

- 2. Policies and procedures, memorandum or office circulars
- 3. The management team
- 4. Whom to see about what and of course, it goes without saying that these persons should always be available.



Employees should also be made aware of their responsibilities, accountabilities and the expectations/standards of the organization.



The word to instruct means to teach, inform or direct.

- its force lies in the exact identification of who will do it and the detailed information of the desired action. In its absolute form, it specifies the who, what, where, how and why information.

### INSPIRE

Employees need to be encouraged to perform actions that are personally and organizationally advantageous.

They need messages which will strengthen their:

- a. sense of belonging and pride in themselves and in their organization
- b. Sense of purpose and importance to the organization



As a supervisor, you must not forget to give credits to whatever they accomplished in your unit.



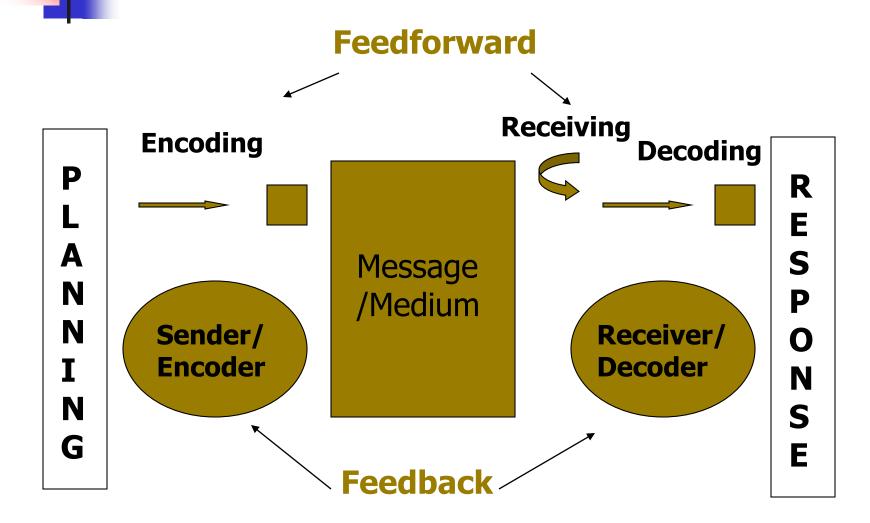
Employees need to coordinate their efforts to achieve increased understanding greater synergy and higher productivity.

Employees must have opportunities to communicate fully and frequently not only with each other but with management.



An organization must have a philosophy of communication which will provide guidance to everyone on what is to be communicated, how much is to be communicated and how and by whom it is to be communicated.

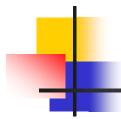




#### **Step 1 Planning of Communication Process**

Before communicating anything important, ask yourself these questions:

- •What am I trying to say and why?
- •Do I really need to say it?
- •How can I say it more clearly?
- How can I say it more convincingly yet tactfully?



# Remember, clear thinking precedes clear expression and clear expression precedes clear reception.

#### **Step 2 Encoding**

- -the mental "wrapping" of the communication message.
- -selection of the medium/technique through which to communicate.
- -Purpose, receiver and content determine best medium.
- -Methods-Verbal, written, pictorial



#### Step 3 Physical Transmission of the Message Through Medium

- Actual physical transmission by speaking, writing, etc.
- Channel and proper timing are crucial factors



#### The timing of a message should take into account such factors as:

- 1) Prevailing organizational situation or current work demands and pressures.
- 2) Personal circumstances involved when message is sent and received or other activities competing for attention.
- 3) Period immediately preceding or following the sending and receiving of the communication.



- 4) Spacing of messages and frequency of recent communication.
- space messages to avoid avalanche of information.
  - (e.g. Vacation or Peak work periods)
- •pick the best time of the day; usually mid-morning or midafternoon and steer clear of early morning and late evening.
- try to deliver your message Tuesday-Thursday and avoid, if you can, Monday morning and Friday afternoon.

