

Elements of Communication

Communication may be referred to as the process of human beings responding to the symbolic behavior of other persons.

To understand the process we first need to talk about the following components of communication.

- Sender and Receiver
- Message Encoding and Message Decoding
- Filters and Barriers
- Psychological Noise and Physiological Noise
- Communication Channels
- Feedback
- Communication Environment or Context

Sender:

The person or persons responsible for creating a message to be sent is typically understood as a sender in a communication process.

Example:

A politician giving a speech

A parent lecturing a child

A divorced middle age women writing a love letter to her favorite soap opera star

All of them are people *sending* messages.

Receiver:

The person or persons who are receiving the created messages are referred to as receivers in a communication process.

Example:

An audience receives the politician's speech

The unfortunate child is the recipient of the parents lecture

The soap opera star is the lucky receiver of the divorcee's romantic letter.