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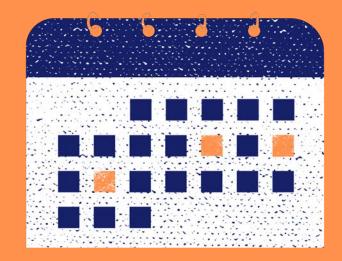


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### Listening to Understand and Solution-**Creation: Tips for Active Listening and**

#### **Problem-Solving**

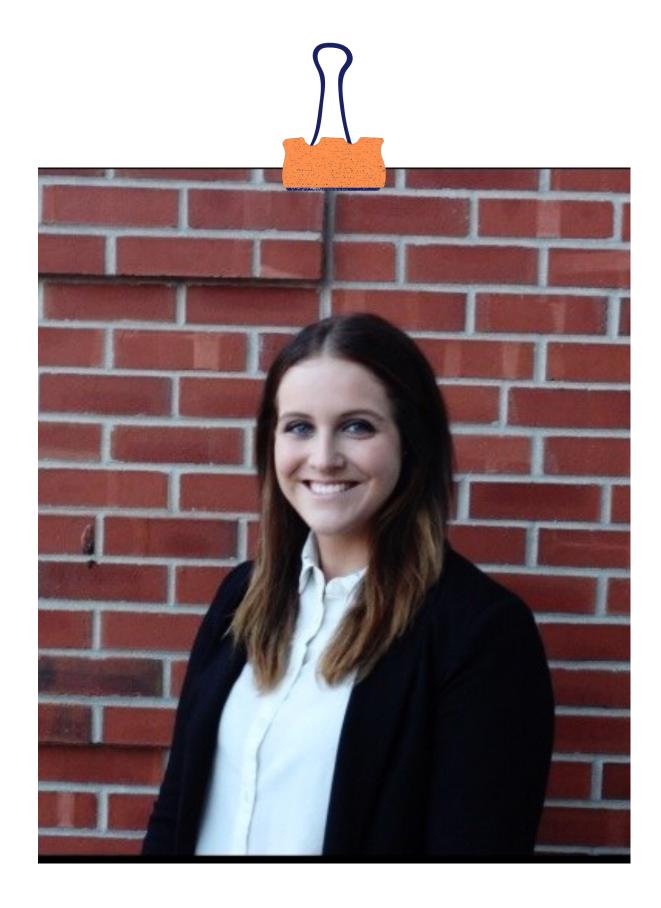
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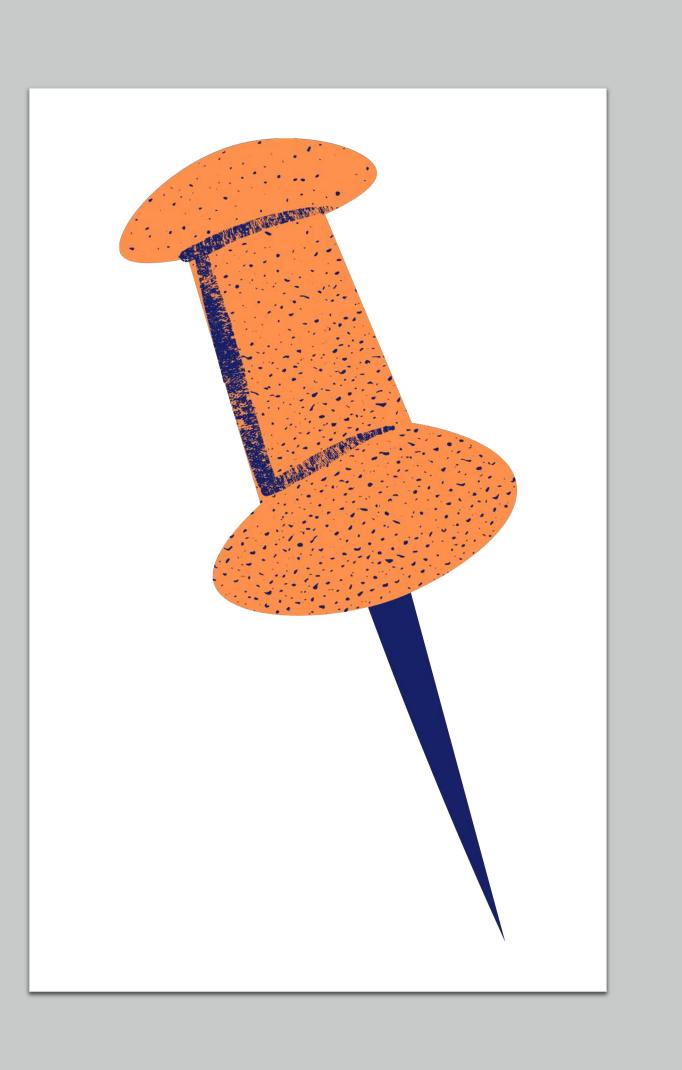


