

Communication Skills Class 10 Notes | Important Points

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Session 1 : Method of Communication

What is Communication

The word ‘communication’ comes from the Latin word commūnicāre, meaning ‘to share’. Communication is a method where we can exchange the information between two or more people.

Definition: Communication is the process of conveying information, knowledge, feelings, or ideas through speaking, writing, or using body language.

What are the different parts of communication

Communication has three important parts –

1. **Transmitting:** When someone sends a message or information to others.
2. **Listening:** The receiver listens to or understands the message.
3. **Feedback:** The receiver gives a message to the sender in the form of feedback to complete the communication cycle.



What are the different elements of communication

The various elements of a communication cycle are:-

1. **Sender:** The person beginning the communication.
2. **Message:** The information that the sender wants to share, like ideas, information, questions, etc.
3. **Channel:** Channel means how the message is sent to others, like using spoken word, gestures, emails, phone calls, etc.
4. **Receiver:** The person who receives the message.
5. **Feedback:** The receiver’s acknowledgement and response to the message.

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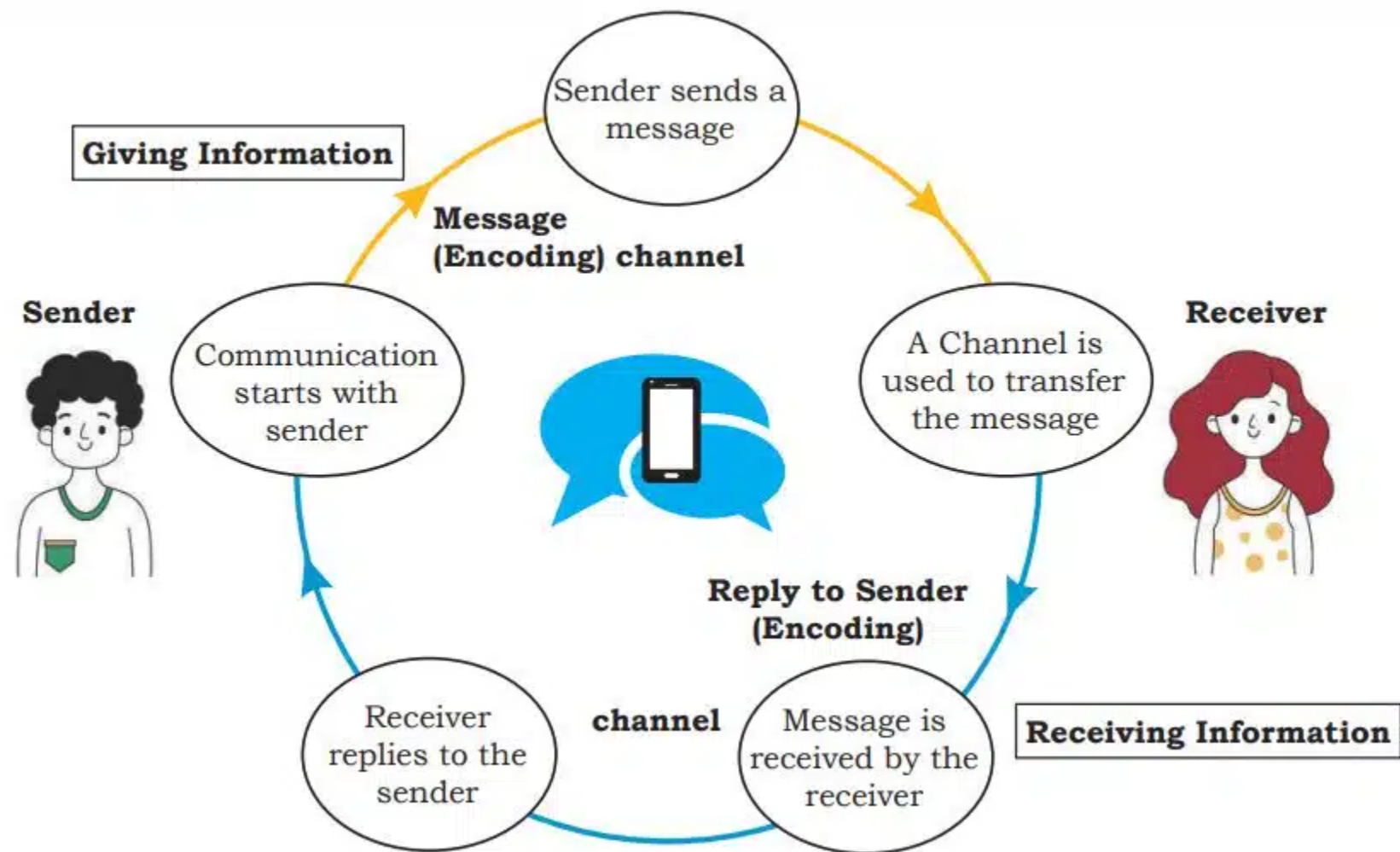


