



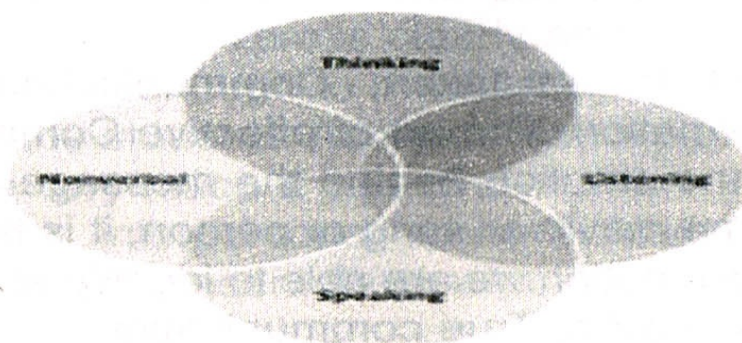
Effective Communication In Education

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

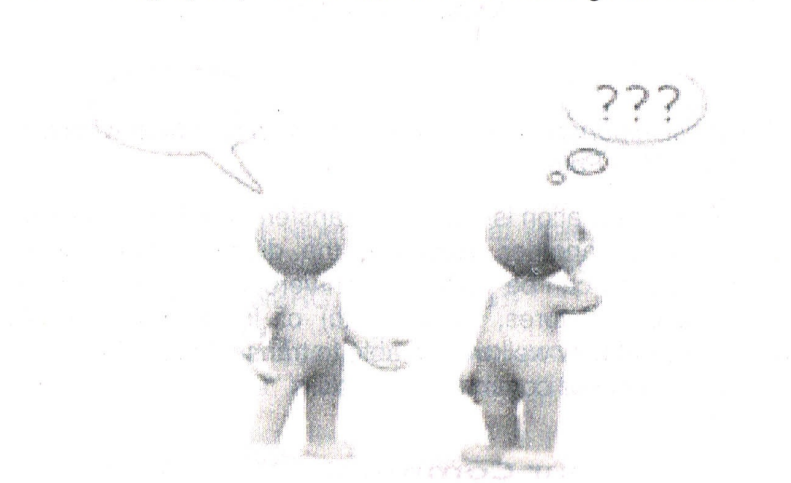
Communication is the act of transferring information from one place to another. However, the different mediums of communication can be verbal or non-verbal (body textures) or visual mode (pictures, graphs, etc) or in writing (like this passage). But how well we are able to transmit that information depends upon our communication skills.

The Four Communication Skills



But what is the need for communication skills. And how much does it relate to one's success in personal as well as professional life. According to a study, it is said that communication skills define nearly 85% of our success. That is quiet evident from the fact that often the students performing at some event are the ones who can express their desire in a better way.

Whether we talk about great leaders like—Kennedy, Gandhi or scientists like Einstein or successful entrepreneurs like Richard Branson, they all have one thing in common. What separate them from others are their confidence and ability to communicate efficiently and effectively. It is often said that having an idea or thought is not enough, expression of the same is equally important. The way we speak, the way we present ourselves marks our personality in front of others. Interpersonal skills are highly important when we are working in a team.

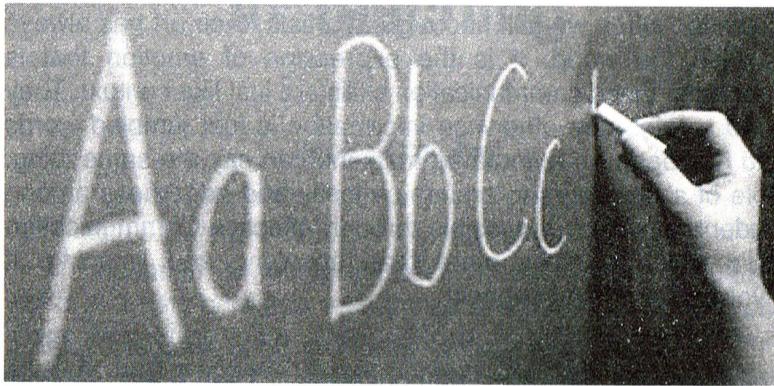


But don't be mistaken, Communication isn't simply transfer of information. The art of effective Communication lies in expressing the emotion behind the message. When we get inspired by some movie or song or person, it is the emotion we are buying. The emotion we are able to identify and get attached to and that is the art of True communication.

So having established the need and definition of Communication, let us move to a specific domain of Education, where we all as students have been inspired by our teachers. A teacher is one who inspires to do something and boosts the confidence in us. Of course, subject knowledge is important but more important is the way a teacher strikes a chord with his / her students.

Education and Need for Effective Communication

Education isn't simply writing words on a board and copying them on notebooks. It's a interface between a teacher and students. It is the teacher's responsibility to initiate communication on a dual basis.



Excellent teachers are known by their subject knowledge. But more often if you ask a student who their favourite teacher is, chances are they are ones who are able to communicate effectively and show a caring for a student at the same time. I am not talking about bias towards a student. It about being expressive and receptive at the same time. Teachers need clarity of thoughts to express clearly and effectively. Also, they must be adaptive enough to mould their communication mode according to the students. Activities like Group work, interactive sessions are very much a part of curriculum nowadays. These help develop interpersonal communication skills among students and also present them with the importance regarding the same.

In the current scenario when cyber space excludes no one, it becomes imperative that a teacher is able to change her/his teaching style. The content is equally important along with communication skills. When projectors have replaced chalkboards, and online content has started to replace our books, technology has provided teachers and all the students with more modes of communication. It is the responsibility of a teacher to adapt her teaching style and work on their communication skills to impart knowledge to the students and being emotionally aware of their needs and moods.

In a conclusion to this writing, I would say that society often divides people into extroverts and introverts. We often carry a notion that extroverts express themselves more freely. However, when we talk about great artists, their art has always dazzled the world. It is the expression of emotion that is important. Good communication skills are just like context. They need a reference otherwise information is just jumbled words and numbers. An automated machine can say the same thing. Role of a teacher is to arouse curiosity and eagerness among students and that is possible through effective Communication skills which involves more than speaking and listening. It involves Emotional connect.

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." — William Arthur Ward

