Supporting: MSMSUP102: Communicate in the workplace  
 MSMSUP106: Work in a team

# Section 1 Assignment: Communicating with others

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| **Name** |  | **Date** |  |

Provide short answers to the following questions:

1. What are the three basic types of communication? Give two examples from your own workplace for each type of communication.

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| **1st type of communication** |  |
| **Example 1** |  |
| **Example 2** |  |

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| **2nd type of communication** |  |
| **Example 1** |  |
| **Example 2** |  |

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| **3rd type of communication** |  |
| **Example 1** |  |
| **Example 2** |  |

1. What is active listening? Give two examples of ways you can demonstrate active listening when your supervisor is talking to you.

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| **Active listening is:** |  |
| **Example 1** |  |
| **Example 2** |  |

1. Imagine you were writing down a message for a work colleague. Describe two possible reasons why they might misunderstand what you had written. For each case, explain what you could do to reduce the chance of that happening.

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| **Reason for misunderstanding** | **Possible solution** |
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1. Below is a verbal instruction that a supervisor is giving to his apprentice. Identify the main problems with this instruction and then re-write it in your own words to make the meaning clearer.

Sam, can you bring in the red toolbox from the truck? Actually, I need the pinch bar, not the toolbox. George was using it yesterday so I hope he put it back in the toolbox. He’s in the next room, so if you can’t find it just ask him. Who knows where it is now?

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| **Main problems with the instruction** |
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| **Rewritten instruction** |
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1. Choose two forms from your own workplace that require written responses to open questions or prompts. The forms may be used to record injuries, incidents, customer complaints, OHS hazards, phone messages, maintenance requests or any other issues that require descriptive responses.

Fill in the forms with your own details. You may report on actual situations that have occurred at your workplace, or make up scenarios that could possibly happen sometime.