#### Channels of communication run in two (2) directions:

- 1) VERTICAL
  - upward
  - downward
- 2) LATERAL
  - horizontal
  - outward



#### Step 4 Receiving of the Communication

 initial physical reception of message: hearing, seeing, feeling, sensing, etc.



#### Steps 5 & 6 Decoding and Response

- Decoding is the receiver's interpretation of the message.
- •Response is the verbal/ non-verbal reaction that the listener makes after decoding the message. It is also the effects in the receiver or the action the receiver takes.



#### **Effects are of four main types:**

- Change in knowledge/information
- Change in attitude/value
- Change in behavior
- Change in self-esteem/self-image



#### Steps 7 Feedback

- Integral part of the communication process which is most often neglected.
- •is a set responses to a message which allows communicators (the sender) to assess the effect and improve the quality of their communication.



#### **Feedback** serves these functions:

- 1) Allows communicator/s to check or confirm understanding of a message.
- 2) Allows the communicator/s to check/ validate their reactions with the reaction of others.
- 3) Encourages the communicator/s either to continue or to further clarify their communication

- 5) Stimulates interaction among the participants in a communication process.
- 6) Allows the listener to compare his/her perception of the messages with the perception of other listeners.



#### As a supervisor, you must:

- •Use a system to verify that all important communication sent is actually received.
- Make a provision for verifying that the content of all messages is understood.
- Make a provision for getting reactions to new practices and changes before and after following their implementation.
- •Solicit ideas and suggestions for improving the work unit and related systems/procedures.

#### **Effective Feedback is...**

- Given with care
- Given with attention
- Invited by the recipient
- Directly expressed
- Fully expressed
- Unclattered by evaluative judgments

- Well-timed
- Readily actionable
- Checked and Clarified



### 5 COMMANDMENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

- 1) Employees should feel they could communicate frankly and openly.
- 2) Employees should feel they're listened to and treated as important.
- 3) Employees should know whom to see about what and these persons should be readily available.
- 4) Employees should get fast and frank answers.
- 5) Employees should have full information about key elements of their organization.







## Fault lines

of

# Organizational Communication

## 5 FAILS

that hinder
EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONAL
COMMUNICATION

ITACOLUSS:

# aulty Transmission of Information

This barrier in the organizational communication refers to the change a message goes through as it travels along the hierarchy.

This occur because of the careless use of words, reliance on wrong words to convey a meaning or receiver- sender deficiencies and differences.

The communication process is influenced significantly by the context and climate of the work team/ organization.

A healthy working atmosphere is essential to effective communication.

## KEY FACTORS THAT CAN LEAD TO FAULTY TRANSMISSION

- Organizational culture
- Group morale
- Individual job satisfaction
- Interpersonal relationship and trust
- Physical setting
- Other recent important events



## WHAT IS GRAPEVINE?

GRAPEVINE is an informal communication channel that moves in several directions with no regard for chain of command

Flow of messages is uncontrollable by the formal authority structure.

#### GRAPEVINE IS ...

# FAST EFFICIENT RELATIVELY ACCURATE

An indication of an unhealthy working environment.

#### Grapevine exists in the Organization:

Fill-in information vacuums and gaps

Explain an event, occurrence, situation or anticipated future development

Discuss personal issues and concerns.

## As a supervisor you need to make appropriate use of the grapevine:

You should learn who the "liaison" people in the informal network.

- You should have access or "tap on" to the grapevine.
- Information from the grapevine will also help you assess the needs of your employees.



This is also called shortcutting of Channels

It happens when someone is dropped out of the communication chain or if someone is ignored in the communication chain.

An indication of a problem with you and your employees.

# Top management talks directly to staff

**Not Bypassing** 

Supervisor directly give instructions/ directions to other people/ staff in other units/ section/ divisions.

Bypassing

# ack of Managerial Commitment to TwoWay Communication

Managers who do not believe in two-way communication or have a "know it all attitude" will fail to maximize the upward flow of communication.

