

## Lead the Way – Becoming a Positive Leader

What is a positive leader? What does a positive leader do? Can I be a positive leader? Why should I learn how to be a positive leader?

Being a leader seems like it might be a hard thing to do, but really means believing in yourself and others and doing the right thing. You may already be a positive leader and just don't know it yet. Read on, and we will give you some ideas on how you can be a positive leader among your friends, classmates and team mates.

### What is a Positive Leader?

A positive leader is someone who other people respect and look up to. Leaders have earned the respect of others through their actions. People often want to follow their example and do the things they do.

### What do Positive Leaders do?

Positive leaders set a good example of how to behave. Leaders:

- believe in themselves
- welcome others to join
- are loyal
- take responsibility for their actions
- treat people how they want to be treated
- show caring for other people (empathy)
- make up their **own** mind about things, instead of just following the crowd
- understand that everyone is important and need to be included
- listen and talk respectfully, even when they don't agree

- work as part of the team because they know that working together is the best way to get things done
- understand that sometimes other people may have better ideas, and that's OK. Leaders don't always have to be right
- can see the goal at the end and can work towards the goal
- keep on trying, even when it gets hard, because they know that hard work will get them to their goal
- have the courage to sometimes be different than the rest of the group

### Can I be a Positive Leader?

YES! You can be a positive leader. By believing in yourself, being welcoming, caring about others, helping others, being loyal, honest and respectful you are being a great example to others – you are being a positive leader and role model.

**Why Should I Learn to be a Positive Leader?**

Positive leaders are great role models. They make the world around them a better place to live and encourage others to do the same.

You will learn important skills that will help you to live a happy and successful life, even if you don't always succeed in everything you do.

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**What Skills Make People Positive Leaders?**

Now it is your turn – list some of the skills that make people positive leaders:

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**What Leadership Skills do I want to learn?**

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**What Leadership Skills do I have?**

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