

Communication Types

Communication means sending information, ideas, and feelings to others. It consists of a **sender** (the person starting the conversation) and the **receiver** (the person the message is intended for). Without the basic parts, communication cannot take place.

The audience--whom you want to reach

The message--what you want the audience to know

The channel--how you can reach the audience in the most effective way

The feedback--what do you hope to receive back from your message

LION

- I state my ideas with a loud voice.
- I strongly stand up for my rights or ideas.
- I work at persuading others to see my side or idea.
- I tend to stick with what I think instead of asking for others ideas.

OSTRICH

- I give options, but I tend to go with someone else's ideas.
- I sometimes speak with a timid, hesitant voice.
- I sometimes get nervous about communicating with others.
- I don't want to cause problems by relaying messages.

KANGAROO

- I speak with a confident tone, but I also let others speak.
- I have good timing and use messages that are fair.
- I realize that everyone's opinions matter.
- I share wants and expectations in a direct way.

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Which type of communicator are you?

The **lion** symbolizes the aggressive communication style. If you're a lion, you can sometimes be an aggressive communicator that tends to override others and forgets that everyone needs to be involved in the communication process. You are usually strong willed and want to get a task done immediately. You sometimes forget to ask the options of others, so make sure to work on allowing others to speak too.

The **ostrich** represents the passive communication style. If you're a ostrich, you typically take a step back and let others talk over you or for you. You might become nervous when talking to others and sharing information, although you can be a leader that has listened the most and probably has an interesting perspective. Work on speaking up more or relaying message so that you can break out of your shell.

The **kangaroo** represents the attentive communication style. If you are a kangaroo, you can be fun and outgoing and still defend yourself or ideas if you need to. You allow others to give their opinions and also share your own, always checking to make sure everyone is happy and that communications following thought-out. You value everyone taking part in communication and work to ensure that the correct information is being given.