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Method of Communication	Description
Face-to-face	Face-to-face communication is the easiest and quickest method for sharing information. It helps the message to be understood clearly and quickly.
E-mail	E-mail can be sent to one or multiple users quickly.
Notices/Posters	It is helpful when the same message has to be convey to a large group of people.
Business Meetings	Business meetings use different methods of communication, like sharing information using text, charts or graphs or decision-making.
Other Methods	Some other communication methods are used, like social networks, messages, phone calls, newsletters, blogs, etc.

Session 2: Verbal Communication

What is Verbal Communication

Verbal communication is an exchange of information using spoken or written words to convey thoughts, ideas and emotions. Speaking is one of the most effective and commonly used ways of communicating.

Different types of Verbal Communication

There are several types of verbal communication –

Type of Verbal Communication	Description
Interpersonal Communication	It is a one-on-one conversation between two individuals. It can be formal (a business discussion) or informal (talking with friends).
Written Communication	This form of communication involves writing words. It can be letters, circulars, reports, manuals, SMS, social media chats, etc.
Small Group Communication	This type of communication takes place when there are more than two people involved. Example – 1. Press conferences 2. Board meetings 3. Team meetings
Public Communication	When one person speaks to a large group of people or audience. Example – 1. Election campaigns 2. Public speeches by dignitaries

Advantages of Verbal Communication

- Ease:** Simple and straightforward way of communication.
- Adaptability:** Allows for adjustments based on the listener’s response.
- Immediacy:** Enables quick exchange of information.
- Clarity:** Facilitates clear understanding through spoken words.

Disadvantages of Verbal Communication

- Dependency on Words:** Relies on the accuracy of spoken words, leading to potential misunderstandings.
- Lack of Permanent Record:** Information is not always documented, making it challenging to reference.
- Limited Non-Verbal Cues:** Absence of visual and body language cues can lead to misinterpretations.
- Potential for Confusion:** Without precise wording, meanings may be unclear or confusing.

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Mastering Verbal Communication:

- 1. **Clarity:** Use clear and simple words; avoid using confusing words.
- 2. **Active Listening:** Pay attention to what others are saying.
- 3. **Effective Tone:** Speak in a friendly and respectful way.
- 4. **Conciseness:** Say only what is needed.

Session 3: Non-verbal Communication

What is non-Verbal Communication

Non-verbal communication is a process of conveying messages without using spoken or written words. Non-verbal communication uses facial expressions, body language and gestures for conveying the message.

In everyday communication:

- 55% communication is done using body movements, face, arms, etc.
- 38% communication is done using voice, tone, pauses, etc.
- Only 7% communication is done using words.

Example of the Non-Verbal Communication

Non-Verbal Communication	Examples
Gestures	1. Raising a hand to greet or say goodbye. 2. Pointing a finger at someone.
Expressions	1. Smiling when happy. 2. Making a sad face when sad.
Body Language	1. Postures by which attitudes and feelings are communicated. Standing straight, showing interest.

What are the Different types of non-verbal communication

Type	How to use effectively?
Facial Expressions	a. Smile when you meet someone. b. Keep your face relaxed. c. Match your expressions with your words. d. Nod while listening.
Posture	a. Keep your shoulders straight and body relaxed. b. Sit straight while resting your hands and feet in relaxed position. c. While standing, keep your hands by your sides.
Gestures or Body Language	a. Keep your hands open. b. Avoid pointing your finger at people. c. Tilt your head a bit to show that you are attentive
Touch	a. Shake hands firmly while meeting someone. b. Avoid other touch gestures during formal communication.
Space	a. Maintain proper space depending on the relationship, which could be formal.
Eye Contact	a. Look directly at the person who is speaking. b. Avoid staring; keep a relaxed look. c. Maintain eye contact with intermittent breaks.
Paralanguage	a. Use a suitable tone and volume b. Maintain a moderate speed while talking

What is Visual Communication

Visual communication conveys the messages through images, pictures, videos and symbols. It is an effective way of communication.

