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You've heard it before: Good organizational behaviors start at the top. This is especially true of good communication behaviors, according to *Fast Company* contributor Dianna Booher.

"Your influence as a leader -- to change how someone thinks, improve their job performance, discard a harmful habit, master a challenging situation, restore a broken relationship -- can literally save someone's job or career," Booher said. "But your communication can stall your progress as a leader."

If you want to be a better leader, and teach your employees to be better communicators, strive for simplicity over complexity whenever possible.

"Leaders fail when they use language to try to impress, to leave loopholes for themselves, and to avoid accountability," Booher said. "More successful leaders cut through the complexity that obscures ideas and priorities and instead use clear language that drives action."

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