



Discovering the Communicator in You!

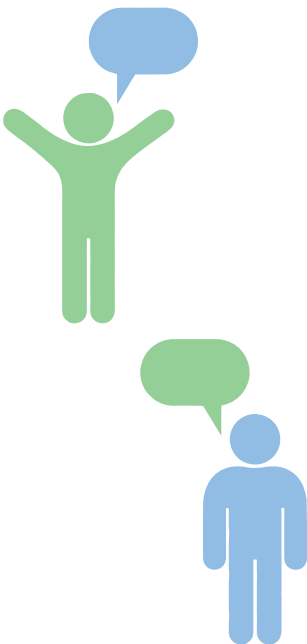
# Communication

## 4-H Citizenship Project Overview

Communication skills are important for successful interpersonal relationships. People are more comfortable working with friends, neighbors, club members and coworkers who have these skills. Good communicators can manage conflict and solve problems as they arise. Communication includes words, actions, body language and written language.

### Objectives

- Learn about various types of communication.
- Learn how to resolve conflicts by learning conflict resolution skills.
- Relate skills learned to job and career opportunities.
- Learn about communication technology.



### Starting Out

- Gather information about different types of communication, and make a list to share with your club.
- Make a list of rules to follow at club meetings to manage conflict.
- Learn the importance of listening, and retell a story that was told to you.
- Demonstrate emotions using expressive body language.
- Write a story and read it to a friend or younger child.
- Invite a public figure or school counselor to speak about his or her job.

### Moving Forward

- Learn the difference between a demonstration and an illustrated talk.
- Make a poster on how a 4-H reporter writes an article.
- Play a game of charades at a club meeting.
- Share a “how-to” demonstration at a club meeting.
- Write a newspaper article.
- Learn how to write a PSA (Public Service Announcement).
- Create a web page.
- Take a trip to a local radio station to learn more about communication.

### Digging Deeper

- Learn about various communication technologies, such as cell phones, computers, recorders, fax machines, etc.
- Demonstrate and share your knowledge about conflict resolution.
- Lead a club meeting with a skit showing a conflict that the club members have to solve using conflict resolution strategies.
- Make a video showing the consequences of poor communication: arguing, fighting, combativeness.
- Research and write a speech on what it takes to become a news broadcaster.

# Character Focus

In communication, we want to be fair and respectful of others. Our actions and our words should be honest and sincere. Look at the elements of Character Education below and the ways you can model good character in your project work.

<b>Trustworthiness</b>	Be creditable and reliable. Present yourself in a manner that you will be proud of.
<b>Respect</b>	Treat others as you would like to be treated. Listen when others are speaking.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Set a good example for others, and provide moral media pages.
<b>Fairness</b>	Accept the differences in others, and make truthful statements.
<b>Caring</b>	Treat others the way that you want to be treated. Let others know they are appreciated. Write a thank-you note to your agent or 4-H volunteer.
<b>Citizenship</b>	Use your project to serve others by doing some of the leadership and service opportunities listed below.

## Leadership Opportunities

- Demonstrate and share your knowledge with younger children or older adults.
- Serve as a project helper to younger club members by assisting them in setting goals and encouraging them to complete the goals.
- Host a day camp or workshop on communication for younger students or be a counselor at 4-H camp.
- Start a photography or web design project club.

## Service Opportunities

- Check with the local library to see if you can assist with a summer reading program.
- Help with a literacy project, such as a book night or character day at an elementary school.
- Take photos at a carnival for children to use to design their own website or story book.
- Help organize an educational event to share conflict resolution skills.
- Organize a 4-H workshop to help youth develop posters for a demonstration or an illustrated talk contest.

## Career Possibilities

4-H agent	Film editor	Clergy	Police officer
Newspaper reporter	Teacher	Psychologist	Librarian
Television anchor	Counselor	Business leader	911 Operator
Webpage designer	Psychiatrist	Politician	IT specialist



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