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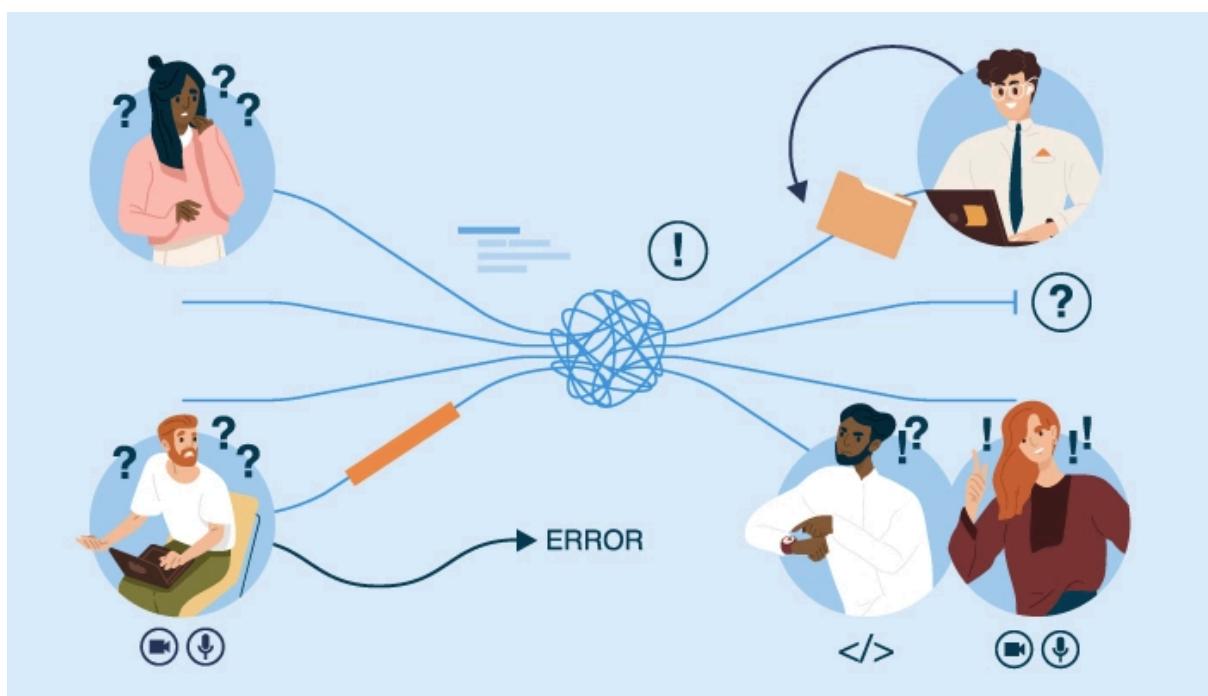
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Phone game



The telephone game is a game where you communicate to another player a phrase the more the word goes through the more it warps. It changes the point of the important phrase. Honestly is even used outside of the game. This game may seem simple but it really shows us a valuable lesson. There have been people who change the phrase on purpose, which is rude. This highlights how it has an impact affecting communication and the perception of people. This game is based on communication, communication is a key aspect of this life that you need it to survive. It's a foundation for relationships, platonic, professional, and romantic. With communication, you can understand each other's thoughts, feelings, and concerns. I have multiple experiences with this game in class or camps and it's

quite fun! Honestly, I'm writing this as if communicating is easy but in some situations, it's either hard or scary. You may be scared of consequences or how the other party will react. What if they hate you or they lose respect etc. Uncertainty is scary for anyone and you can't control it.



This may lead to miscommunication, which means not communicating clearly. A funny example of miscommunication there's a scene in Parks and Rec where Ron asks who broke the coffee machine and everyone starts fighting but it was Ron who broke it.

▶ [Ron Swanson and the Coffeepot Mystery | Parks and Recreation](#)

Even though it's a funny scene, miscommunications can bring up so many problems, just like how in the telephone game the words get messed up at the end, that's what happens in the real world. For example if Jake said to Jessica that he loved dogs, and Jessica misinterpreted that as he hates cats that is an example of miscommunication. This can also hurt any type of relationship, I had issues with miscommunications and usually, they never get resolved. It hurts both people and it sucks, you wanna know what you did wrong but you can never know.

One time my friend Jenna told me John was a bad person because he was late on an assignment. And I believed her but I wanted to know John's story and his side was that he was late on an assignment because he was sick and it was out of control. I was so surprised by how twisted Jenna's opinion was about him. I think everyone leaves out a detail in the story to make them look better. I have done it many times so I look like a better person.

Humans want to look good, well almost every human being. Some do not care if they look bad, and make more miscommunication on themselves. I always have so many miscommunications with people since they don't talk to me or don't speak about an issue, they rather run away than solve the situation. Even when they either apologize or try to explain the situation they still don't want to hear it or the damage is already done. Then word is spread around how I or someone else is bad even though they are innocent. Another thing that can happen is assumptions and perceptions can have an impact and the telephone shows how we humans make assumptions and stereotypes because of limited information. Honestly, this happens all the time, people used to think that women can't drive which is a lie this is an example of a stereotype. After the game is done they realize how closed-minded they were and realize they were wrong.

There are ways to solve this, talking is the simple answer. I had the biggest miscommunication with one of my friends, Winter. I thought she took the side of a person who hurt me and just ignored me on everything but in reality we talked, she wasn't on the bad person's side, she was just busy in life and didn't have the time to text me or call me. We both laughed about this seeing how we just needed to have a conversation. Talking clearly can also help the game have the right phrase or sentence at the end of the game and everyone wins! Despite its simplicity, the game has a huge impact on our lives by teaching us essential lessons about communication, perception, and the human condition. It emphasizes the

intricacies of communication and the significance of active listening, pushes us to question our preconceptions and biases, and reminds us of our human flaws. We receive insights while engaging in this pastime that can help us become better communicators, more open-minded persons, and more sympathetic members of society. So, the next time you play the telephone game, keep in mind that it's more than just a game; it's a life lesson disguised as a game. Just at the end of the day remember it's another human being and at least know both sides of the story. In conclusion, if any problem or anything happens, communicate. Don't shut yourself to people or the outside world. It helps you grow as a person and your mental health.

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