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The Need to Redefine and Reinterpret the Definition of Communication

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Abstract

This paper tries to elucidate on the necessity of redefining the definition of communication. The primary objective of this paper is to beautify the existing language one has with, and to make more sound like the native speaker of the target language who tries to acquire it more efficiently. It's a one-step advanced method. Merriam Webster defines communication as *a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior*. The primary instinct of a language in any form of communication may remain the same to certain group of people in a definite context but it could be different if you try to see it from a vantage point through a sniper lens. The purpose of communication in the elementary stage is to make a clear understanding between two or more people within an environment based on their needs and necessities. Later the same group of people start to expect something better when they upgrade to an advanced level of their standards for a greater end. The target language can be English as a second language or as a foreign language or any target language. Today we live in the pinnacle of an era where almost everyone has a dream of starting their own business for a unique stand or to become success in the field they're interested with. Then there is a necessity of knowing multiple languages. Knowing just a single language is not enough to communicate at the current scenario. Communication would be more effective and fruitful if the speaker or the communicator practices the language more appropriately with proper stresses and intonations of the native taste. The role of the communicator is not only to make his/her clients understand but to eke out a powerful communication to expand his working environment for the growth of his profession within a specific time he has set.

Introduction:

People may have brilliant ideas, but those ideas will be appreciated only when they are expressed. If one can't get those ideas across, they won't get anywhere. A common language with an effective communication will make it to do this. Any communication is more effective when they are used in the way they supposed to be and a language is more powerful when we exhibit them how they are. The best quality of any material or any existing thing is at their best when they stand uniquely original and when we don't mix them with any other alloy. If we want to see the beauty of a language, it has to be in the way they are. English has to be taught or learned as English but not like any other language. Every language has its beauty. Their beauty starts to loose when we mix and use them with other languages. When they stand tall in their pose, there is the beauty of a language and every communication will become more effective. That's why there is a need to redefine the definition of communication at any stage of any language, especially in a special context to English language as an example for the rest of any other foreign languages. In order to construct an effective and powerful communication, we need to reconsider the following ethics. The need to become a Passionate Reader; The need to become a Good Listener; The need to become a Great Imitator; The prerequisite to understand other Languages and Cultures and The importance of Paralinguistics Features

The need to become a Passionate Reader

You can change your world by changing your words... Remember, death and life are in the power of the tongue. – Joel Osteen. Now it's time to empower reading skills. We need to promote and encourage all the growing kids and teenagers reading as one of the most important hobbies of their lifetime, and make them to choose the right book which would be the ultimate turning point of their careers. This is even more crucial in a person's life because a person becomes what he reads. Every book he reads reshapes his personality: the words he chooses, his way of thinking and behaviour. The beauty of one's language lies in the pages of the books he reads and his communication becomes more powerful with those extra-ordinary vocabularies. It's always better for a beginner to start with children's version of classic books and series and there should be an impeccable mentor who can help in choosing the right book based on the interest because the first book he takes up may decide what sort of books he would go for the next move, then to rekindle the reading skills and prompt more to read. Reading reshapes one's personality. It gives a new way to live and remodels his perspectives of life in every situation. Reading makes you smarter in every perspective and marks you more creative and helps to master the language. This comforts you to live many lives through the books you read. Traveling is a way to live many lives, to understand different languages, cultures and religions that gives you the wider knowledge of understanding many things as a whole but it doesn't afford everyone as it is bit costly. Everyone can't afford traveling. So the easiest way out is to read as many books as possible to experience all. And of course this strengthens your imagination to percept things clearly in all possible ways. Reading enriches your vocabulary power and ultimately this beautifies your communication. The words you utter is what you read. Some people believe reading is a boring time pass, it is a waste of time. It's yes until you got the right person who can help you what to read and what not to. A good book is like a good friend one who inspires you, instills you for more knowledge, and helps you when you're in need. So landing onto the right book and onto the enchanted islands of good books will lead to your desirable goal.

The need to become a Good Listener

Effective communication leads to become an effective leader and every leader is a good communicator. In order to become an effective communicator one has to be an acute listener. Without an effective communication everything becomes more complicated and every complication leads to chaos and every chaos leads everything in stray. Most of the hitches and worries in our life are out of misunderstandings and these misunderstandings are the result of miscommunication. Miscommunication resulted when you fail to listen from what you hear from the other side. Arguably listening is the most important skill of any language. Every child learns from the surroundings through listening and observing. If you are not a good listener, you will not become a good communicator and there you will find a mere growth in your career. Things will go at the pace of a snail and everything around you will be stagnant. A smart man learns from his mistakes but a wise man learns from the mistakes of others. Everyone can't wait to commit every possible mistakes for his learning but to learn from others by listening others conversations and talks on their life experiences, hurdles and success. Since listening is the first

step of learning a language, every learners should be an acute listener to see a quick growth in the progress. It will make you a scholar of vocabularies and a master of every language. Today we live in the age of internet and technology and every possible audios or podcasts and videos of any subject are available in social media such as Youtube, Google, WhatsApp, Twitter or in the forum of any social media. Now things are abundantly available at your fingertips. You can use them for multiple purposes. Through listening you can bolster the power of your vocabulary and correct pronunciation to become a better communicator. Direct method is the most effective way of learning a language. A language has to be learnt through the same language. English has to be learnt through English, French has to be through the window of French and so as to any other language. A language has to be acquired but not to be taught as a subject and thus you become the master of your target language. Listening is an art where you need a lot of patients but you can't make an effective communication until you become a good listener.

