



# COMMUNICATION

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clearly and concisely.**

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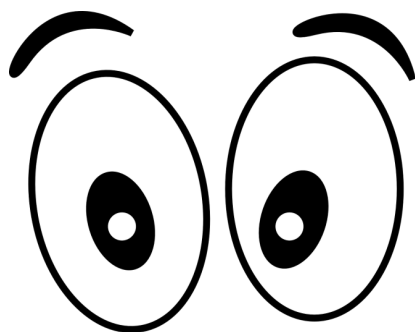
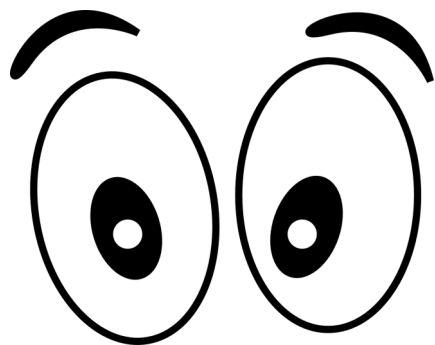
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# Eye Contact Poster



# Eye Contact Game

Act out each scenario. Have the audience give a thumbs up for good eye contact and a thumbs down for poor eye contact.

Ask someone to come play with you using good eye contact.

Ask your teacher for help while looking at the floor.

Get a friend from the audience and pretend you are at a restaurant. Order your dinner while looking at your cell phone.

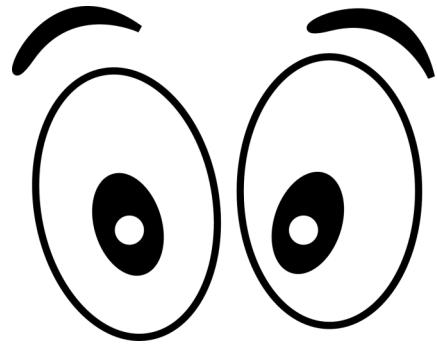
Greet your friend, make sure to look at them and smile.

Tell the audience about your favorite food with good eye contact.

Pretend to give a class report on your favorite book. Stare at one person the whole time.

“Arms out  
front then out  
real wide. Now  
place your  
arms back at  
your side.”

# Stop, Look, Listen, and Ask



# Emotions Slips

Sad	Happy
Angry	Excited
Scared	Peaceful
Shy	Nervous
Surprised	Guilty
Shame	Love

Communication: I can communicate clearly and concisely.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of four sets of three horizontal lines each. Each set includes a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



*Communication: I can communicate clearly and concisely.*

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline.

# Communication Quotes

“When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen.”

*Ernest Hemingway*

“The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn’t being said.”

*Peter Drucker*

“Wise men speak because they have something to say;  
Fools because they have to say something.”

*Plato*

“Communicate unto the other person that which you would want him to communicate unto you if your positions were reversed.”

*Aaron Goldman*

“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.”

*George Bernard Shaw*

“Communication works for those who work at it.”

*John Powell*

“There is only one rule for being a good talker – learn to listen.”

*Christopher Morley*

“Any problem, big or small, within a family, always seems to start with bad communication.  
Someone isn’t listening.”

*Emma Thompson*

“I think for any relationship to be successful, there needs to be loving communication, appreciation, and understanding.”

*Miranda Kerr*

“Communication works for those who work at it. “

*John Powell*

# Scriptures for Communication

**James 1:19** - Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

**Proverbs 15:1** - A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

**Ephesians 4:29** - Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**Psalms 141:3** - Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

**Proverbs 15:2** - The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

**2 Timothy 2:16** - But shun profane [and] vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

**Colossians 4:6** - Let your speech [be] alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

**Proverbs 12:18** - There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise [is] health.

**Proverbs 16:23** - The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

**Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**Jeremiah 1:9** - Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

**Matthew 15:18-19** - But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

**Proverbs 18:2** - A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

**1 Corinthians 2:14** - But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.

# Books for Communication

## Picture Books

- *Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish
- *Archie and the Bear* by Zanni Louise
- *Telephone* by Mac Barnett
- *Don't Forget the Bacon* by Pat Hutchins
- *Howard B Wigglebottom Learns to Listen* by Howard Binkow
- *Lacey Walker, Non Stop Talker* by Christianne C Jones

## Teens and Adults

- *Verbal Judo: The Gentle Art of Persuasion* by George J. Thompson
- *Just Listen: The Secret to Getting Through to Absolutely Anyone* by Mark Goulston, M.D.
- *Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High* by Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan, Al Switzler
- *Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way we Live* by Brené Brown
- *Thanks for the Feedback: The Science and Art of Receiving Feedback Well* by Douglas Stone

# Communication Poetry

## Communication

By: Amy

Communication takes practice,  
it's never perfect,  
sometimes not patient,  
sometimes not kind,  
but you have to say  
what's on your mind.

Lend an ear,  
listen not just hear,  
to the ones  
you love so dear.

Communication is not  
a one way street,  
it takes two,  
to concur this feat.

Communication is hard you see,  
but in the end, it is key,  
to that great relationship,  
we all want and need.

Open your heart,  
say what's on your mind,  
When you are partners for life  
there's nothing to hide.

# Communication Hymn Study

## Complete the following hymn study routine for “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

(This hymn is public domain. Simply Google the title for music and words. A link to a pdf copy is on the blog under Habits of Friendship, links for Communication)

1. Copy the words to the hymn in your best handwriting. Write each verse on its own stanza.
2. Google the hymn title and read about the history of the hymn. Write/narrate a short summary of the history.
3. Sing all the verses of the hymn.
4. If you play an instrument, learn to play the hymn.
5. Talk about what this hymn teaches you about balance.