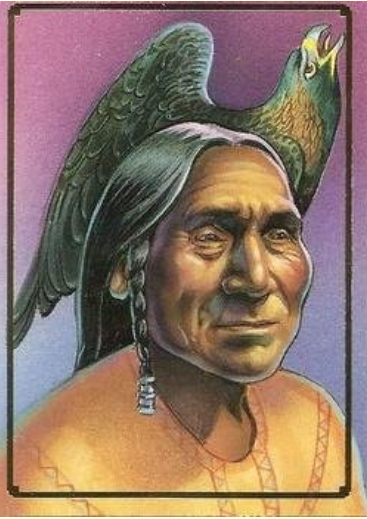


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# WK 7 - Kindness and Respect

## LISTENING!

One of the best forms of respect is listening to what another has to say.



Deganawida  
The Great Peacemaker



*"Give me the gift of a listening heart."*

King Solomon



### The Story of the Talking Stick

Centuries ago, a man known as the Great Peacemaker brought peace to Native American tribes who had been at war for many years. He believed that when people listened carefully and spoke from the heart, peace could be possible. And that there would be no need to fight to solve problems.

The Great Peacemaker invited the warriors from all the tribes to a meeting and he brought with him a powerful symbol of respect and peace, the Talking Stick.

The person holding the Talking Stick is the only person allowed to speak until they feel understood. When the possessor of the Talking Stick feels completely understood, only then is the Talking Stick passed on to the next person. The purpose is not to agree, or disagree, but to solve problems through listening and understanding.

### To earn your Leadership Success Stripe Complete The Listening Quiz

How well do you listen? Ask yourself the following questions and give yourself rating points:

4=Always 3=Usually 2=Rarely 1=Never

- 1. Do I allow others to finish speaking without interrupting?
- 2. Do I look at others when they speak?
- 3. Do I actively try to absorb important details?
- 4. Do I ask questions for better understanding?
- 5. Do I control my emotions if I disagree with the speaker?
- 6. Do I tune out distractions when listening?
- 7. Do I sincerely want to hear what others have to say?
- 8. Do I make a sincere effort to show my interest?



The scoreboard:

- 26 points or higher: Excellent Listener
- 22-25 points: Better than average Listener
- 18-21 points: Room for improvement!
- 17 points or less: Time to set some goals in this area!

So who is ready to listen very carefully?

In that case, when I say “1,2,3 Go” I want you to go and sit around in a circle as evenly as possible. Remember no running or pushing or shoving. GO!

*Call out, GO! Usually most of the students will go to make the circle, and you wait until the penny drops and they all come back to their original position.*

Teacher:

Hey, I love your enthusiasm but there was one problem...you didn't listen to the instructions! Who remembers what the instructions were?