Accessible Communication is Essential for Inclusion

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Inclusion is a society for all







Democracy





To build a strong and equal democray information must be accessible

Crucial for:

- participation
- making choices
- speaking up



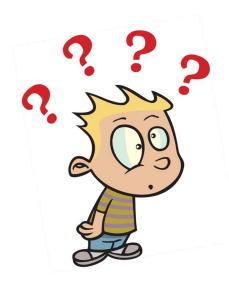
→ Accessible information is a human right!

What is Communication?





What is Accessible Communication?



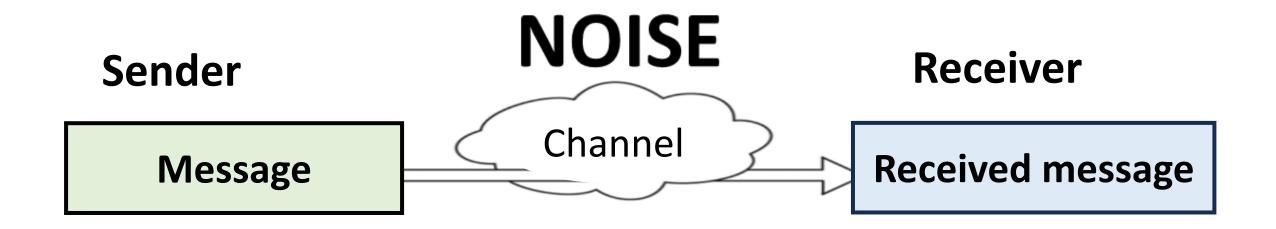
Information and communication that is being understood

Equality

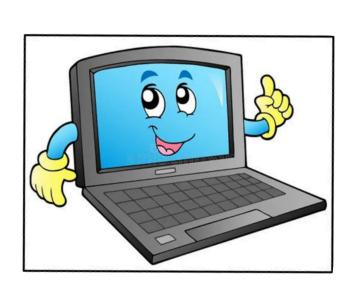


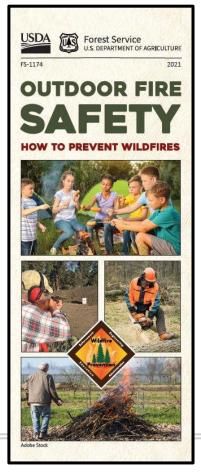


When is communication not accessible?



Choose a channel that works for your target group = conversation partner







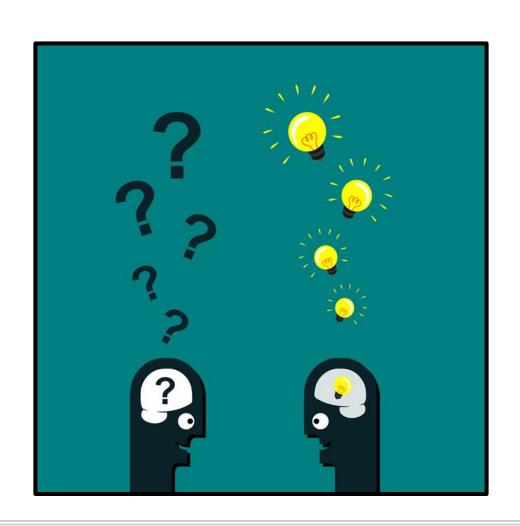






Misunderstandings







When communication is not accessible:

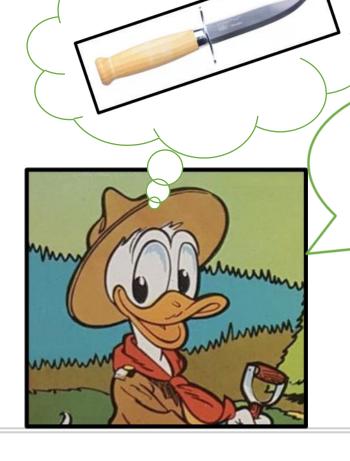
- The information is not relevant
- Our frames of references are different
- No respect
- No dialogue
- Too many difficult, unknown words



Information must be relevant



We use our frames of references!