## oo Many Organizational Levels

The more links there are in the communication chain and the farther the receiver is from the sender the harder for the message to be effectively transmitted.

This happens when the subordinate or supervisor is continuously engaged in interpreting and misinterpreting the words, attitudes and actions of his superior or subordinate.

### Other specific problems related to Organizational levels are:

- Distance between levels
- > Status
- > Relationship
- Lack of understanding of the organization
- Specialization of tasks
- > Information ownership

Specialization of tasks or Job specialization may result in ineffective communication among levels in the organization due to lack of understanding, about the pressures, priorities and constraints of other jobs.

Information ownership. When greater value is placed upon achievement by position or knowledge rather than achievement by cooperation, there will be an attitude of information ownership.

### An appropriate response facilitates high quality communication

High quality communication promotes organizational cooperation

Organizational cooperation improves employee morale

High morale increases job commitment

Job commitment leads to peak productivity







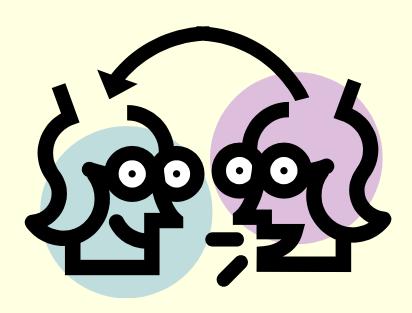
**LISTENING** is a powerful yet neglected communication skill.



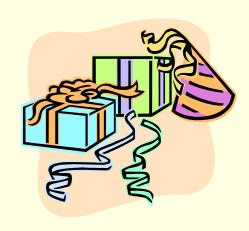
LISTENING is more than hearing.



LISTENING is the accurate perception of what is being communicated.



#### LISTENING is caring.



It is a gift of a person's time and attention.

LISTENING is not a passive process.

It is a dynamic process in motion.

The Crucial Levels of an Effective Listening Process

**RESPONSE** 



**ASSIGNMENT OF MEANING** 



**PERCEPTION** 



RECEPTION

#### Six Versions of a Message:

- 1) What I wanted to say.
- 2) What I actually said.
- 3) What you think I said.
- 4) What I think you think I said.
- 5) What you think I think I said.
- 6) What you actually heard.

#### 3 Types of LISTENING:

- Listening in spurts
- •Hearing sounds and words, but only half-listening
- Active Listening

- 1) **T** To listen well, open your eyes, use your brain, your heart and your intuition.
- 2) **F** Hearing is the first step, but you must also interpret, evaluate and respond.
- 3) **F** Facts are only part of most messages. Good listeners listen for opinion, emotion and distortion, as well.
- 4) **F** Listening is anything but passive. You are responsible as the speaker for successful communication. Your eyes dilate, your palms perspire and your body is erect.

- 5) **F** Many people pride themselves in being able to "multi-task", but the more you try to do, the more you scatter your attention.
- 6) **T** Your body and mind and spirit listen together.
- 7) **F** Paying attention is important, but you must also be able to understand the message, and you must care about the person and/or the message.
- 8) **T** Most can, but not all. If you are distracted, mention it, move or do something about it. When that doesn't work, ignore it!

- 9) **F** Yes, memory is an "overlay" of listening, but you may need to remember something for only a short time. We can't consciously remember everything we heard in the past, but if we were able to listen and act on the information effectively at the time, we were listening.
- 10) **F** If the speaker says something you do not understand, interrupt politely and ask for clarification. Otherwise, you will lose the meaning of what follows. Taking notes help.

