## COMMUNICATIONS 101 – WHAT IS COMMUNICATION?

- 1) What is communication?
  - a) **Two-way process** of reaching **mutual understanding**, in which participants not only exchange (**encode-decode**) information, news, ideas and feelings but also create and share meaning.
  - b) In general, communication is a means of **connecting** people or places.
  - c) Communication
    - i) From Latin communicaire
      - (1) Meaning "to share"
    - ii) The act of conveying intended meanings from one entity or group to another through the use of **mutually understood** signs and semiotic rules.
- 2) Three parts to communication
  - a) Message giver ... Message receiver
  - b) Message problem
    - i) The whisper game
- 3) Symbols
  - a) The message is communicated and understood by the use of symbols.
  - b) A symbol is something that points to something else.
    - i) Ring
    - ii) A word spoken or written (languages)
    - iii) Non-verbal
      - (1) Face
      - (2) Hand
      - (3) Body
- 4) Kinds of communication?
  - a) Spoken or verbal communication
    - i) Face to face
    - ii) Phone
  - b) Non-verbal communication
    - i) Body language
    - ii) Gestures
    - iii) Dress
  - c) Written communication
    - i) Letters
    - ii) Emails
    - iii) Books
    - iv) Messaging
  - d) Visualizations
    - i) Graphs
    - ii) Charts
    - iii) Maps
    - iv) Logos
    - v) Media
  - e) Five senses

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- i) See
- ii) Hear
- iii) Feel
- iv) Smell
- v) Taste
- 5) What does communication do?
  - a) It connects us to each other.
  - b) It also disconnects us to each other.
- 6) What are the basic forms of communication?
  - a) The spoken word
    - i) Accessible to all
    - ii) Powerful
    - iii) Personal
    - iv) Limited exposure
    - v) Temporary
  - b) The written word
    - i) Accessible to readers and writers
    - ii) Words must do what body language and voice inflection cannot do
    - iii) Personal and distant
    - iv) Unlimited exposure
    - v) Can be **permanent**
  - c) The electronic word
    - i) Accessible to all connected to the web
    - ii) Words must do what body language and voice inflection cannot do
    - iii) Personal and distant
    - iv) Unlimited exposure
    - v) Can be permanent