

Global Competencies: Dimensions of Communication

Communication involves interacting with others and allowing for a message to be received, expressed, and understood in multiple ways and for a variety of purposes.

The competency of communication facilitates the acquisition, development, and transformation of ideas and information as well as the awareness, understanding, management, and expression of emotions. It allows one to make connections with others, share ideas, express individuality, deepen learning, and celebrate accomplishments. Communication develops the ability and capacity to navigate personal, local, and global perspectives, and societal and cultural contexts.

Communication is fundamental to connecting to others and sharing/thinking about ideas, and to developing one's identity and sense of belonging.

Learners **use context cues** (e.g., text features, non-verbal communication, tone of voice, digital images or icons) to enhance understanding when receiving messages.

Learners **seek to understand** others' messages through observation, active listening, and questioning.

Learners recognize how diverse **contexts** (linguistic, cultural, generational, experiential) **can impact and influence understanding**.

Learners express ideas and emotions while following **context cues** (e.g., text features, non-verbal communication, tone of voice, digital images or icons) **and conventions**.

Learners thoughtfully **consider audience, purpose, context, modes, and forms** to effectively share ideas.

Learners understand how their **words and actions impact** their identities and their relationship to self and others.

Learners make meaning and deepen understanding through their own language as well as the languages of others.

Learners make connections and **build**relationships through conversations and
discussions both in person and in digital contexts.

Learners value how communication strengthens community.

Receive messages from others in a variety of ways and contexts.

Express ideas and

emotions in a variety of

ways and contexts.

Make connections to deepen learning and build relationships.

Please note: These dimensions are not exhaustive.



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