Types of Feedback

Researcher Carl Roger suggests that leaders provide different types of feedback as they interact with their subordinates, identifying five main categories of feedback as they appear in everyday conversation:

- Evaluative Making a judgment about the value or appropriateness of a subordinate's statement.
- Interpretive Restating what a subordinate means.
- Supportive Encouraging or bolstering a subordinate's communication.
- Probing Attempting to gain additional information, continue the discussion, or clarify a point.
- Understanding Attempting to discover completely what the subordinate means.