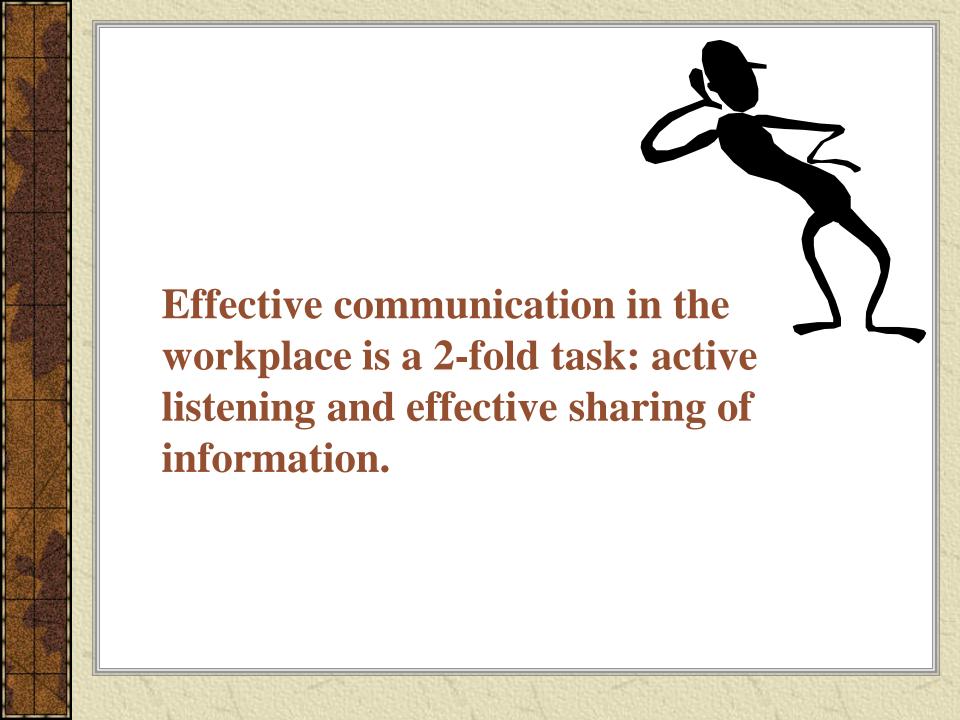
### THANK YOU!

