



## Confidence



#### What is confidence?

Confidence means believing in yourself in your thoughts, your abilities, and your choices. It's like a quiet reminder inside you that says, "I can handle this," even when something feels new, tough, or uncertain. Confidence is not about being perfect or never making mistakes; it's about trying, learning, and not giving up when things get hard.

### Why is it important?

Confidence is important because it helps you take risks, try new things, speak up for yourself, and trust your own decisions instead of always depending on what others think. When you have confidence, you feel stronger from within and more ready to face life's challenges. This 7-step framework reflects Albert Bandura's theory of self-efficacy, a key part of understanding how confidence is built and sustained.

Insight



Confidence helps you try new opportunities, believe in yourself, you are then more open to applying for internships, part-time jobs, or volunteering- even if you feel unsure at first.

**Example**: Anmol wanted to apply for a graphic design internship but felt she wasn't "good enough." Her confidence pushed her to try anyway, and she got selected because they loved her creative ideas, not just her experience.





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Confidence makes you speak up for yourself. In career situations like interviews, group discussions, or workshops, confidence helps you express your ideas clearly and make a strong impression.

**Example:** During a skill development session, Teja gathered the courage to ask a question about science careers. His confidence helped him get clear, helpful advice that shaped his career decision.



Insight



Confidence helps you handle rejection or failure. Not every opportunity will work out, but confidence reminds you that failure is just part of learning, not the end of the road.

**Example**: Arya didn't get selected for the college debate team. But instead of feeling hopeless, their confidence encouraged them to join a public speaking club and keep improving skills.



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Confidence encourages independent decisionmaking. Confidence lets you trust your own interests and choices instead of only following what others expect for your career path.

**Example**: When everyone suggested that Kiran should become an engineer, their confidence helped them choose a career in filmmaking something they truly loved even if it was different from what others wanted.





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Confidence reduces fear of judgment. Many people hold back because they worry about what others will think. Confidence helps you focus on your goals, not others' opinions.

**Example:** Vicky loved photography but was shy to share their work online. When they finally posted pictures with confidence, they received great feedback and got an offer for a paid shoot.

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