift before it happens.

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