- 1. Active Listening
- Communication isn't just about speaking it's about listening too.
- Maintain eye contact (if in person).
- Don't interrupt wait for the speaker to finish.
- Repeat back or summarize what you heard to confirm understanding.

### **Example:**

- 🖣 "Yeah, yeah, I get it."
- 👍 "So what you're saying is that the deadline has been moved to Friday is that right?"
- 2. Clear and Concise Speech
- Keep your message simple and direct.
- Avoid filler words like "uh," "like," "you know."
- Organize your thoughts before speaking.

#### **Example:**

- 🧚 "I think maybe we should, you know, kinda try to meet tomorrow if that's okay?"
- "Let's meet tomorrow at 10 AM to discuss this."
- 3. Tone and Body Language
- Your tone and body language affect how your message is received.
- Maintain an open posture (no crossed arms).
- Use a confident, steady tone.
- Smile when appropriate.

# **Example:**

- Talking in a monotone voice while looking at the floor.
- Speaking with a warm tone and maintaining eye contact.
- 4. Asking Questions
- 👉 Asking the right questions keeps conversations flowing and helps you understand better.
- ✓ Open-ended questions → Encourage detailed answers.
- ightharpoonup Closed-ended questions ightharpoonup Get specific information.

# **Example:**

- igcup "What challenges are you facing with this project?" o Open-ended
- "Did you complete the task?" → Closed-ended
- 5. Handling Disagreements Gracefully

- Don't argue acknowledge different views respectfully.
- Stay calm and professional.
- Use phrases like:
  - "I see your point, but have you considered...?"
  - "That's a valid point. However, I think..."

### **Example:**

- "That's a terrible idea!"
- 👍 "I understand where you're coming from, but have you thought about trying it this way?"

# 6. Feedback and Acknowledgment

- Acknowledge what others say and give constructive feedback.
- Show appreciation with phrases like:
  - "That's a good point."
  - "Thanks for sharing that."

#### **Example:**

- 🧚 "That's wrong."
- 👍 "I see what you're saying. One thing we could improve is..."

### Practice Exercise:

- Try this:
  - 1. Explain a concept (like how to cook pasta) to someone in 2–3 sentences.
  - 2. Use clear language and avoid filler words.
  - 3. Ask the person to repeat it back to see if they understood.

Awesome! Let's refine your delivery. 👺



#### **Exercise:**

- Try explaining how to cook pasta in 2–3 sentences.
  - Keep it **simple** and **clear**.
  - Avoid filler words like "uh," "like," and "you know."
  - Focus on a confident tone and natural flow.