"The art of conversation lies in listening." - Malcom Forbes

The need to become a Great Imitator

The technique of imitation is the best method of learning a language. Today we just can't be contented with the basic definition of communication: coding a message, decoding it and to understand and react to it. Now communication means more than this. We need to learn the appropriate expressions with proper stress, tone and intonation, body language, pause and the pace of the speech. What a learner needs to do is to redefine the definition of communication. It is not the process of what you convey but most importantly it's how to convey it. This development requires to listen to the native speakers often, then try to copy and imitate the exact way how the speaker speaks. This could be a bit of challenging in the beginning but remember "Practice makes a man perfect". Whatever a person today is not what when he/she was. It is always then to remember that any learning is a process and a process takes time. A little bit of practice makes everything right. Learning can't be out of force but it has to be out of passion and this passion comes out of desire and thirst, and that can be quenched when it's acquired. Perfecting a language doesn't need any formal education or a degree but this sort of instinct has to be craved within himself. In the process, you may be discourage, ridicule or mock by the nay-sayers around you but, it's you who is going for yourself but not for any other person and hence there is nothing to stop or bother about it.

The prerequisite to understand other Languages and Cultures

The world of corporate and business become much easier due to the advancement of science and technology. It can't be wrong to claim that technology connects billions of people around the globe and they're interconnected with each others. Millions of clients of a firm lie outside its country and they are able to connect through various channels and social media. *A Czech proverb rightly says that you live a new life for every language you speak. If you know only one language, you live only once.* Since we live in a global village there is a necessity of knowing each other's language and culture to lead a better life. We need to feel their way of life, the cultures, and food and clothing habits. When we start to learn a new language we are indirectly connected to a new culture. Today we are in need of acquiring multiple cultures based on our requirements to foster an effective communication. Understanding other's culture is a sign of respect and this respect brings an effective communication and an effective communication brings people closer. When we fail to understand other's culture, there is a ton of possibility of miscommunication and any miscommunication may bring out negative consequences. When an outsider knows both your culture and language you have a lot of respect for that person and this is how a new relation is built and this relation brings peace and prosperity amongst people and becomes the success story of a firm or for an individuality. Sometimes miscommunication arises out of having scanty knowledge about different cultures and religions and this miscommunication pops up when we understand others culture the way how we understand ours but not the way how they are. Cultural differences strongly influences the effectiveness of any communication. Since almost every organization and social institutions today are within the campus of a cultural diversity, one needs to know multiple cultures and languages. When one fails to sense the magnitude of others' cultural differences, he also fails to connect people around him. He keeps himself at bay and cloaks himself with the blanket of complexity, and aloof himself from the rest of the world. Mainly non-verbal communication or the sign language is even more dangerous than spoken and written form of communication. This fails to develop an effective communication and so as a good working relationship with your customers. Understanding diverse cultures and the customs involved is often as important as knowing how to market in those areas.

The importance of Paralinguistics Features

Paralinguistic features of a language is an important asset to eke out an effective communication. Here a language learner needs to listen and watch, and work on to get closer to the perfection of the target language as imitation is the only way of perfecting a language. The process of almost every learning is always easy and fast if the progress proceeds out of fun and humour. As the main feature of paralinguistic includes different aspects of voice (stress and intonation, tone, pronunciation, articulation, pause and the pace of modulation), vocabs don't play a major role. It's just like pun; the game of words. Here sounds are the protagonists of the play. Generally a single word or words, expression or expressions or even simple phrases give us a single meaning but paralinguistic features make each and every minute things multiple meanings. These features help us to pick out the chosen ones from a single sentence based on the need. This is the beauty of the system in a language. Be let be in any language, either French, German, Japanese, Tamil, Hindi or any target language that a learner is aiming to make a perfect. Without mastering the paralinguistic features of a language, it will be impossible for a learner to hit the bull's eye. The language facilitator may suggest some famous family dramas and TV series like Friends (1994-2004), Mind Your Language (1977-1979), The Big Bang Theory (2007- 2019), How I Met Your Mother (2005-2014), Outnumbered (2007-2014), The Office (2005-2013) and many more. Then the next move is to practise and practise, and to keep on imitate to make a perfect execution. The learning process could reach its pinnacle when both the teacher and so called the language facilitator and the learners start to accept that a language should be learn as a language but not as a subject. So it's very important to give exceptional cases to every learner, especially to the L2 learners.

Conclusion:

Now it's the right time for every language learner to understand the need for redefining the definition of communication for an effective communication. A wise learner is always forward-thinker and he learns faster than a hard working learner. It's always better to look for a chance than to stick into something that would take you a long way. When both the learner and the language facilitator understand the most effective way of acquiring a language as earliest as possible, a positive outcome could see in no time. Better late than never. Any pursuer can accomplish anything. There is no age limit to succeed anything as everyone moves on their own pace. But what an earnest learner needs to understand the most is to remember the most effective way to execute and get the most effective result.

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