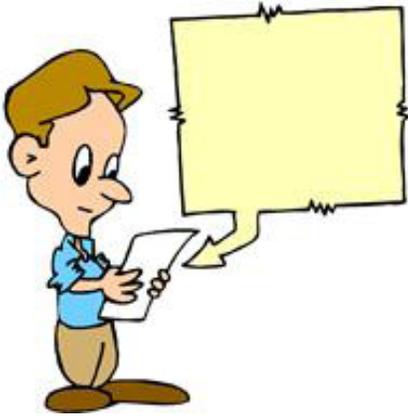


Communication



You generally find it easy to put your thoughts into words and are a good conversationalist and presenter. Your talent is valuable because your abilities in this area enable you to reach out and connect with people. Your story-telling ability builds images in the minds of others as you connect and bond with others.

General Academic Life

Participate in class discussions. Enhance your own and others' comprehension by talking through the key points.

Respond to questions with thought-provoking answers.

Illustrate scholarly concepts with real-life examples. Help others learn in the process.

Capture your audience's interest by telling stories to amplify an idea, concept, theory, scientific law, philosophical point, ethical quandary, or historic event.



Study Techniques

Tell others about your solutions, theories, concepts, and ideas before presenting them in class. Acknowledge that this is how you refine your thinking.

Converse about the subject matter until you fully understand it.

Notice how your classmates rely on you to engage the professor in dialogue. Realize that you are quite comfortable doing this.

Entertain your study group with anecdotes that make history, mathematics, science, languages, or the arts come alive in their minds.

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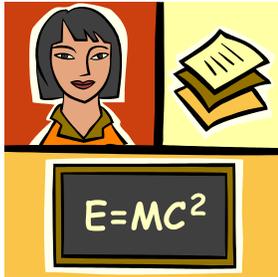
Relationships

Take the pressure off quiet, timid individuals by doing most of the talking.

Cheer up people with accounts of your own and others' humorous escapades.

Plan at least four meetings each term with professors who are good listeners. Take advantage of the fact that they expect you to do most of the talking.

Express your philosophical views, goals, pet peeves, and opinions so others can learn about you as a person.



Class Selection

Take classes from professors who encourage students to interrupt lectures to share stories or offer examples that amplify a concept.

Select classes in which you will be graded for participation in class discussions.

Register for courses that require you to make presentations.

Enroll in theatre arts, speech, and communications classes.

Extracurricular Activities

Affiliate with a speakers' bureau in which the members address campus and community groups.

Try out for the speech team. Concentrate on dramatic interpretation to hone your storytelling skills.

Audition for plays even if you are not a theatre major.

Campaign for elected office, or be a candidate's spokesperson.

