

LEADERSHIP



Thinking about Citizenship



What is Citizenship?

Citizenship is about being a member of a group. A group can be a family, a school, a team or a country.



Citizenship is about having **rights** and **responsibilities**

Having **rights** means there are certain ways that other people should treat you.



Having **responsibilities** means you should act or behave in a certain way. As a member of a school, there are right and wrong ways to behave.



At school we all need to behave in certain ways to keep everybody safe and happy.

What is a Leader?

A leader is someone you follow.



A good leader can show you what to do.



Leadership means being in charge or in control. Being a leader means you have the power to act for a group.

A leader
sometimes makes
decisions for a
group.



You can often
learn from a
leader.

Why do we need leaders?

Leaders can help people make **decisions**.

It can be hard for a large group to agree without one person taking the **lead**.



When a group of people has to decide on something, a leader can help them choose what to do, or where to go.

A leader can decide to do what is best for people in a group.

This is a **fair** way to make a decision.



It is easier for a big group if one person leads the way.

What makes a good leader?



Anyone can be a leader, but parents or adults are often leaders because they have **experience** that helps them make good choices and decisions.



It is useful to listen when a teacher is talking to a group.

A teacher is the leader of a class. A teacher is in charge of looking after a class and has **knowledge** to share and **skills** to help children learn.

Children **trust** their parents, or grandparents, to make decisions or choices for their family group.



Good leaders listen so they know what people need.



Honesty and fairness

A good leader is **honest**. Honesty is always telling the truth and doing what you say you will. A leader is in charge of a group so it is important that people can **trust** them to be honest and **fair**.



Why is it important for leaders to be honest?



Fairness is treating everyone equally.

A fair leader chooses to do what is best for most people.

Good leaders try to make sure that decisions are fair to everyone.

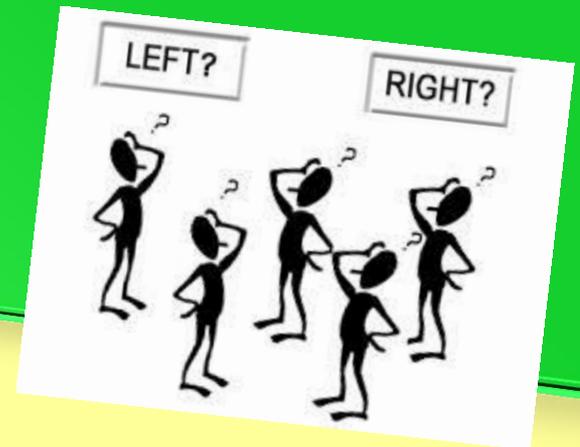
Good communication

A good leader communicates well.

