



# Advanced Communication Skills



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By the end of the Power Hour Expert session you will be able to:

- Describe and build rapport
- Explain why we have different perceptions and how understanding this is useful in communication
- Recognise and adapt to different communication preferences
- Use clean language to minimise misunderstandings
- Use questions to clarify ambiguous communication





# What is Rapport?



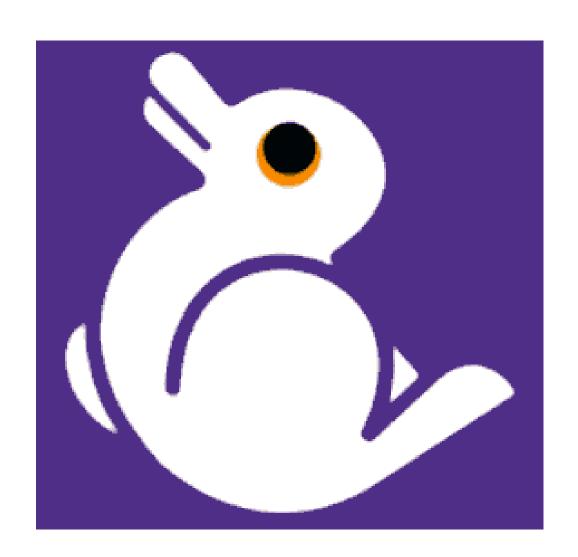


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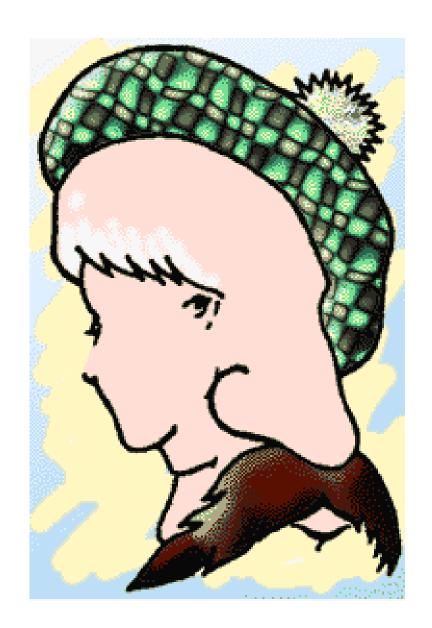


"Rapport is the ability to enter someone else's world, to make them feel that you understand them, that you have a strong common bond. It's the ability to go fully from your map of the world to their map of the world. It's the essence of successful communication."

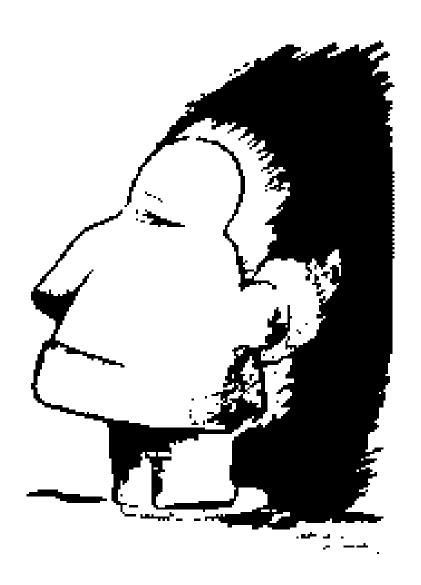








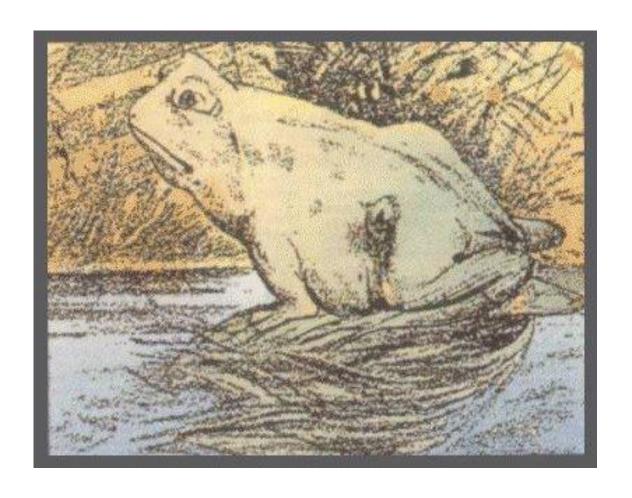














## Perception and Reality

### Deleting

 Selectively remembering and forgetting events that don't fit our existing 'world'

