

# Empathy & Sympathy

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In mentorship, empathy and sympathy are essential qualities to possess, and I'd rate their importance as follows:

- Empathy: 9/10
- Sympathy: 8.5/10

Here's why:

Empathy:

- Allows us to understand and share the feelings of our mentees
- Helps us see things from their perspective
- Enables us to provide personalized guidance and support
- Fosters a deeper connection and trust with our mentees
- Encourages open and honest communication

Sympathy:

- Shows compassion and understanding during challenging situations
- Provides emotional support and validation
- Helps mentees feel less alone in their struggles
- Encourages mentees to be vulnerable and open up about their challenges
- Demonstrates our investment in their well-being and success

While both are crucial, empathy is slightly more important because it allows us to understand and share the feelings of our mentees, which is essential for building trust and providing effective guidance. Sympathy is also vital, as it shows compassion and support during difficult times, but it builds upon the foundation of empathy.

According to my Mentorship experiences, if we have Empathy and Sympathy, we make our mentor and mentee' relationship easily as follow,

1. Build trust quickly.
2. Fosters deeper connections with each other's.
3. Encourages vulnerability
4. Promotes emotional intelligence.
5. Helps navigate difficult situations.
6. Enhances problem solving.
7. Demonstrates care and investment for engagement.

These made us more improvement to our mentorship journey. If so, mentee will have more confident, more adaptable, more leading, more productivity, more systematic, smarter, more positive, more proactive and life changes more. My mentorship experiences, I feel I got families because even though our mentorship was finished, our relationship is never ending and ever keep in touch and we support each other whatever we can.

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