# Communication skills for managers

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# Today's topic

- How to be successful in this course
- The selected communication theories and approaches
- Effect of personality on communication
- Social perception



- Presentation
- 5 min per presentation
- 31.5.?
- Choose one of the topics discussed in this course
- Prepare case study based on your work experience to explain the theory

Successful completition of the course



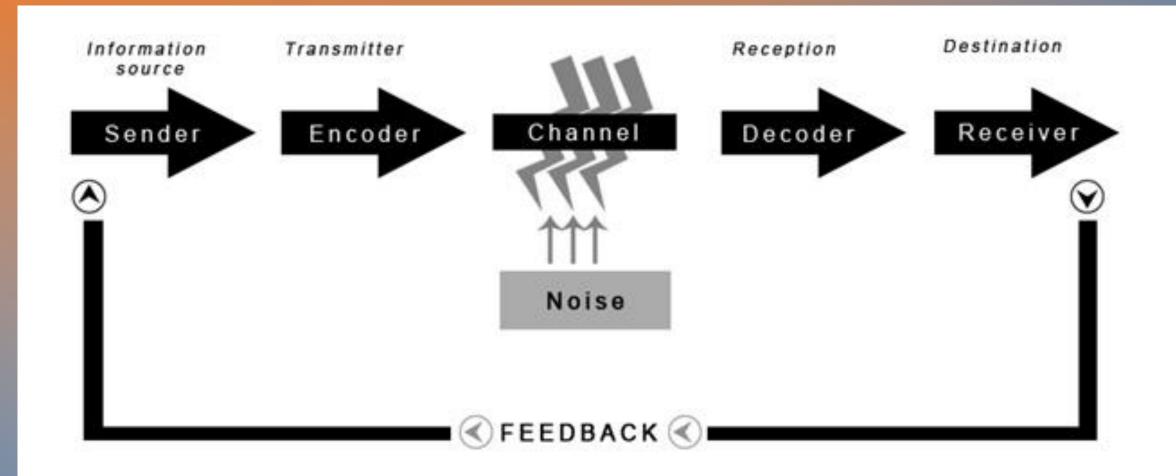
### **Human Communication**

### The Basic Course

THIRTEENTH EDITION

Joseph A. DeVito

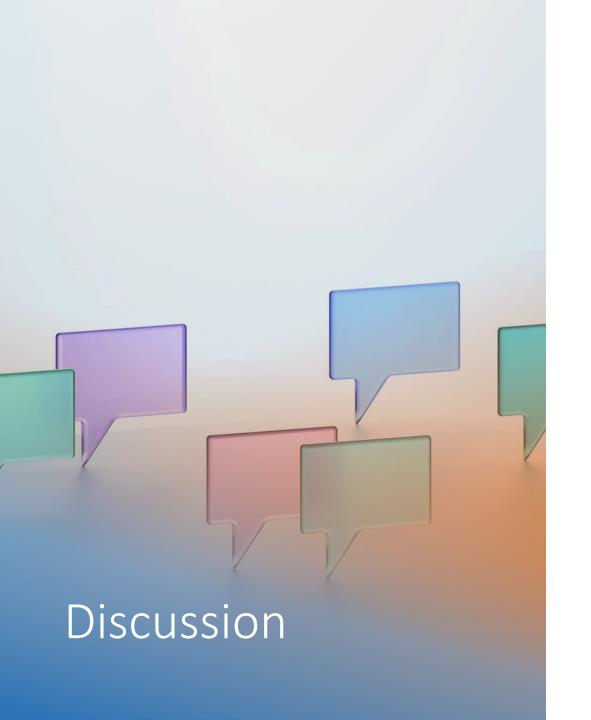




SHANNON-WEAVER'S MODEL OF COMMUNICATION

# Grice's conversational maxims

The maxim of quantity	Where one tries to be as informative as one possibly can, and gives as much information as is needed, and no more.
The maxim of quality	Where one tries to be truthful, and does not give information that is false or that is not supported by evidence.
The maxim of relation	Where one tries to be relevant, and says things that are pertinent to the discussion.
The maxim of manner	When one tries to be as clear, as brief, and as orderly as one can in what one says, and where one avoids obscurity and ambiguity

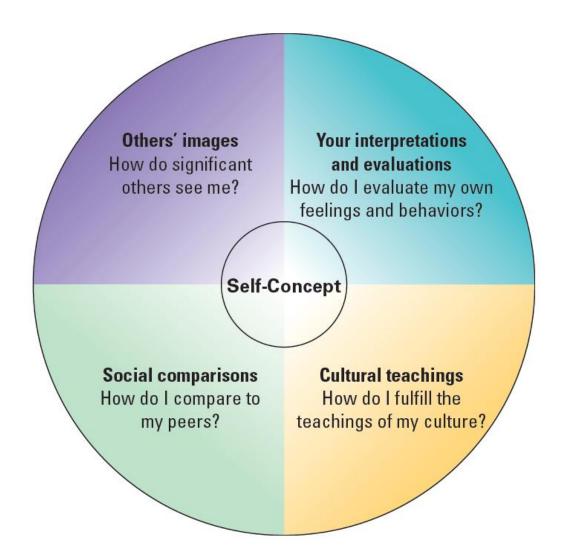


• Apply communication models to managerial communication

# The effect of personality on communication

The Self in Human Communication

Who you are and how you see yourself influence not only the way you communicate but also how you respond to the communications of others. (DeVito, 2015)