### **Distorting**

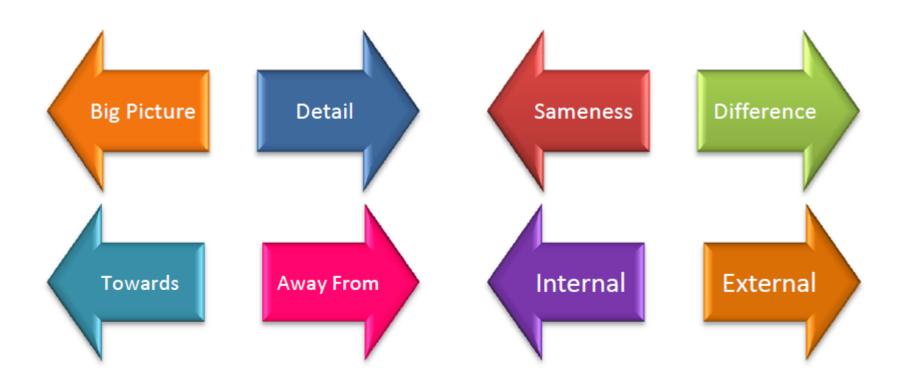
• Twisting something to make it fit an established pattern

### Generalising

• Extending specific facts/feelings beyond the point where they are true and making sweeping statements



# Styles and Preferences





# 'Clean' Language



#### **POSITIVE**

- Positive words are clear and are forward looking
- For example "Yes, I will, okay, you need to, I agree..."



#### **NEUTRAL**

- Neutral words are ambiguous, add nothing and are often used for 'padding'
- For example "Possibly, just, try, ideally, hopefully, maybe..."

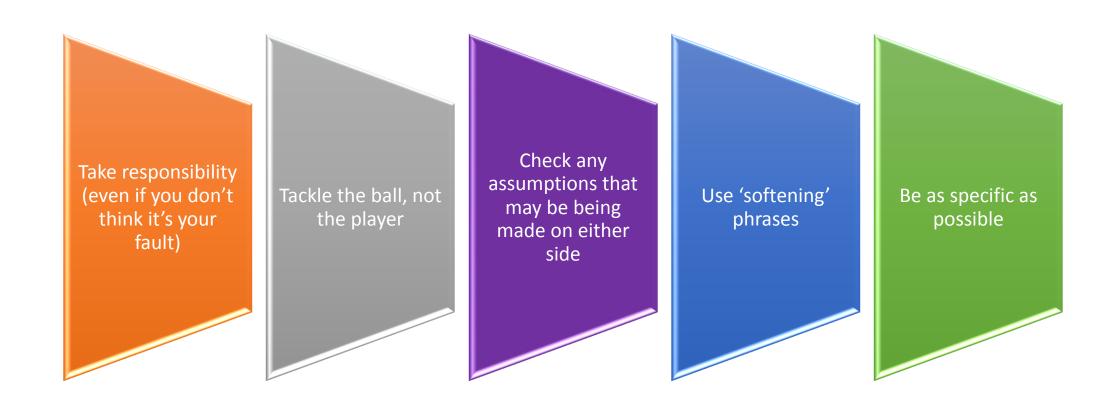


#### **NEGATIVE**

- Negative words are clear, and maybe uncomfortable to say or hear
- For example "No, but, can't, won't, impossible..."



# Seeking Clarification





## Make it Work at Work

What are you going to **DO** as a result of this Power Hour Session?







# Thank You & Good Luck