

Leadership

What makes a good leader?



" A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. They do not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of their actions and the integrity of their intent."

Douglas MacArthur - American General

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The most important qualities of a good leader include **integrity, accountability, empathy, humility, resilience, vision, influence, and positivity**. Discuss in groups

integrity	the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles
accountability	the act of being accountable and being held responsible by others
empathy	the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
humility	the quality of having a modest view of one's importance.
resilience	the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
vision	the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
influence	the capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behaviour of someone or something or the effect
positivity	the practice of being positive or optimistic in attitude.

A. Discuss these questions

1. Consider past and present world political leaders. Who do you admire and why?
2. Consider your past and present work bosses. Who do you admire and why?
3. If you had the opportunity to have a meal with a leader, who would it be? Why?
4. Are you happy with your country's leaders? Why/why not? (Be cautious of your opinion if need be)
5. What leadership qualities do you try to live by, at home and work?

B. Idioms related to Leadership (and authority)

1. power behind the throne

Someone with no authority who has great influence over leaders e.g. the wife
"It's essential to be on good terms with his wife. She's the power behind the throne."

2. speak softly and carry a big stick

If you speak softly and carry a big stick, you express your views quietly, in a non-aggressive manner, but you make it clear that you are in a position to use force if necessary.

*"As a leader he recommends the '**speak softly and carry a big stick**' method."*

3. Too many Chiefs and not enough Indians

Everyone wants to be a leader, and no one wants to do the actual work
*Everyone wanted credit for the project and tried to take on a supervisory role. So, the project never got done. It was **too many chiefs and not enough Indians**.*

4. Cut someone some slack

Avoid treating someone strictly or severely
*Reynaldo has been on the job for only two weeks. It's natural that he would make mistakes. **Cut him some slack.***

5. Call the shots

Make the important decisions for the organisation
*Despite many opinions of the centre management, the CEO did not hesitate to **call the shots***

C. Homework (Never compulsory but good for your practice)

Make one sentence with each idiom. Write and record them in WhatsApp.