



**SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION** 

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MODULE NO: 13 CRITICAL EVALUATION OF AUDITIVE AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

# TOPIC: CRITICAL EVALUATION OF AUDITIVE AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

After completing this topic, you will be able to:

- It can express shades of meaning through face, gesture, posture, and tone of voice (non-verbal communication)
- It allows immediate feedback so that misunderstandings can be handled effectively
- It helps personal relationships to develop

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## Content

- Aspects of telephone technique
- Telephone etiquette
- Development of listening skills
- Communication in small groups
- Interviews

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### Aspects of telephone technique

- Qualities of a pleasant voice Elements of speech
  - Relaxation
  - Breath control
  - Pitch
  - Tempo and rhythm
  - Tone
  - Resonance
  - Articulation
  - Projection
  - Enthusiasm
  - Pronunciation
- Telephone etiquette Rules of etiquette
  - Our voice is audible and clear
  - Words are pronounced correctly
  - Sounds are articulated clearly
  - Voice pitch is not irritatingly high
  - Speech tempo is not too fast or too slow
- Development of listening skills Importance of listening:
  - As discussed in Module 1, good listening behaviour on the part of management and employees is important for the success of the organisation in general.

Difference between listening and hearing: Hearing is a passive activity and we hear a variety of sounds all day, but listening requires active participation.

#### **Elements of listening**

- Attention
- Understanding
- Remember

#### Types of listening:

- Critical
- Appreciative/Empathic

#### Communication in small groups:

- Listening
  - Concentration on what others are saying
  - Showing a response to what they are saying
  - Understanding what the person is really saying and not reacting aggressively
  - Relating our own ideas to what others have said
- Speaking
  - Organising and putting our ideas across clearly
  - Putting across how we feel about ideas
  - Using voice control to speak clearly and pleasantly
  - Not speaking if we have nothing worthwhile to say
- Interviews
- Presentation communication
  - We are going to illustrate the oral skills of presentation or feedback communication by discussing the presentation of an investigation report and minutes.

- Reports
  - Presenting the report:
  - Body language
  - Eye contact
  - Facial expression
  - Gesture
  - Voice
  - Speech notes
  - Visual aids
- Minutes of a meeting
  - Tone
  - Pronounce
  - Articulate
  - Project
  - Tempo
  - Let your voice be expressive

Sources: Textbook p302-311