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Session 4: Communication Cycle and Importance of Feedback

What is Feedback

When a sender shares information, the receiver responds with feedback, which can be positive or negative. Feedback is an important part of the communication cycle.

Effective feedback is always-

- 1. Specific
- 2. Helpful
- 3. Kind

Different types of Feedback in Communication Cycle

Type of Feedback Examples

Types of Feedback	Examples
Positive Feedback	a. I noticed you finished the work perfectly. Great job! b. I really appreciate you taking that call. Can you please also share the details?
Negative Feedback	a. You keep forgetting to smile at the hotel guests when you talk to them. b. You take really long to reply to e-mails! Are you always so busy?
No Feedback	a. It is also feedback in itself which indicates disagreement of ideas.

What do you mean by good feedback

Good feedback is one that –

- Specific
- Timely
- Polite
- Offering continuing support

What is the importance of Feedback

- 1. It validates effective listening
- 2. Motivation
- 3. Learning Boost
- 4. Performance Improvement

Session 5: Barriers to Effective Communication

What is 7Cs of Effective Communication

Essential Principles for Effective Communication:

- **Clear:** Make your message easy to understand.
- **Concise:** Use a simple and short message; avoid unnecessary details.
- **Concrete:** Use specific words and real facts.
- **Correct:** Check your spelling and grammar to avoid confusion.
- **Coherent:** Ensure your words logically connect and relate to the main topic.
- **Complete:** Include all necessary information for a complete message.
- **Courteous:** Be polite, respectful, and truthful in your communication.

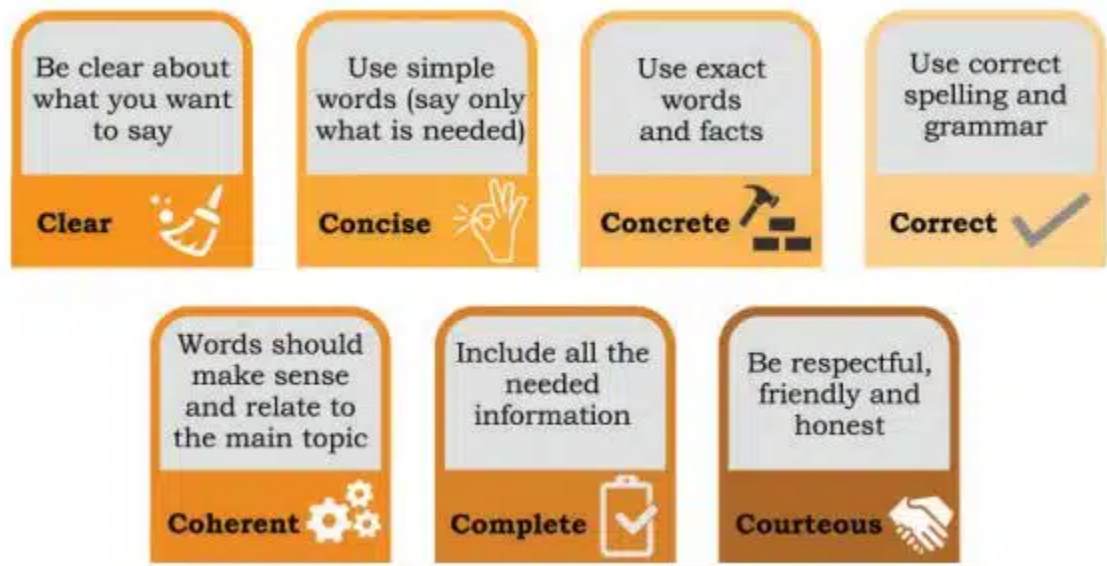


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What are the different barriers to Effective Communication

- 1. **Physical Barriers:** When distance, noise or surroundings create challenges, it is known as a physical barrier. For example, a weak phone signal can create physical barriers.
- 2. **Linguistic Barriers:** A language barrier occurs when people use different languages. It is the most common communication barrier.
- 3. **Interpersonal Barriers:** Sometimes, people misunderstand each other’s messages because of tone, emotions or personal biases.
- 4. **Organisational Barriers:** When the organisational hierarchy, rules and regulations, procedures, policies and norms are not followed by the employee.
- 5. **Cultural Barriers:** Cultural barriers are when people of different cultures are unable to understand each other’s customs, resulting in inconveniences and difficulties.