## TAKING STOCK OF LISTENING BENEFITS



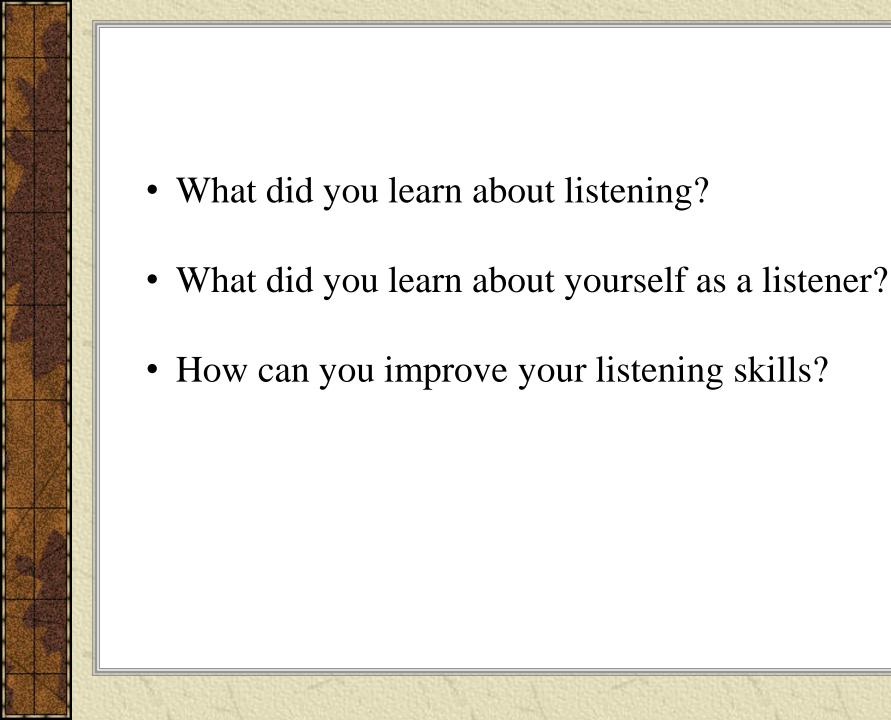


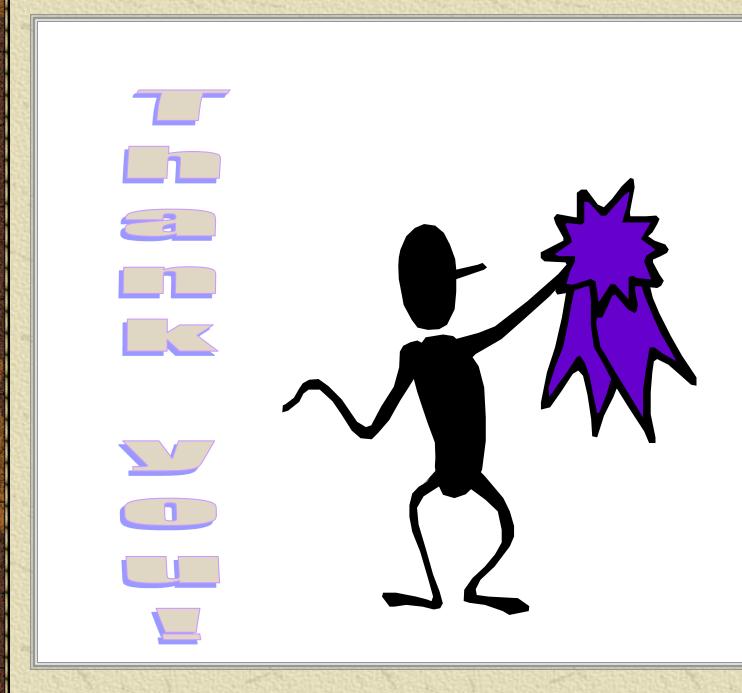
People do their best when they know someone is listening.



#### **Supervisors who LISTEN...**

- L essen tension
- **I** mprove rapport
- **S** timulate creativity
- T rim down behavioral problems
- **E** ncourage openness
- N urture positive working environment





### Recognizing Blocks and Barriers to Effective Listening

"The more you talk, the less you listen. The more you talk, the less others will listen."

### Recognizing Blocks and Barriers to Effective Listening

- **B** lind Spots
- L anguage
- utside Distractions
- C ompetence & Credibility of Speaker
- K now-It-All Attitude
- **S** peed of Thought

To develop your listening skills, there are some tips or techniques that you should follow to become an EFFECTIVE listener.

E -nsure an open mind -ind areas of -ocus on key ideas and central themes by listening F through the words -mpathize with the feelings of the listener -heck and clarify with the speaker -une out distractions -nvolve the listener in the conversation -alidate observation on non-verbal cues -xercise your mind

### Attitudes and actions that will help others listen to you more easily and frequently:

- I am interested in the thoughts and opinions of others.
- I am interesting to talk to.
- I tell the truth.
- I avoid "bigshotitis" and name-dropping.



- I am my authentic self.
- I am conscious of timing and preliminary tuning.
- I get to the point.
- I am sensitive to my listener's needs.
- <u>I use my listener's name regularly.</u>
- I use good eye communication.

#### **Ensure concentration by:**

- Planning your listening.
- Know how to handle distractions
  - 1. Ignore the distractions
  - 2. Identify the distraction and make adjustment.
  - 3. Call "time out" when you are too tired to listen
  - 4. Don't use distractions as a convenient excuse



To be an effective listener, you should be a

TOTAL listener.

#### A whole body listener tunes in by:

- Conveying a positive encouraging attitude
- Sitting in an attentive posture
- Remaining alert but comfortable
- Nodding in acknowledgement of the speaker's words
- Making good eye contact
- Listening between the lines
- Looking like a listener.

In order to be a total listener, you have to involve your HEAD, HEART, BODY and HANDS.



**BODY** – Listen by reaching physically with appropriate gestures and nods.





HANDS – Listen by taking down notes.



HEAD – Listen to what is said. Ask questions. Clarify and clear up doubts and confusions.

HEART — Listen to how things are said and what isn't said.

