

# COMMUNICATION OBSTACLES





# OVERVIEW

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Communication breaks down for numerous reasons. In most unsuccessful communication, the message was not interpreted precisely how the sender planned. This explains why it's crucial that the individual communicating continuously requests input to confirm that the message is clearly comprehended. When you're the listener, confirming what you've perceived to ensure you completely understand what's expressed is equally vital.

The abilities of active listening, explanation, and input assist, but proficient communicators also need to recognize any present communication obstacles to achieve genuine success.

# FREQUENT OBSTACLES INCLUDE

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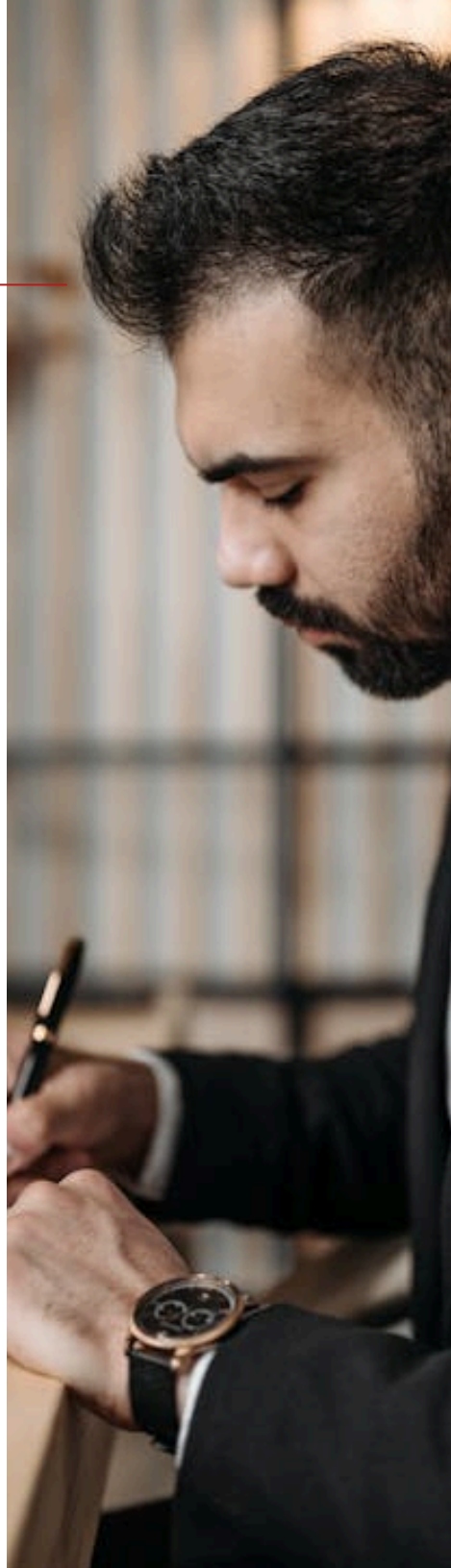
- **Inadequate organization:** Organizations can establish communication obstacles when they have unclear communication pathways or when each employee's roles and duties are not specified.
- **Pessimistic attitudes:** Pessimism is an obstacle because it's readily conveyed through both verbal and nonverbal signals (such as crossing one's arms or eye-rolling).
- **Absence of attention, interest, and consideration:** If a listener isn't actively participating in a discussion (for whatever cause), then the individual frequently overlooks crucial details.
- **Biases and stereotypes:** Individual opinions and biases frequently result in incorrect assumptions about what's being conveyed.
- **Preexisting beliefs:** Presumptions based on what someone anticipates hearing hinder active listening.



# FREQUENT OBSTACLES CONT.

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- **Technical language or excessively complex terminology:** Not everyone will comprehend technical language or field-specific terms and expressions.
- **Contrasting perspectives:** Some individuals opt not to consider different perspectives or viewpoints.
- **Cultural obstacles:** Cultures may vary in their communication approaches.
- **Language:** Non-native speakers and native speakers may experience challenges understanding each other.
- **Physical limitations:** Hearing and/or visual challenges may require accommodation to permit successful communication.
- **Emotional reactions:** Feelings such as frustration, anger, happiness, and sorrow can influence how an individual communicates.





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