



Session 3

Introductory and
Concluding
paragraphs

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01 . INTODUCTORY PARAGRAPH



- Is the opening section of a written piece, such as an essay, article, or report. Its purpose is to provide an overview of the topic, establish the tone and style of the writing, and grab the reader's attention.
- A good introductory paragraph should engage the reader and provide a clear thesis statement or main idea that will be developed in the rest of the writing.
- It should also give the reader a sense of what to expect from the rest of the piece.
- It must always start with t hook continue with a transitional sentence, and then end with the thesis statement

What is a 'hook' in an introductory paragraph?




Technique used to grab the reader's attention and make them want to keep reading.

It is usually the first sentence or two of the introductory paragraph and is designed to be attention-grabbing, intriguing, or surprising.

A good hook can be a question, a quote, a statistic, a personal anecdote, or anything else that is relevant to the topic and will make the reader want to know more.

The purpose of the hook is to draw the reader in and encourage them to continue reading the rest of the writing.

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- General statement or observation
 - Anecdote
 - Definition
 - Quotation
 - Question
 - Historical background
 - Shocking statement



Types of introduction

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- **General statement or observation:** This type of introduction begins with a broad statement about the topic that is relevant to the reader's interests or experiences.

Every day the newspapers, television, and radio news programs are flooded with stories about the tragic results of drug addiction. A growing number of our teens are falling victims to this perverse and destructive practice. Drug addiction is surely one of the most pressing issues in our modern times due to its physical, social, emotional, and psychological effects on our young generations

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- **Anecdote:** An anecdote is a short story or personal experience that is related to the topic and helps to illustrate the main point of the writing.

The young man with the hammer hoisted himself out, the top of the wall All around him on the wall and on the ground, people chanted and cheered. The young man knelt down, with his hammer, and began to chip away at the cold, gray concrete. Little by little, the wall began to crumble. As I watched fh amazement, it was hard to comprehend the fact that I was watching the Berlin Wall coming down. The removal of the Berlin Wall signified the fall of not just a wall, but an entire system of government

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- **Definition:** This type of introduction defines key terms or concepts related to the topic to help the reader understand the writing.

The term 'social media' refers to websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking.

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- **Quotation:** A quotation from a famous person, literature, or any other relevant source can be used to introduce the topic and provide context.

H.L. Mencken defined 'Puritanism' as "the haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy." The clerks at the Department of Motor Vehicles must be puritans. They seem to do their best to see that each person who comes in to get a license or registration, has to wind through a confusing maze of lines, must wait an eternity for help, and has to remain standing the entire time. Therefore, it is imperative that the Department of Motor Vehicles should expand their budget, hire more clerks, open more windows, and offer more seats in the waiting room.

Types of introduction

- **Historical background:** An introduction that provides some historical context or background information on the topic can help the reader understand the significance of the writing.

It was May 1954, just days after the Supreme Court's landmark ruling in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas. At NAACP headquarters in New York the mood was euphoric. Telegrams of congratulations poured in from around the world; reporters and well-wishers crowded the halls. Such a long prosecution surely shows that no matter how long it takes, justice will be eventually served.

Types of introduction

- **Shocking statement:** A statement that is surprising or controversial can be used to grab the reader's attention and encourage them to keep reading.

Fully half the fatal automobile accidents in Maryland involve a drunk driver, according to the State Division of Motor Vehicles. We should support concerned citizens who are now demanding that three strict laws be passed to alleviate this problem. The state should pass these laws by taking away the licenses of repeat offenders, allowing for more jail time in cases of a DUI (driving under the influence of alcohol) arrest, and increasing drunk driving fines and penalties for first-time offenders.

Types of introduction

- **Question:** A rhetorical question or a thought-provoking question can be used to engage the reader and encourage them to keep reading.

