

# Remote Work Communication Skills

GoSkills online course syllabus

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## Skill level

Beginner

## Lessons

38

## Pre-requisites

None

## Video duration

2h 15m

## Estimated study time

8h for all materials

## Instructor

TJ Walker

## Introduction

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### 1 Introduction to the Course

Welcome from the instructor

## Online Meeting Basics

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### 2 Setting the Meeting Objective

Defining the purpose of your meeting makes it relevant and interesting for everyone involved.

### 3 Video Conference Meetings vs. Other Meetings

Let's discuss the similarities and differences between video meetings and in-person meetings.

### 4 Online Video Conferencing Is Just One More Simple Tool for Communicating

You don't need special knowledge to be an effective communicator in online meetings.

### 5 You Must Learn How Your Platform Works BEFORE The Conference Starts

Try out online platforms before you use them the first time.

## Look Your Best On Camera

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### 6 Don't Hide Behind Slides - Show Your Face On Camera

Plenty of people don't want to turn on their camera, but video has so many advantages that will help you connect with your audience.

### 7 Follow These Tips To Look Your Very Best on Camera for Your Next Meeting

Consider these easy-to-follow tips as you prepare to speak on camera to improve how you look - and your confidence.

- 8 **How to Look Comfortable and Relaxed on Camera**  
Should you sit or stand? What should you do when you're not speaking? Follow these tips to be prepared for your next online meeting.
- 9 **This Is What You Should Wear for a Video Conference**  
What you wear can impact how you look on video, so consider this advice for how to dress.

## Set Up Your Video and Audio

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- 10 **Avoid These Common Blunders at All Costs**  
Preparation can turn your online talk into a success, even while at home.
- 11 **Solutions for Your Backdrop**  
Select something that is simple and doesn't confuse your audience.
- 12 **What's the Best Camera and Microphone for Online Meetings?**  
You have plenty of options for technology, but it's how you use them that matters most.
- 13 **Speakers, Headphones, Earpieces, and More**  
Use technology to improve your experience while conducting online presentations.
- 14 **Use the Best Possible Internet Connection Possible**  
Conducting a successful online meeting means devoting your bandwidth - and attention - to the task at hand.

## Online Presentation Success

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- 15 **Fundamentals of Effective Online Presentations**  
If you follow these rules for online talks, you will get the results you want every time.
- 16 **Tips for Using Visuals In Online Meetings**  
Make your presentation come to life with effective visuals by planning in advance.
- 17 **What If I Am Not Hosting the Online Meeting But Might Have to Speak?**  
Be prepared to speak - and make a positive impression - no matter how much you might have to say.
- 18 **A Last Minute Checklist for Video Presentations**  
Follow these steps before you start to ensure your presentation goes smoothly.

19 Why You Should Not Memorize Your Speech  
Should you memorize your speech? And how long should your speech last?

20 How to Ensure Your Voice is the Best It Can Be  
Consider these tips when attempting to improve how your voice sounds in any online talk.

21 Ways to Reduce Background Noise and Distractions  
How can you eliminate noises and distractions during your online calls?

## Phone Fundamentals

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22 How to Look and Sound Great on Business Calls  
Understanding how to use the phone for business is vital for effective communication with customers and clients.

23 Why Your Phone is the Best Secret Business App Ever  
A phone call is essential for communicating the most important, critical information.

24 Planning your Successful Phone Environment  
What to do about noisy offices, talking while driving, using speakerphones, and more.

25 Final Preparation for Your Successful Phone Meeting  
Doing preparation before an important call will allow you to address important points and take notes effectively.

26 Making Sure Your Phone Passes Your Friend Test  
Calling a friend with your phone will answer important questions about voice and reception quality.

27 Planning for Winning Conference Calls  
How to make the most of any conference call, from preparing an agenda to note taking.

28 Placing Phone Calls Like the Consummate Professional  
Put people at ease with the best kind of introduction over the phone.

29 Never Wake Up a Client in the Middle of the Night  
Time zone - and cultural - differences will inform you as to the best time and method of communicating.

## Answering and Talking on the Phone

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- 30** Answering the Phone so Everybody Knows You are Ready for Business  
What's the best way to answer the phone if a customer or colleague is calling?
- 31** Your Clients Will Never Think You are Screaming At Them Again  
Noise from a busy location - or from eating and drinking - can disrupt your important phone call.
- 32** Knowing How to Sound Your Very Best - Every Time  
Follow these tips when talking on the phone to improve your tone and ability to communicate.
- 33** Being a Professional to Every Generation, Regardless of Your Own Preferences  
Your customers will often represent a variety of generations, so don't ignore the differences in their communication preferences.
- 34** Setting Up Your Voicemail for Success  
Follow these tips to ensure you will be successful when working with customers over voicemail.
- 35** Voicemail That Soothes, Not Angers  
Consider these tips to ensure your voicemail will be welcoming and effective for any business calls.
- 36** How to Leave Voicemail Messages to Ensure Success  
Here's a template for what to say in a voicemail that provides all the information they need.
- 37** Take 1, Take 2, Take 3 Until You Get It Right  
Many voicemail systems allow you to re-record your message - take advantage of the opportunity.
- 38** Making Your Phone Disappear At the Perfect Moments  
One of the most powerful signals you can send to a client, customer, or prospect is to shut your phone off.

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