# Half the world is filled with people who have something to say and can't say it AND

the other half, of people who have nothing to say and keep on saying it.

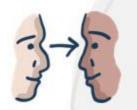
- Robert Frost



Gestures

**The 8 Components** of Non-verbal Communication

How your hand & body movements express information



#### **Eye Contact**

How & how long you hold someone's gaze



#### **Physical Distance**

How much space you give to others



How you use your face to communicate



#### **Posture**

How you sit, stand and move



#### **Paralanguage**

How your non-speech sounds make meaning

#### Touch

How you use or avoid physical touch

#### **Appearance**

How your fashion, style and hygiene communicate

Non-verbal communication is a language worth learning!



### **VERBAL AND NON-VERBAL**

Verbal Communication	Basis	Non-Verbal Communication
Verbal communication uses oral or written words.	Use of Word	Nonverbal communication does not use any oral or written words.
Verbal communications are of two types: oral and written.	Types	Nonverbal communications have many various types: visual, audio, silent, etc.
Easy to understand.	Understand	Difficult to understand.
Verbal communications are highly structured.	Structured	Nonverbal communications lack formal structure.
Less possibility of distortion of information.	Distortion of Information	High possibility of distortion of information.
Verbal communication begins and ends with words.	Continuity	Nonverbal communication continues until the purpose is achieved.
Verbal communication gives less and delayed feedback.	Feedback	Nonverbal communication gives a lot of feedback.

## Types of Verbal communication

Public Communication

Small group Communication

Intrapersonal Communication

Interpersonal Communication

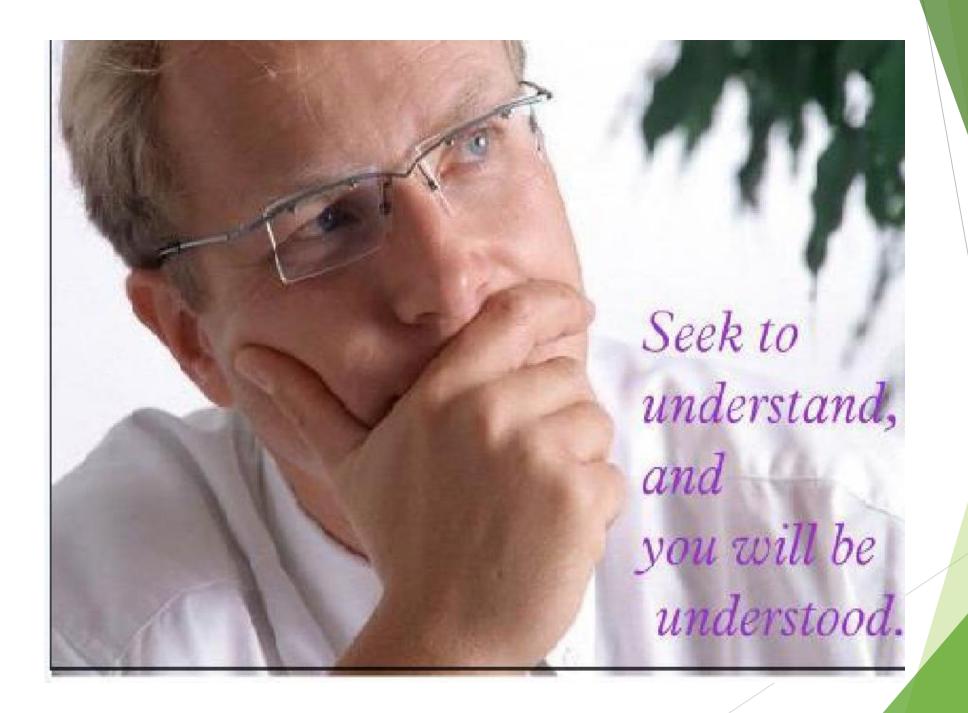
## Verbal Communication Skills



Communication is easy- anytime, anywhere and anyhow.

**BUT** 

is it always effective???



Listen, and your voice will be heard.



"To effectively communicate, we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others."

You can have brilliant ideas, but if you can't get them across, your ideas won't get you anywhere.

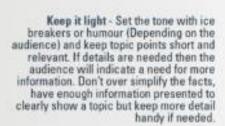
Lee lacocca

"The five essential entrepreneurial skills for success are concentration, discrimination, organization, innovation and communication." - Michael Faraday



Get help - where possible include individuals in your presentation who can assist with input or in presenting additional information. Where external resources are used such as marketing companies or resource suppliers ensure that they are represented and can supply meaningful input.

them where possible in preparation and updating of project briefs and information. Your audience will be more patient and receptive if they had a part in the details being presented.





Know your sobject - having a strong understanding of the information being presented will automatically calm your nerves and give you confidence in what is being presented. Prepare for questions by having relevant facts and figures available.

Stay on topic – maintain control on the discussions and keep all points relevant to the topic being discussed. Prior to the meeting enlist the assistance of a senior manager or subject specialist to intervene and maintain the theme of the meeting.

Use visuals and props - make use of visual presentations and flip charts to keep focus on the subject and discussion points. This gives you time to gather your thoughts and prepare

# Passive Style: Summary

- Too intimidated to express thoughts and feelings
- ► Forfeits his/her rights or freedoms
- Gives in to demands so he/she will be accepted
- Avoid confrontation at any cost
- Often feels used and taken advantage of
- Driven by anxiety

# Assertive Style: Summary

- Recognizes and stands up for own rights while respecting the dignity of others
- ► Focuses on specific issues and problems, without belittling self or others
- Expresses opinion without violating others' rights
- Minimizes opportunities to be taken advantage of by others



## Assertive Style: Summary

- Open, tolerant, and considerate of other's feelings
- Can overcome fear to confront issues that require resolutions
- Can communicate feelings of anger diplomatically, without putting others on the defensive

# Aggressive Style: Summary

- Intimidates others to gain control of their thoughts and actions
- ► Manipulates, accuses, fights
- Little or no regard for other's feelings
- Driven by anger



# Passive-aggressiveness

- Hostility expressed through inaction; inertia used as a weapon
  - Silent treatment
  - Dragging your feet
  - Always being late
  - ▶ Never saying what they want to do, then sulking about it
  - Lame excuses
- Plausible deniability is key



## **Assertiveness Skills**

- ► Know your rights
  - Say no and not feel guilty
  - Change your mind about anything
  - Take your time to form a response to a comment or question
  - Ask for assistance with instructions or directions
  - Ask for what you want
  - Experience and express your feelings
  - ▶ Feel positive about yourself under any conditions
  - ► Make mistakes without feeling embarrassed or guilty
  - Own your opinions and convictions
  - Protest unfair treatment or criticism
  - ► Be recognized for your significant achievements and contributions

## Assertiveness Skills

- Know your rights
- Learn to say no
- Learn to use "I" statements
- Use eye contact
- Use assertive body language
- Avoid manipulation
  - ▶ Be aware of these strategies
    - ▶ Intimidation
    - ► Content substitution
    - Personal attacks (character assassination)
    - Avoidance

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- Avoid manipulation
  - Respond rather than react
    - Exercise

86% OF EXECUTIVES AND EMPLOYEES IN A <u>SALESFORCE SURVEY</u> SAY LACK OF TEAM COMMUNICATION SKILLS CAUSES **FAILED PROJECTS**.