Have you ever been an inmate in a prison? Have you ever visited a jail? How do think convicts live behind the bars? Are they treated humanely? Are they fed properly? Are they truly reformed inside this institution, or are they dehumanized and totally disillusioned? The conditions of jails in Lebanon can't be worse than its present state. Thousands of prisoners in Lebanon are tremendously suffering from the unbearable conditions in jail.

Function of Introduction



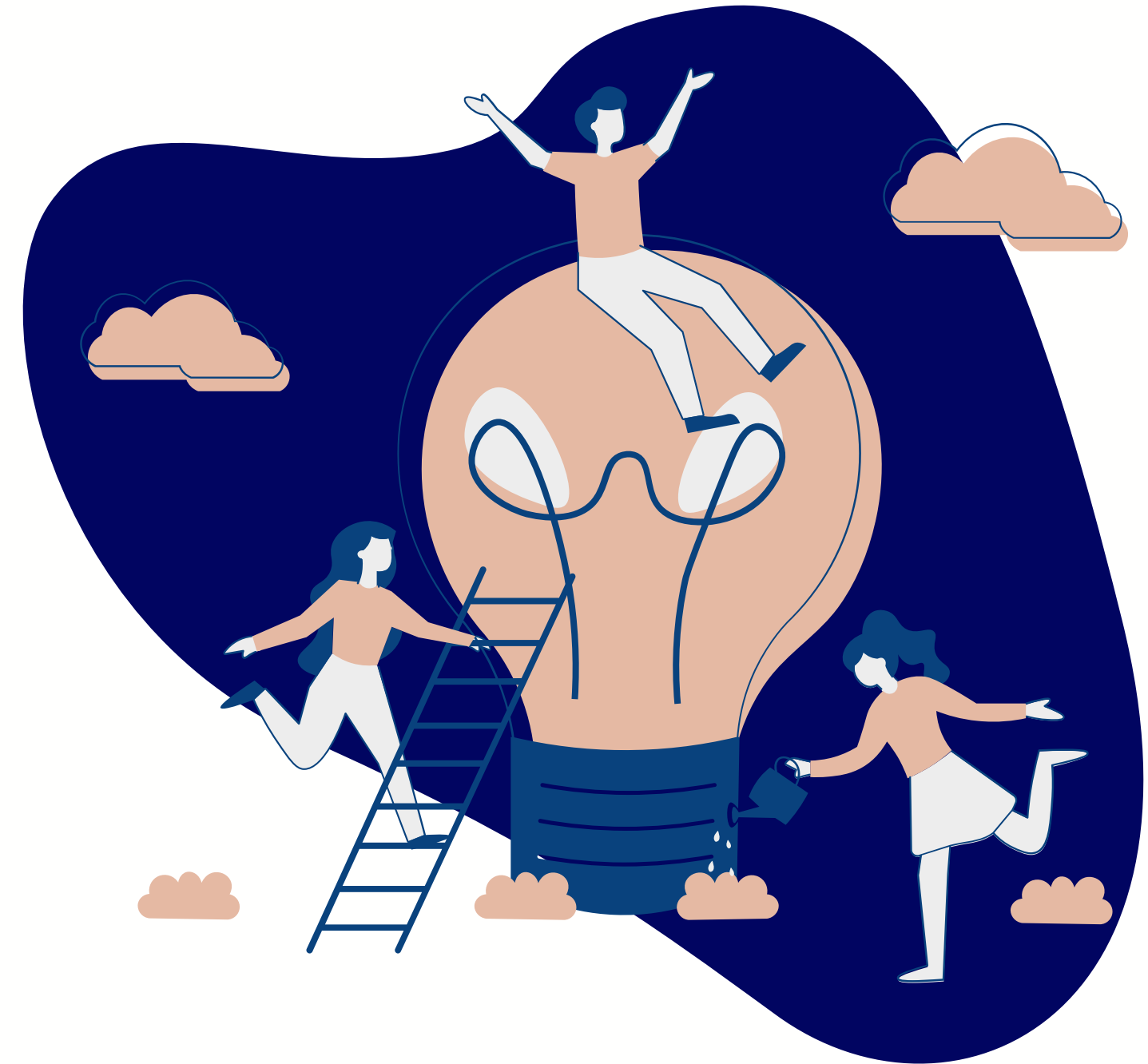
It attracts the readers' attention (this is called a hook).