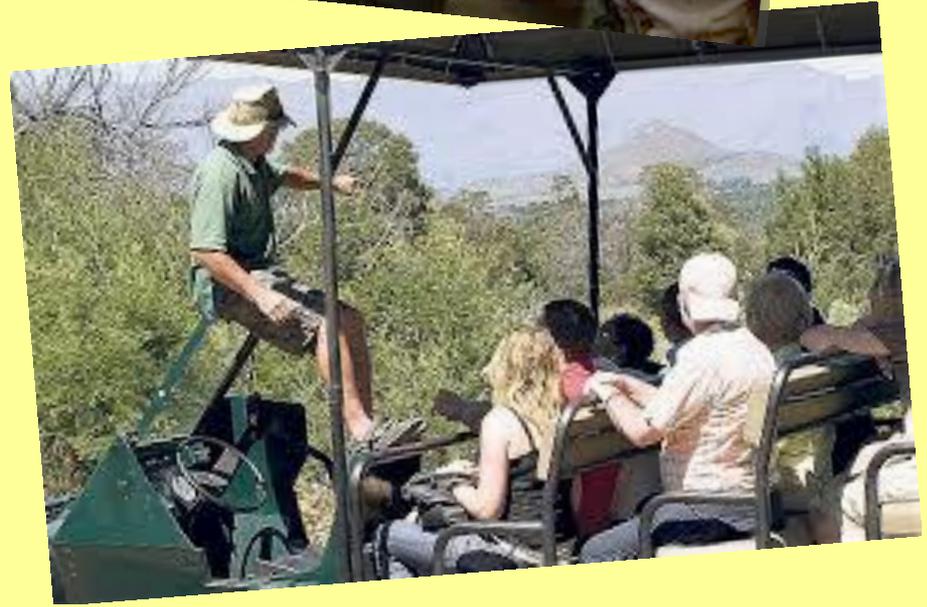
Tips for good communication

- ✓ Speak clearly
- ✓ Stay calm and don't shout or get angry
- ✓ Explain your ideas clearly
- ✓ Listen carefully
- ✓ Ask questions and discuss ideas

Good communication is an important leadership skill.



Good leaders speak clearly and listen well.
They also make sure that everyone
understands them.



Respect

Respect is acting in a polite and caring way.
A good leader is someone you respect, but who also respects you.



Good leaders make people want to follow them because they have good ideas and they show and earn respect.



A leader is in charge because he, or she, has knowledge or experience to share and has good ideas and problem solving skills.



A good leader takes the time to explain things clearly.



A role model

A role model is someone who sets a good example and you would like to learn from.

To help a team, or group do well...

- ✓ Say "Well done!"
- ✓ Communicate with everyone
- ✓ Set a good example
- ✓ Be enthusiastic
- ✓ Show that you value the team

A good leader leads by making you want to do well and making you feel good about yourself.



Leading and following

A good leader doesn't shout or bully people. Bad leaders make people follow them by using fear. A good leader is not a bully.



Which kind of leader would you prefer - a strong, fair and kind one, or one who is cruel and unfair?



Remember that younger children might expect you to be a leader.



Taking responsibility

Members of teams, or groups may have a responsibility to take part in choosing leaders. You have a right to say if you think leaders are doing a good job.



You have a responsibility to take part and know you want to be treated.



A leader may not know you are unhappy if you don't say so. It is not easy being a leader and it is not always easy to make decisions for other people.

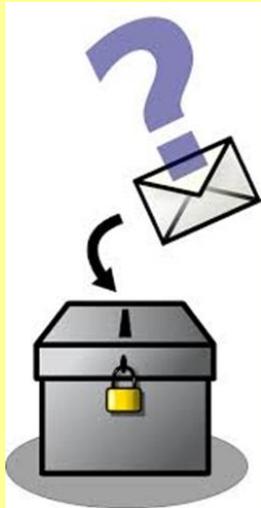


If you are unhappy, or don't understand, you need to explain why and say what you would like to change.

Choosing a leader

In most countries, leaders are chosen by the people who live there. All the people **vote** to choose the person, or people, who they want to be in charge in an **election**.

We choose leaders who we think will make good decisions for us.



When you are older you will get the chance to choose leaders in your local community and also for your country.



At school you could learn about leadership skills when you vote for your school council, or take part in teams in sport.



Choosing a leader is an important responsibility.

Speaking out

If you are a leader of a team, or group, you need to be able to explain your ideas or decisions.

You will need to listen to members of the group and answer their questions.



Leaders need to speak out against unfairness, or cruelty. If you think someone is being treated unkindly, you should say so.



Being a leader can be difficult because people will not always like the decisions you make.
You have to believe that you are doing the right thing.

Is leadership important?

It is important to learn good leadership skills and we all have a responsibility to take part in different groups. You should all understand your right to make your own choices.



A good leader

- ✓ *Respects and listens to others*
- ✓ *Acts honestly and fairly*
- ✓ *Communicates well*
- ✓ *Is a good role model*



Learning to be a leader is an important part of growing up. It is important to take the lead sometimes, even if it makes you feel nervous. Everyone should try to be a leader to understand what it means.

