

Gendered Verbal Communication

*Wood - Chapter 5: Verbal Communication Expresses
Cultural Views of Gender*

Connection: Language & Gender

1. Male Generic Language
2. Different Gender Definitions
3. Language Awareness
4. Organizing Perception
5. Evaluating Gender
6. Allowing Self-Reflection

Gendered Speech Communities

- Speech Community
- Shared Understanding
- Different Communities
 - Different Rules
- Feminine Speech Communities
 - Fosters Connections
- Masculine Speech Communities
 - Accomplishes Concrete Goals

Feminine Communication

1. Relationships with others
2. Establishing Equality
3. Support for others
4. Maintenance Work
5. Responsiveness
6. Personal & Concrete Style
7. Tentativeness

Masculine Communication

1. Concrete Goals
2. Establishing Status & Control
3. Instrumentality
4. Command
5. Direct & Assertive Style
6. Abstract Speech
7. Less Emotional Responses

Gender-Linked Language Effect

Language differences between men and women are influenced by a variety of factors

Gender communication tendencies:

- Not Static
- Fluid

Gender-Based Misunderstandings

1. Showing Support

- Both assume the other should say more, when they do, it is not what the other expected

2. Troubles Talk

- Both misinterpret the intentions of the other, both get offended

3. The Point of the Story

- Men find women's stories wandering & tedious, women find men's stories to be lacking interesting detail

4. Relationship Talk

- When someone wants to talk, men think there's a problem, women think there is no problem

5. Public Speaking

- Double standard, successful women need to be both masculine and feminine, successful men need only to be masculine