

In the previous weekend Non Verbal Communication and its different types were looked into - let us look into more of its nuances:

Kinesics covers body's physical movements like Personal Appearance, posture and gestures.

This implies the fact that though we indulge largely in verbal communication we don't realise that much greater role is played by our physical movements. Postures speak volumes about our attitude, interested, uninterested or casual, all get signalled. These are involuntary movements; we are seldom conscious of it. Our Gestures too are important as they supplement verbal communication. gestures we make with fingers, twitching of lips, shaking/nodding of head: all communicate effectively.

Facial Expressions can be very important markers of what is going on in our minds.

It is said, 'Face is the index of mind', it can say beyond our words, more than our words.

Eye Contact can communicate even better than words. They may deceive or may give positive or negative signal to the person being communicated.

Non-Verbal Cues such as Proxemics that determines the communication between sender and receiver of the message.

Edward T. Hall divides the communication space into 4 distinct zones - Public space, Social space, Personal Space and Intimate Space; all conforming to respective form of communication.

Other forms of important Non-Verbal Communication are Chronemics and Haptics, quite interesting forms

to take note of. One might wonder managing Time (Chronemics) can be equally an important resource. Your

You might agree that one 'generally' respects a person who respects time or the other way.

Haptics becomes another interesting and valuable form of communication. This is Language of Touch.

A simple touch of affection, of empathy can substitute communication in words. Have you noticed?

Paralanguage - You must have observed how you have distinguished an effective speaker through pitch and volume variation, even with use of pauses and word stress. You realise good speaking skills go a long way in effective communication while an inferior might make ineffective or lack in appropriate communication.

Find out about the remaining ones -

1. Inflections and Non-Fluencies - TASK 1.

2. Silence is a non-verbal medium.

3. Do you think it can be an effective aid to communication? Think of at least 3 situations when 'silence' can be important Mode of communication

TASK 2

4. Even pauses are important modes of conveying which words and sentences can.

Lastly, there is Sign Language like Audio Visual Signs, Audio-visual signs.

Questions for Assignment II

Q.1. Write Short Notes on Any Four with 2 examples

1. Intimate and Social Space - Distinction & examples

2. Is Haptics different from Gestures as form of Non-Verbal Communication?

3. Explain Paralanguage and its different forms.

4. Task 2 - on silence

5. Task 4 - Inflections and Non-Fluencies