

# Developing Leadership

## Read about great leaders:

Alexander the Great, Boudicea, Elizabeth I, etc.

## Practice making decisions.

If a decision turns out to be wrong, learn from it and move on.

*“Wise leaders pick helpers who are strong where they are weak.”*

*“Good Leaders notice people’s contributions and reward them accordingly.”*

## Learn how to take risks.

List pros and cons for each option, rate the risk from 1 to 5, decide how likely it is to happen.

## Learn how to motivate people.

Explore the different needs that motivate people and recognize that the same rewards don’t motivate everyone. Listen carefully to others to learn what motivates them.

## Learn how to improve your teambuilding skills.

Concentrate on appreciating different points of view during discussions rather than just trying to prove your point.

## Know Yourself.

Study yourself closely and practice self-assessment techniques to learn how you behave and the effects you have on others. Ask others for their opinions or criticisms and what you can do to become a better leader.

## Keep your integrity.

Tell the truth, always treat people the same way, do your best, be caring about others.

*“Don’t expect perfection. No one wins all the time. Leaders grow by making mistakes.”*

## Know More

Learn something new every day, ask others to teach you, admit it when you don’t know something and make an effort to find out, don’t be a Know All.

## Practice communications skills

Be an active listener, read between the lines during conversations, check meaning by stating what you think they said so they can agree that is the meaning or asking them to state what they think you said so you can agree on meaning.

## Give a boost to others.

Compliment people who show good skills, help others gain leadership skills or opportunities, don’t be afraid to give your job away.