

# Communicate your passion at work for career success

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If you are like most people, you would like to achieve professional growth and success in your career. Typically, career success would mean promotions, greater responsibilities and accompanying financial rewards. If you look around you, you will often find that the people who progress and move up the ladder are those who demonstrate passion at work, are proactive, and of course, perform on the job at hand with the desired or better-than-expected results.



In most private enterprises, one needs to earn the right to move up the corporate ladder based on one's performance at work. There are very few, if any, companies that offer career progression based on amount of time one spends in a particular role. For rewards to come your way, you have to show that you deserve them and that you are ready to move on to a higher level than you currently are. Put simply, one has to demonstrate both performance and potential for promotions and career progression.

As a member of an organisation, you must remember that you are always creating and reinforcing perceptions in the minds of your peers and managers. These subjective perceptions, in addition to objective results, play an important role in determining who gets rewarded and how much. Three very important characteristics tend to get judged in your responses to different situations: your interest, involvement and initiative.



All these characteristics can show up in your responses through both verbal and non-verbal communication. For example, you could say that you are very excited but your body language could be showing a degree of indifference. Similarly, you may say that you are committed to a task but don't get too involved in the process. Don't forget that many of these non-verbal cues can be more powerful than what you say. However, for the purpose of this article, let's focus on [How To Communicate](#) your passion verbally using words and phrases that are simple but impactful. We list some examples below. Pay attention to the words that are highlighted in bold/italics and notice the emotion they convey.



#### Showing initiative/ being proactive

1. I am **eager** to take up this project. Please **let me** handle it.
2. I **want to** lead this new initiative.

#### Showing interest

1. I'm **very excited** about taking on this assignment. The challenge and opportunity to work on solving this is **really exciting**.
2. I **love** this opportunity. This is something I've really been **looking forward** to.

#### Showing involvement

1. I **can't wait to dive deep** into this project. The outcome of this project is worth getting our hands dirty.
2. Let's **pull together** all our thinking and execution abilities to **get this done** now.

Hope the above examples convey how you can use simple words and phrases in English to communicate effectively at your workplace and make yourself noticed. Getting your work and yourself noticed is an important part of realising your aspiration to progress in your career.

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