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#### Agenda

- Types of Listening
- Active Listeners vs. Passive Listeners
- Benefits to Active Listening in the Workplace
- The 3 A's of Active Listening
- The Art of Listening in Virtual Teams
- Listening Activity
- Action Steps

Poll



#### Do we spend more of our waking time..?

- Writing
- Reading
- Talking
- Listening
- Eating







We spend most of our waking time communicating!

- Writing
- Reading
- Talking
- Listening
- Sleeping
- Eating

### In the Chat or on a scratch pad



Why is knowing how to listen effectively important in the workplace?





"Listening is often the only thing needed to help someone."







#### Comprehensive- Gaining knowledge

#### Critical- evaluating

### Empathetic- putting yourself in someone else's shoes









### Passive Listeners- are like tape recorders.

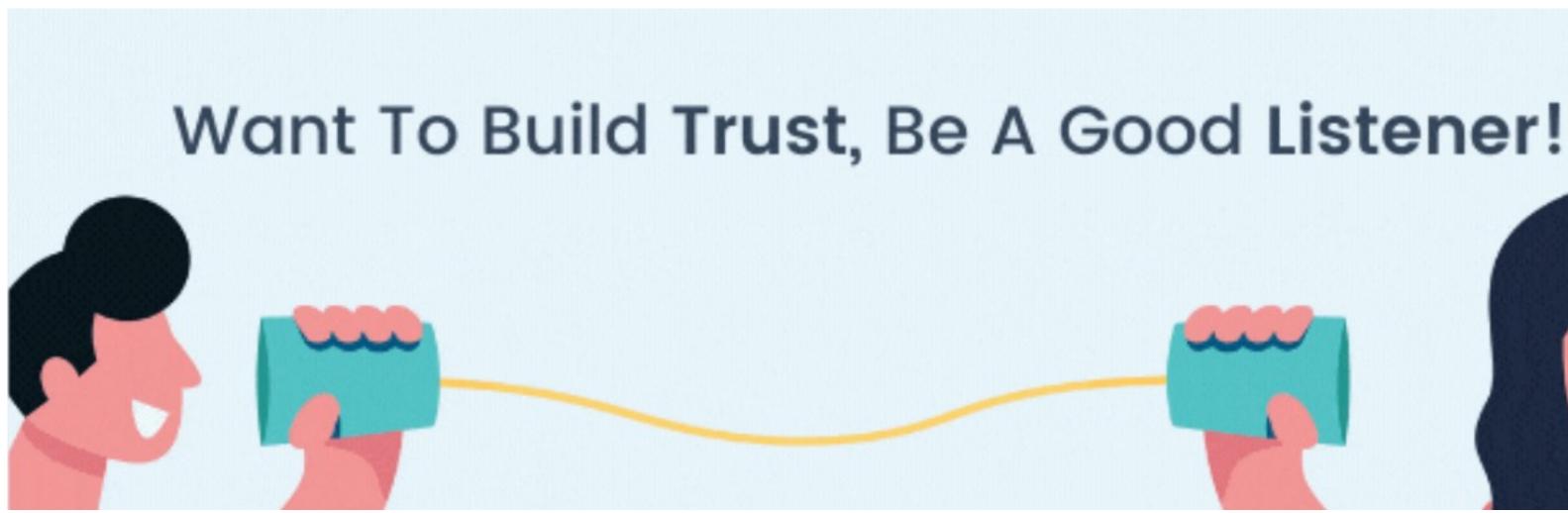
### Active Listeners- engage with the speaker