It provides background information for the audience to understand what your topic is.

02 . *CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH*

The concluding paragraph of your essay always deserves a lot of thought. Why work so long and so hard at composing a stimulating introduction and well-developed body paragraphs if your essay's effect is to be weakened by your conclusion? From one point of view, the conclusion of your essay is its most important part. It is your last word on the subject, your last chance to make your point to your readers



Function of Concluding par.

The conclusion allows the writer to have the final say on the issues they have raised in their paper, to summarize their thoughts, to demonstrate the importance of their ideas, and to propel the reader to a new view of subject.



Common Methods of Conclusion:

1– End with a prediction

(what may happen in the future)

2– Recommendation

(suggesting what should be done about a situation or a problem)

3– Restate the thesis statement

(write it in a different way)

4– End with a summary of the essay or just retell the introduction

Don't use the exact wording you used before.

5– Include a thought-provoking question or short series of questions

A question should follow logically from the points you have already made in the essay You may provide an answer to your question.

THEMATIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTRODUCTION & CONCLUSION

paragraphs are thematically related in a problem-solution sense when the introductory paragraph exposes a problem and the concluding paragraph suggests a solution to it.

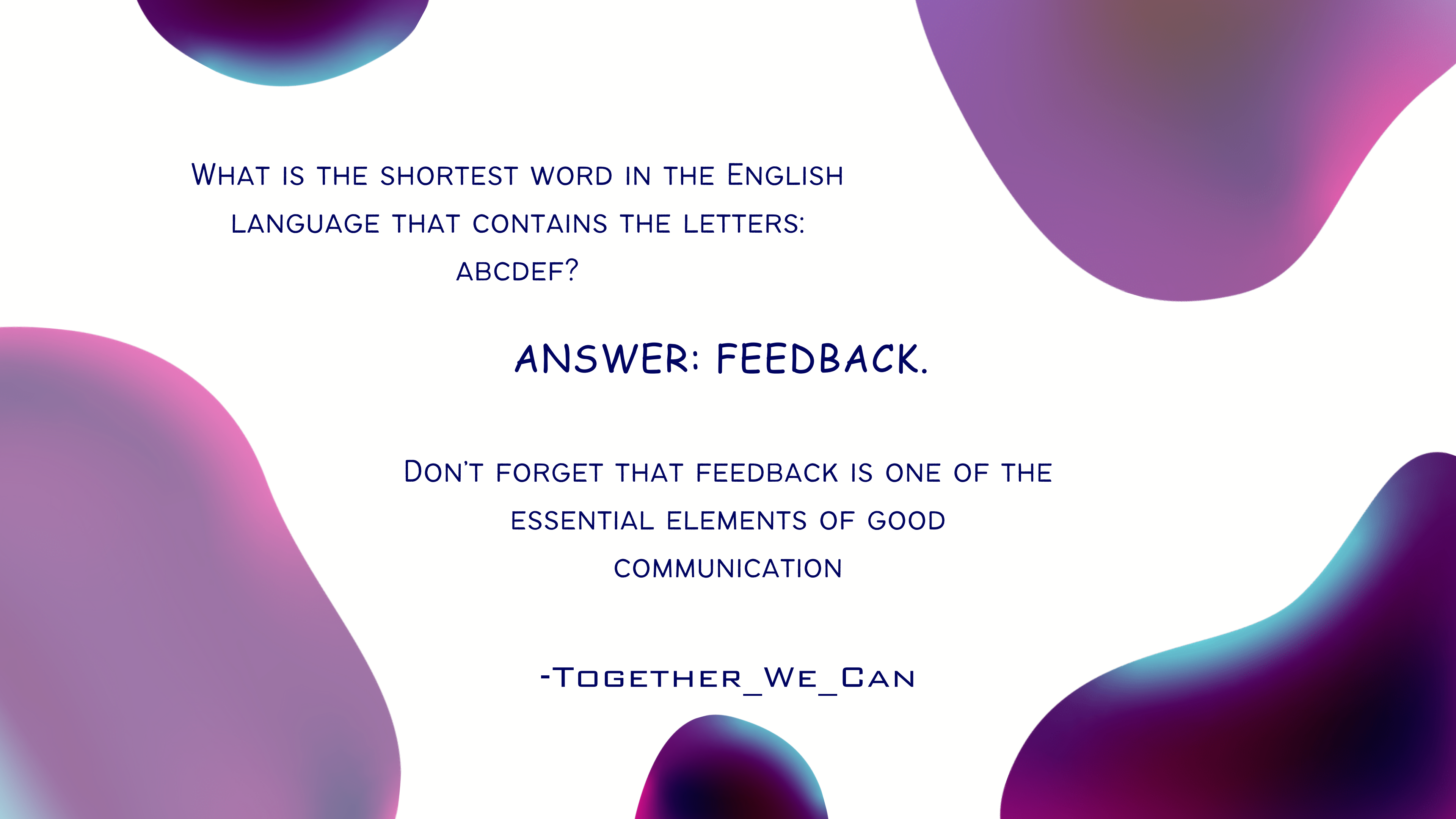
Problem-Solution

paragraphs are thematically linked in a question-answer relationship, paragraph poses a question and the last paragraph provides an answer to it.

Question /Answer:

Any Question?





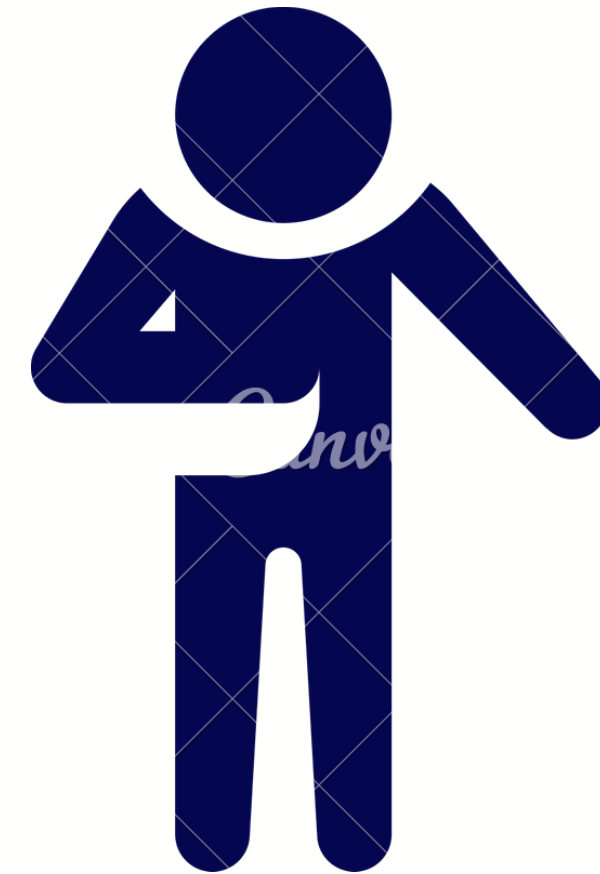
WHAT IS THE SHORTEST WORD IN THE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE THAT CONTAINS THE LETTERS:
ABCDEF?

ANSWER: FEEDBACK.

DON'T FORGET THAT FEEDBACK IS ONE OF THE
ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF GOOD
COMMUNICATION

-TOGETHER_WE_CAN

*Thank
You*



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