



COMMUNICATION QUOTES

- “If you’re presenting yourself with confidence, you can pull off pretty much anything.”
Katy Perry, singer-songwriter
- “It is the province of knowledge to speak, and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.”
Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr
- “Noone in the history of humanity has ever stopped in the middle of a heated argument and said “You know, you’re right about that. I changed my mind. I agree with you fully.”
Marc Allen, author ‘The Type-Z Guide To Success’
- “I’ve learned that, in many cases, people say, “I want ground truth”, and they don’t really mean it. There are warts all over this organisation, as there are in many organisations, but you just have to tell truth to power and let the chips fall where they may.” Gen John F Kelly, US Secretary of Homeland Security
- “My speaking style was criticised by no less an authority than Arnold Schwatzenegger. It was a low moment, my friends, to have my rhetorical skills denounced by a monosyllabic Austrian cyborg.” Rt Hon Boris Johnson, UK MP.
- “That’s a basic rule of politics in the television age: warm always beats cold.” From Joe Klein’s article in Time magazine ‘Why the Clinton’s don’t fear the coming Armageddon with Donald Trump’
- “Electric communication will never be a substitute for the face of someone who with their soul, encourages another person to be brave and true.” Charles Dickens
- “If you can’t explain it simply, you don’t understand it well enough.” Albert Einstein
- “If you can just communicate, you can get by. But if you communicate skilfully, you can work miracles.” Jim Rohn, American entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker
- “To impress people as much as we would wish, we would first need to successfully adopt each of their value systems.” Derren Brown, magician
- “Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time, with the endless unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts, is that we don’t quite know how to put our love into words” Harland Miller, writer and artist
- “Part of this is psychological and you want to get people more confident, and they want to believe that the Fed is taking action needed to get our economy back on track. And so I think that part was important too...there was some theatre to it. I once said that *central banking monetary policy is 98% talking, 2% action.*” Ben Bernanke, previous head of the Reserve Bank Of America, discussing the financial crisis on podcast ‘Planet Money’



- “Before you write – remember that every speech has something of ‘you’ in the writing. Don’t take that away when you write. Be yourself. Be comfortable in your own skin.” Phil Collins, former speechwriter to Tony Blair
- “To effectively communicate, we must realise that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others.” Tony Robbins, entrepreneur, philanthropist, life coach
- “In the course of my life, I have often had to eat my words, and I must confess, that I have always found it a wholesome diet.” Winston Churchill, Former British Prime Minister
- “The best way to try to motivate somebody is by being direct with them. To be honest with them. Lies are never the right way to get your message across.” Trey Parker and Matt Stone, South Park, ‘My future self n’ me’
- We’ll continue to make it easier for developers to build great software while taking that understanding of how highly effective teams work to help all teams better organise, collaborate and communicate.” Mike Cannon-Brookes, co-founder & co-CEO, Atlassian
- “Communication makes the world go round. It facilitates human connections and allows us to learn, grow and progress. It’s not just about speaking or reading, but understanding what is being said – and in some cases, what is not being said. Communication is the most important skill any leader can possess.” Richard Branson, business magnate, investor and philanthropist
- “At your age the best way you can improve yourself is to learn to communicate better. Your results in life will be magnified if you can communicate them better. The only diploma I hang in my office is the communications diploma I got from Dale Carnegie in 1952.” Warren Buffett, business magnate, investor and philanthropist
- “Without good communication skills, you won’t be able to convince people to follow you even though you see over the mountain and they don’t.” Warren Buffett, business magnate, investor and philanthropist
- “Your ability to communicate with others will account for fully 85% of your success in your business and in your life.” Brian Tracey, author, speaker, motivational guru
- “I realised why directors are such horrible people – in a way – because you want things to be right, and people will just not listen to you, and there is no time to be nice to people, no time to be delicate.” George Lucas, filmmaker
- “Be sincere. Be brief. Be seated.” Franklin D Roosevelt, 32nd President of the US
- “I think a lot but I don’t say much.” Anne Frank, German born diarist



- Titan: “This town isn’t big enough for two super-villains.
Megamind: “Oh you’re a villain alright. Just not a SUPER one!
Titan: “What’s the difference?”
Megamind: (huge, dramatic entrance) “PRESENTATION!”
‘Megamind’ movie
- “People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Maya Angelou, poet and civil rights activist
- “The core of my career is my teaching and my writing.” Elizabeth Warren, American academic and politician
- “I needed to sing because no one else was singing my songs” David Bowie, singer-songwriter
- “Normal is not natural” Panache Desai author ‘Awakening Your Soul Signature’
- “Am I the only one who finds it weird that I can transfer data from my brain to someone else’s by opening my mouth and pushing air with vibrations in their direction?” Tumblr user
- “The problem in the world today is communication....too much communication!” Homer Simpson, The Simpsons 1989
- “Transparency concerning the Federal Reserve’s conduct of monetary policy is desirable because better public understanding enhances the effectiveness of policy. More important, however, is that transparent communications reflect the Federal Reserve’s commitment to accountability within our democratic system of government.” Janet Yellen, Governor, Federal Reserve
- “Everyone wants to be seen. Everyone wants to be heard. Everyone wants to be recognised as the person that they are and not a stereotype or an image.” Loretta Lynch, first black woman to become a US Attorney General
- “It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent.” Madeleine Albright, American politician and diplomat and first female US Secretary of State
- “The capability of negotiating...is something that means that you not only have to understand fully what you believe and what your national interests are but in order to be a really good negotiator, you have to try to figure out what the other person on the other side of the table has in mind.” Madeleine Albright, American politician and diplomat and first female US Secretary of State



- “No matter what message you are about to deliver somewhere, whether it is holding out a hand of friendship, or making clear that you disapprove of something, is the fact that sitting across the table is a human being, so the goal is to always establish common ground.” Madeleine Albright, American politician and diplomat and first female US Secretary of State
- “The best book, like the best speech, will do it all – make us laugh, think, cry and cheer – preferably in that order.” Madeleine Albright, American politician and diplomat and first female US Secretary of State
- “You think that heads of state only have serious conversations, but they actually often begin really with the weather or, ‘I really like your tie.’” Madeleine Albright, American politician and diplomat and first female US Secretary of State