### Active Listening

- Psychologists- Carl Rogers and Richard Farson in 1957 in a paper titled "Active Listening" first coined the term. They write:
- "Active listening is an important way to bring about changes in people. They indicate how clinical and research evidence clearly shows it as one of the most effective agents for individual personality change and group development. And also how active listening brings changes in peoples' attitudes toward themselves and others; shaping their basic values and personal philosophy."

### Benefits to Active Listening in the Workplace

**Building Trust** 





## Benefits to Active Listening in the Workplace

• Productivity



## Benefits to Active Listening in the Workplace

• Resolve Conflicts & Reduce misunderstanding



### **Benefits to Active Listening in** the Workplace

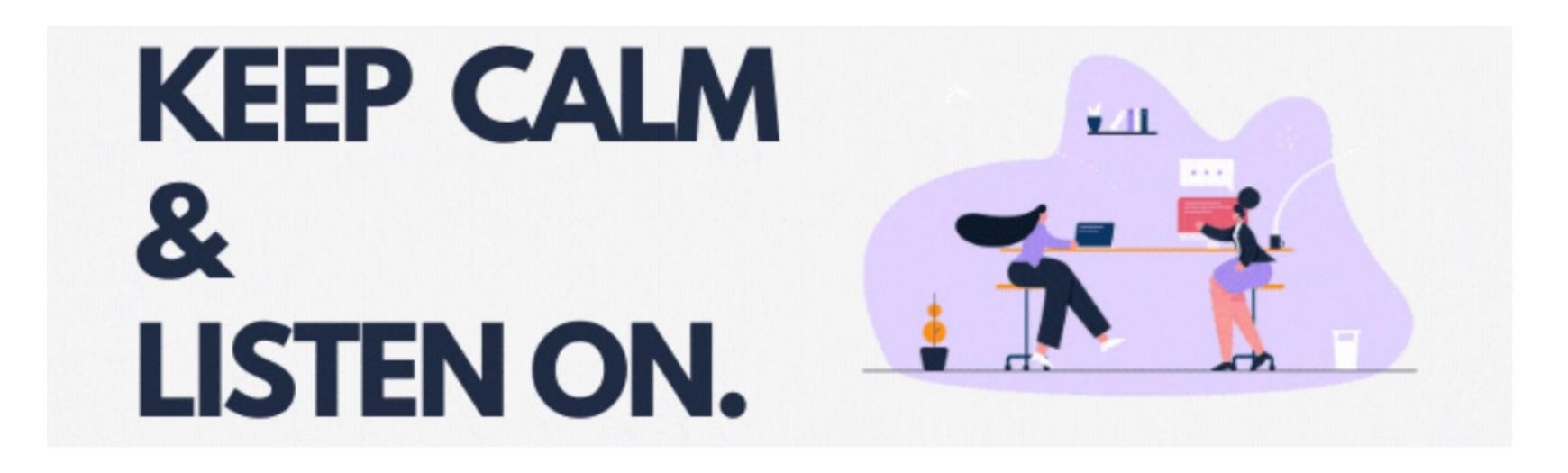
Strong Work Relationship

### LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND NOT TO RESPOND



## Benefits to Active Listening in the Workplace

• Self Empowerment



### Practice Active

### Listening

- Pay Attention
- Use body Language
- Seek to Understand
- Don't interrupt
- Don't try to take perfect notes
- Respond appropriately