What are the ways to overcome Barriers of Effective Communication

- Use simple language
- Do not form assumptions on culture, religion or geography
- Try to communicate in person as much as possible
- Use visuals
- Take help of a translator to overcome differences in language
- Be respectful of other’s opinions

Session 6: Writing Skills — Parts of Speech

Writing skills are part of verbal communication and include e-mails, letters, notes, articles, SMS/chat, blogs, etc. all these forms of written communication, we use sentences to express ourselves.

What is Sentence

Sentence is a group of words that communicates a complete thought. A sentence always begins with a capital letter, and it always ends with a question mark, full stop or exclamation mark. For example, Pooja goes to school.

What is Phrase

The group of words, which does not make complete sense, is known as a phrase. For example, Pooja goes.

What are the different capitalization rules in communication cycle

We know that all sentences begin with capital letters. However, there are certain other points in a Sentence where we should use capital letters. ‘TINS’ is a set of simple rules that help you capitalise words correctly.

Alphabet	T	I	N	S
What it shows:	Titles	word ‘I’	Names	Starting letter of sentences
Rule	Capitalise the first letter in the titles used before people’s names.	Capitalise the letter ‘I’ when it is used as a word (Pronoun).	Capitalise the first letter in the names of people, places, days and months.	Capitalise the first letter in every sentence.
Example	Dr Malik and Mr Pandey were invited to the party.	He said that I should accompany him to the mall.	The summer break is starting this Friday and will continue till the end of June. Suresh is planning to visit London next year.	The little girl lost her book.

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What do you mean by punctuation rules

Certain set of marks, such as full stop, comma, question mark, exclamation mark and apostrophe are used in communication to separate parts of a sentence for better clarity of message.

Punctuation name	Sign	Use	Example
Full stop	.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Used at the end of a sentence.Used with short form of long words.	Omar is a professor. His students call him Prof. Omar.
Comma	,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Used to indicate a pause in the sentence.Used to separate two or more items in a row.	After getting down from the bus, I walked towards my school. The grocery store had fresh kiwis, strawberries and mangoes.
Question mark	?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Used at the end of a question.	Where is your book?
Exclamation mark	!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Used at the end of a word or a sentence to indicate a strong feeling.	What a beautiful dress! Hooray! We won the match.

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What are the basic parts of speech

The part of speech indicates how a particular word functions in meaning as well as grammatically within the sentence.

- **Noun** – Names a person, place, thing, or idea. (e.g., dog, city)
- **Pronoun** – Replaces a noun to avoid repetition. (e.g., he, she, it)
- **Verb** – Expresses action or state of being. (e.g., run, exist)
- **Adjective** – Describes or modifies a noun. (e.g., happy, tall)
- **Adverb** – Modifies a verb, adjective, or another adverb. (e.g., quickly, very)

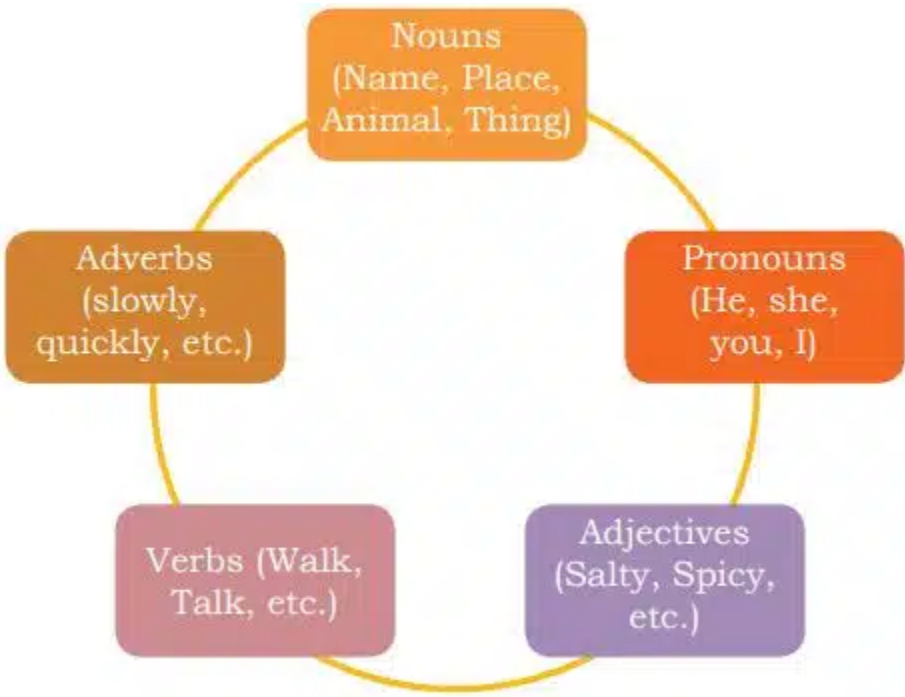


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What are the different supporting parts of speech