# The Self-Concept

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# Not known to others

#### Known to self

#### Not known to self

#### Open self

Hidden self

Information about

yourself that you know

but others don't know

Information about yourself that you and others know

#### Blind self

Information about yourself that you don't know but that others do know

#### Unknown self

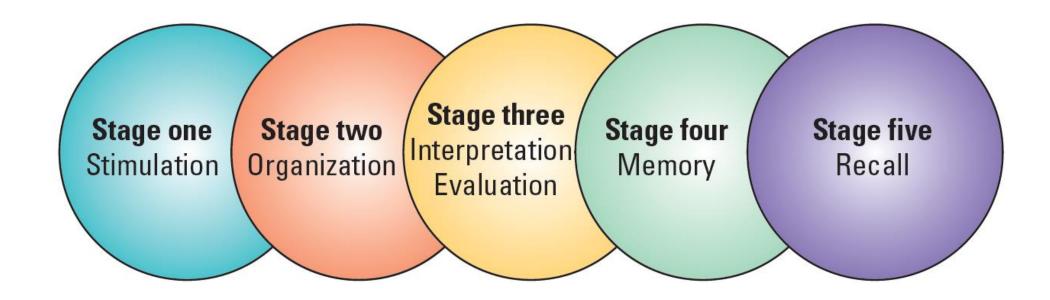
Information about yourself that neither you nor others know

Self-awareness your knowledge of who you are

The Johari Window

### Perception

- Perception is your way of understanding the world (DeVito, 2015)
- Stages of perception



# Stage 1: Stimulation



YOUR SENSES ARE STIMULATED (YOU HEAR, READ, ...)



**SELECTIVE ATTENTION** 



SELECTIVE EXPOSURE

### Rules

- Proximity
- Similarity
- Contrast

### Schemata

- From your own experience
- From media

# Scripts

 Similar to schema but focuses on action or procedure

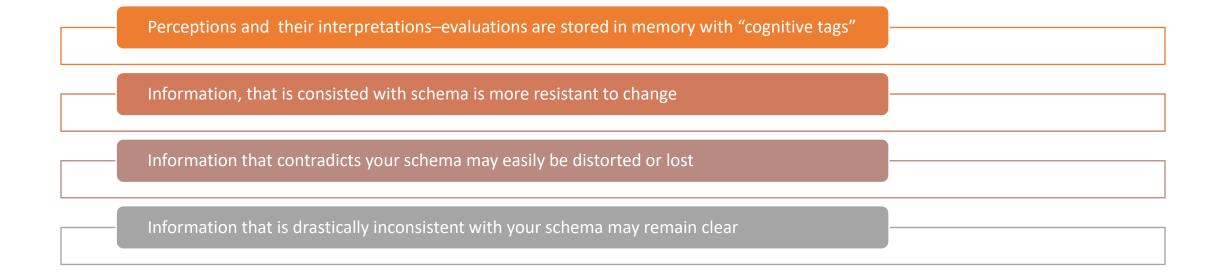
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 Inevitably subjective and is greatly influenced by your experiences, needs, wants, values, expectations, physical and emotional state, gender, and beliefs about the way things are or should be, as well as by your rules, schemata, and scripts.

# Stage 4: Memory

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You recall or access information you have stored in memory



Recall information that is consistent with your schema.



Fail to recall information that is inconsistent with your schema



Recall information that drastically contradicts your schema



# Impression formation

The processes you go through in forming an impression of another person



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# A selffulfilling prophecy

- A prediction that comes true because you act on it as if it were true.
  - You make a prediction or formulate a belief about a person or a situation
  - You act toward that person or situation as if that prediction or belief were true
  - 3) Because you act as if the belief were true, it becomes true
  - 4) You observe your effect on the person or the resulting situation and that strengthens your beliefs

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# Personality Theory

- Everyone has a theory of personality (usually subconscious or implicit) that determines which characteristics of an individual go with other characteristics.
- Halo effect
  - If you believe a person has some positivequalities, you're likely to infer that sheor he also possesses other positive qualities.
  - If you know a person possesses several negative qualities, you're more likely to infer that the person also has other negative qualities.

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# Attribution of Control

A process by which you focus on explaining why someone behaved as he or she did on the basis of whether the person had control over his or her behavior.

- Self-serving bias you take credit for the positive and deny responsibility for the negative.
- Overattribution— the tendency to single out one or two obvious characteristics of a person and attribute everything that person does to this one or these two characteristics—distorts perception.
- Fundamental attribution error you overvalue the contribution of internal factors (for example, a person's personality) and undervalue the influence of external factors (for example, the context or situation the person is in).

Increasing Accuracy In Impression Formation



#### **Analyze Impressions**

- Recognize your own role in perception.
- Avoid early conclusions.



#### **Check Perceptions**

- Describe what you see or hear.
- Seek confirmation



#### Reduce Uncertainty

- Observe
- Construct situation (eg. Interview)
- Ask
- Interact



# Discussion

How can mistakes in perception influence quality of manager's work?







What have you learned today?



\* Thank you for your attention

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