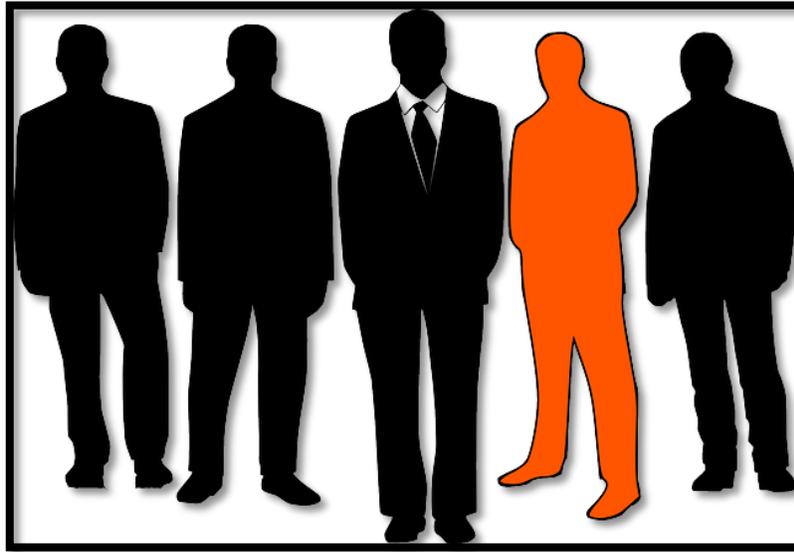


Bad Leaders



Companies always try to find good leaders. Good leaders often make good decisions that can make money. **They** also work hard to keep workers happy by listening and helping out. At the same time, companies try to remove people who are bad leaders. This is because companies with bad leaders often have big problems. Bad leaders make mistakes that can cost lots of money. They also might do something that hurts the company's image. There are several signs of a bad leader.

Bad leaders are often scared to take chances. They are **content** to just keep doing what a company has already been doing for many years. People get bored at their jobs doing the same thing all the time. Customers get tired of the same old product. Another business will make more money by sometimes taking a risk and doing something **fresh**.

Another sign of a bad leader is that they have problems with communication. When leaders can't **convey** their own ideas in e-mails or in a meeting, the company is in big trouble. Poor communication can really harm a company. Also, leaders who can't or won't listen to their workers can also create problems. Most workers know their jobs very well. Their ideas are often valuable. If a leader won't consider them, he might miss a chance to improve the company.

Finally, bad leaders don't want to take responsibility when things go wrong. They blame their workers or other people on their team. Also, bad leaders take all of the **acclaim** when things go well. They do not thank their employees for doing a good job. This can hurt people's feelings. Workers can become bitter and quit their jobs. It takes time and money for the company to find new workers.



1. According to the article, why do companies try to find good leaders?
 - a) because good leaders can hurt the company
 - b) because good leaders have big problems
 - c) because good leaders make good decisions
 - d) because good leaders might cost money

2. The word “they” in paragraph 1 refers to:
 - a) leaders
 - b) companies
 - c) decisions
 - d) workers

3. The word “content” in paragraph 2 could best be replaced with:
 - a) willing
 - b) unhappy
 - c) remembering
 - d) understanding

4. The word “fresh” in paragraph 2 could best be replaced with:
 - a) strange
 - b) terrible
 - c) funny
 - d) new

5. The word “convey” in paragraph 3 could best be replaced with:
 - a) tell
 - b) change
 - c) help
 - d) hear

6. According to the article, why should leaders listen to their workers?
 - a) because it might make people work harder
 - b) because it will make the workers happier
 - c) because workers might be very friendly
 - d) because workers have valuable ideas

7. The word “acclaim” in paragraph 4 could best be replaced with:
 - a) offices
 - b) money
 - c) credit
 - d) week

8. According to the article, why does it harm a company when workers quit their jobs?
 - a) because customers will get angry
 - b) because it is impossible to find new workers
 - c) because it costs money to find new workers
 - d) because the company needs to apologize

Answers: 1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (d) 5. (a) 6. (d) 7. (c) 8. (c)