- **Article** – A type of adjective that defines a noun as specific or unspecific. (e.g., a, an, the)
- **Conjunction** – Connects words, phrases, or clauses. (e.g., and, or, but)
- **Preposition** – Indicates the relationship between a noun and another word. (e.g., in, on, under)
- **Interjection** – Expresses strong emotions but is not grammatically related to the rest of the sentence. (e.g., wow, oh)

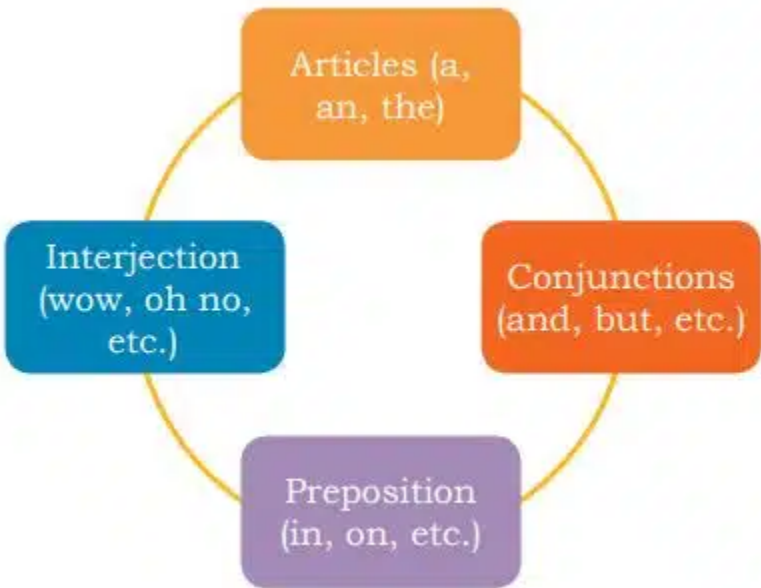


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Session 7: Writing Skills—Sentences

What is sentence

A sentence is a group of words that conveys a complete thought. It consists of a subject (the main actor or topic) and a predicate (the action or what the subject does). A sentence can be simple, compound, or complex, and it is the basic unit of communication in written and spoken language.

What are the different parts of a sentence

There are basically three different parts of sentence –

- **Subject** – The person or thing performing the action.
- **Verb** – Describes the action carried out by the subject.
- **Object** – The person or thing that receives the action.

What are the different types of objects

In a sentence, there can be two types of objects — Direct and Indirect.

Direct Object:

- 1. Receives the action directly from the verb.
- 2. Answers the question “what” or “whom.”
- 3. Example: She ate an apple.

Indirect Object:

- 1. Indirectly affected by the action, often preceded by a preposition.
- 2. Answers the question “to whom” or “for whom.”
- 3. Example: He gave a gift to her.

What are the different types of sentences

- 1. Statement or Declarative Sentence
- 2. Question or Interrogative Sentence
- 3. Emotion/Reaction or Exclamatory Sentence
- 4. Order or Imperative Sentence

Types of Sentences			
Statement or Declarative Sentence	Question or Interrogative Sentence	Emotion/Reaction or Exclamatory Sentence	Order or Imperative Sentence
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provides information or states a fact.Always ends with a ‘full-stop’ (‘.’).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Asks a question.Always ends with a question mark (‘?’).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expresses a strong emotion.Always ends with an exclamation mark (‘!’).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shows an order, command, request or advice.Can end with a full stop or an exclamation mark (‘.’ or ‘!’).

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What do you mean by Active and Passive Sentences

Active Sentence:

- 1. The subject performs the action.
- 2. Example: The cat (subject) chased the mouse (object).

Passive Sentence:

- 1. The subject receives the action.
- 2. The object becomes the focus.
- 3. Example: The mouse (object) was chased by the cat.

What do you mean by paragraph

A paragraph is a collection of sentences centered around a single idea. It starts with a topic sentence, followed by supporting details, and often ends with a concluding sentence. This structure enhances organization and readability in written communication.

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