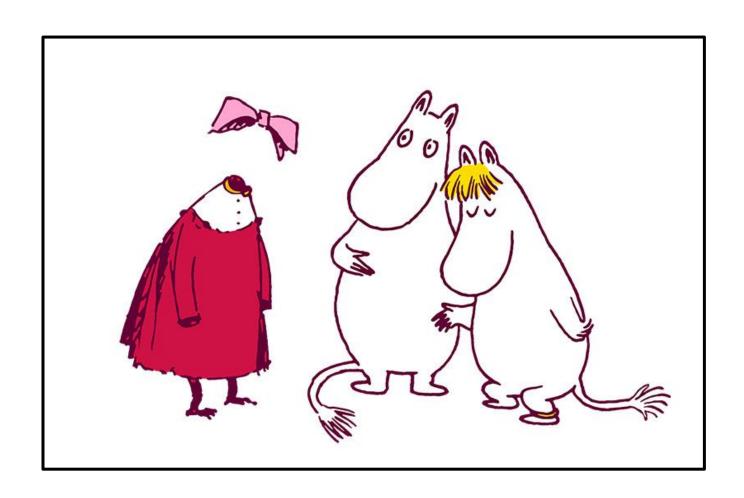
Bring a knife to the hike!

Yes, Uncle!



Not showing respect

The Invisible Child by Tove Jansson





What is her size!

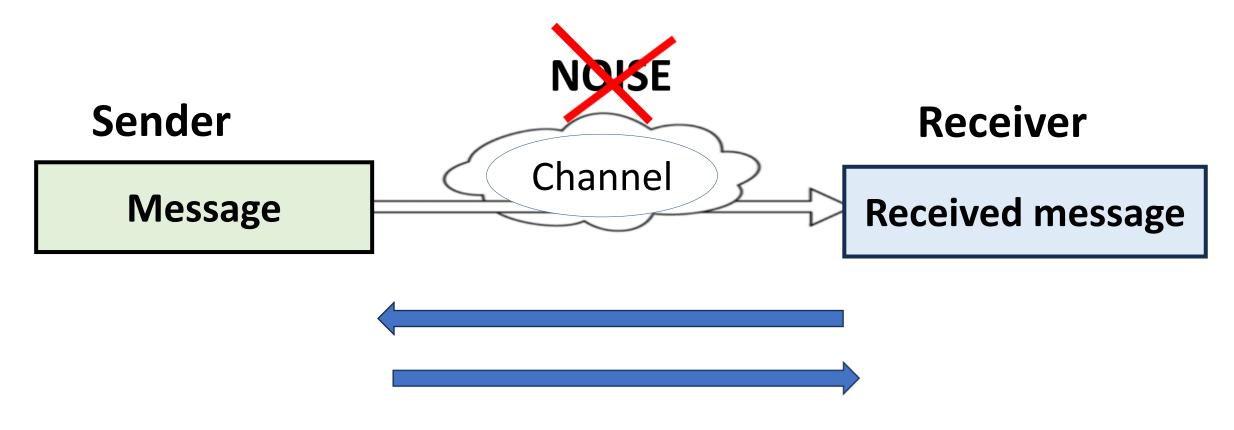


The Best Communication is Dialogue!

- > Show respect
- Listen



Dialogue!



Language

verbal, non-verbal, written



Non-verbal language

- Voice
- Intonation
- Facial expressions
- Body language





It's a wonderful day for skiing!

To exercise power with your language:

- > show you are better than everyone else
- > just invite a small group
- ➤ hide some facts → put focus in other direction



The Easy Language =

- Common, simple words
- No expressions
- Concrete
- Active voice
- One info per sentence



To Execute Power

Transportation service for people with disability







The army needs more power!

- Better electricity?
- Bigger mandate for decisions?
- More weapons, airplanes, ships...?



To misunderstand a word

vaktmästare = janitor

"vakta" = guard/to watch "mästare" = master



Janitor in the series Scrubs



Knowledge about target group

Same word, different meaning

- Age group
- Cultural group





To back something up





Expressions - idioms







It is really important we are on the same page!



The political language is difficult to understand

We're facing an economical winter

It's not our ambition not to launch the program...

All regions must step up!

Val = choice and election







I don't understand the information

I don't understand all the symbols

I'm afraid to make a mistake and vote for a party I don't want to vote for

I don't understand why I should vote

Lättpratat!

= Spoken Easy Language

Workshop for politicians!



A green change

Sweden needs more liberal and green politics.







We all have difficulties sometimes!

But, do you speak up?

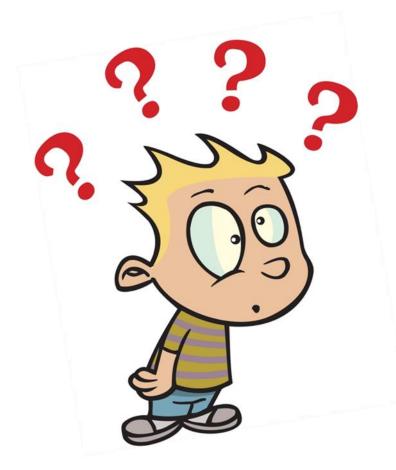








In Easy Language, please!



Questions?



Thank you for your attention!

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