

Communication in Small Groups

Research *communication*. Sources can include database articles, reputable Web sites, or texts about the following topics. Research, read, learn from what you find, and prepare something to share with the class.

Be sure to give credit to any sources by acknowledging your sources in the writing and by providing an APA reference citation either after the response where it was used or at the end.

PPQ 15 Part a Verbal Communication ... for Tue, Oct 7

1. Research Jack Gibb's research on supportive and defensive communication. In your own words, explain Gibb's research results. Provide at least two examples to clarify the differences between supportive and defensive types.
2. Research and prepare a list of five suggestions for communicating effectively in a small group.
3. Use the "Perception Checking" strategy to describe how you would use it for a member of your group who generally contributes to every discussion, but who offers nothing to the discussion at the current meeting. What would you say?

PPQ 15 Part b Nonverbal Communication...for Thu, Oct 9

4. Research and define nonverbal communication. Identify at least five types. Then find something interesting about nonverbal communication to bring to discussion.
5. Identify three nonverbal factors that you have noticed in other people that might cause problems in discussions.
6. Under what conditions would total darkness be beneficial or detrimental to group discussions?