Don't say:

"You need to relax and breathe instead of letting the drama get to you."

Say instead:

"Having a normal emotional reaction to a stressor isn't being dramatic.

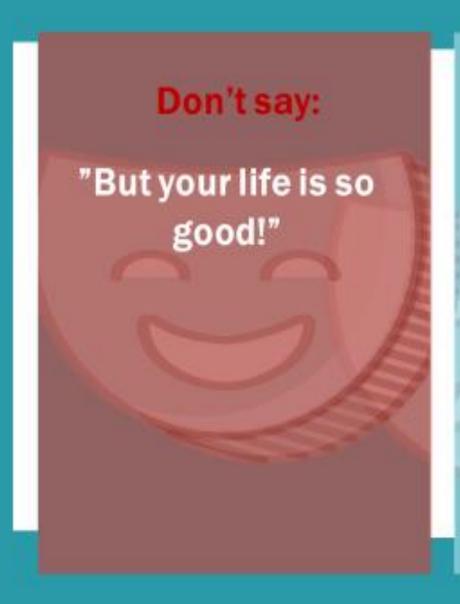
I want to help."



"I know depression is different from sadness.
How can I help?"



"I understand life has been really hard lately. How can I support you?"



"I had no idea you were feeling this way. I support you and I am here for you."



"I want to help you find the strength to fight this. You're not alone."