• 1. Attitude

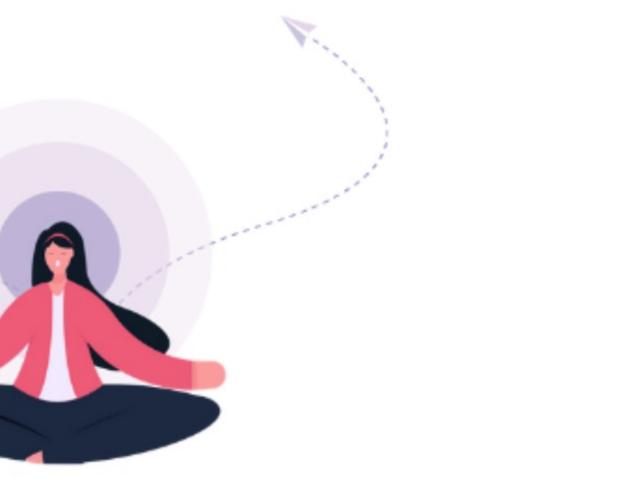
Most of the successful people I've known are the ones who do more listening than talking. — Bernard M. Baruch





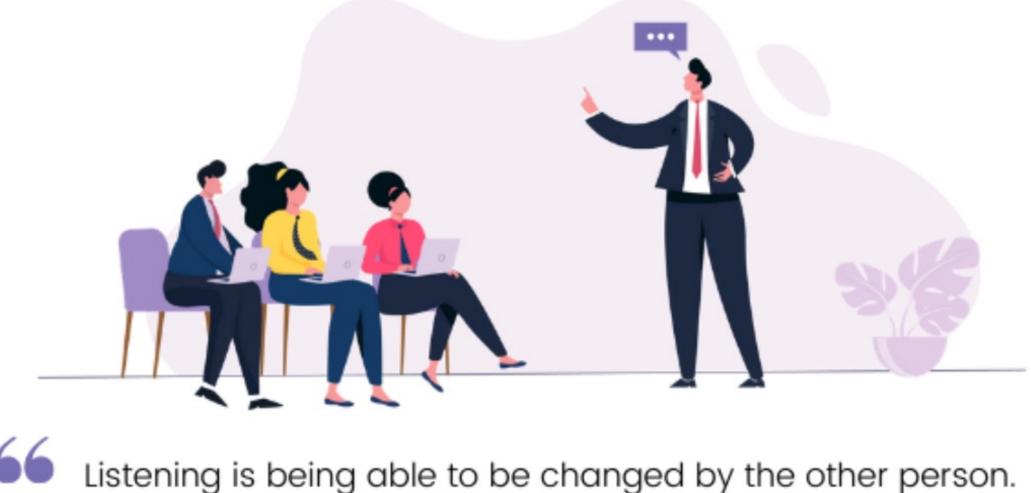
• 2. Attention

One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say.
-Bryant H. McGill





• 3. Adjustment



be changed by the other person.
 Alan Alda

### The Art of Listening in Virtual

### Teams:

Noisy listening doesn't work on video calls

Agape is better than a blank face

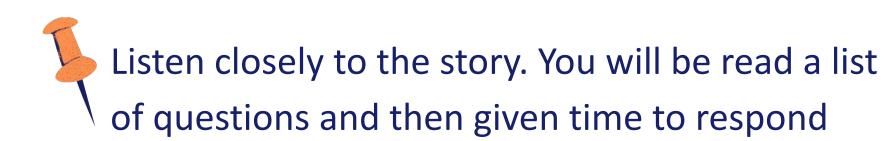
Pick a strategy to stay focused



### Listening Activity:



The Woman in the Accident





### **Action Steps:**



What will you do after this presentation to improve your active listening skills?



Are there ways you can become a better critical, empathetic, or comprehensive listener by utilizing some of the tools learned today?

### **Resources:**

- Articles:
  - 10 Steps to Effective Listening Dianne Schilling
  - Listening Dyads Can Transform Your Team Shane Safir
  - The Coaching Habit. Just ask the right questions David Henzel
  - How Empathic And Active Listening Can Improve Workplace Communication
- **Podcasts** 
  - The Advice Trap and Staying Curious Just a Little Longer Brene with Michael Bungay Stainer
  - **Listen Notes**
- Training Tools Lesson on Listening
  - What Is Effective Listening in the Workplace? Definition, Techniques & Barriers
  - Accent Rosie
  - 10 Tools for Developing Listening Skills





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# Questions?

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