Conflict Management Styles

Read the attributes of the five conflict management styles. Add two possible statements for each conflict management style.

Attributes of the Five Conflict Management Styles			
	Characteristics	Goal	Possible Statements
Avoiding	I lose / You lose Unassertive and uncooperative	To feel safe. Best for situations where you don't care about the outcome or where using any of the other styles might threaten your wellbeing.	Ex: "Forget about it" 1. 2.
Accommodating	I lose / You win Unassertive but cooperative	Avoid a fight. Best for preserving relationships, or if time is of the essence.	Ex: "Yeah, I guess that's fine" 1. 2.
Compromising	I win a little but also lose a little / You win a little but also lose a little Somewhat assertive, somewhat cooperative	To have a chance at sometimes winning (or knowing you'll get your chance next); is also used to preserve relationships.	Ex: "Let's meet halfway" 1. 2.
Competing	I win / You lose Assertive but not cooperative	Best used when you don't care about the other person or if you don't have much time.	Ex: "We're gonna do it my way. Period." 1. 2.
Collaborating	I win / You win Assertive AND cooperative	Both parties win (but it takes more time than the other styles).	Ex: "I hear your preference; mine is different, but I think we can find a way that we both agree on if we talk it out." 1. 2.