

Down the Hall

What was your immediate reaction when you heard about the attack on the World Trade Center?



"I was just so surprised it took me awhile to comprehend what happened."

-Bill Burdette
Freshman

"Sorrow, heartache, and prayer."
-Mr. Rick Barnett
Health



"I was devastated and immediately wanted to retaliate, but I knew we needed to turn to God first."

-Andrew Hammond
Senior

"I was shocked, it was such a horrible thing to happen, so many lives lost in one day."

-Michelle Rowe
Junior



"I was scared, I couldn't understand how people were making jokes about it. I was just wondering how something so serious could be so funny because, it's about our future."

-Tammy Peyton
Senior

Girl Talk/Guy Talk

Understanding how we communicate is the key to understanding what we say

BY CASSIE SMITH

Humans use 30% of their time awake talking to other humans. Much of this is cross gender communication, which causes many conflicts in the work place, at school, and even in the home. These conflicts are caused by the differences in the way girls and guys talk to each other.

Females in general:

- ◆ Talk to get info., gain rapport, or a connection
- ◆ Talk about people more than things
- ◆ Convey feelings more than facts
- ◆ Have a larger focus on maintaining relationships
- ◆ Are likely to ask a question
- ◆ Are likely to cooperate with opposite sex

Aside from these very general characteristics of the softer sex, females also speak in literary terms. This means that we use the meaning of the phrase, not the individual words, to communicate an idea. Example: Sally says to Richard: "Why don't you listen to me?" Richard responds, "I do, you just said 'Why don't you listen to me?'." What Sally meant was "Why can't you understand what I am saying to you?"

Obviously, these mixed signals can cause conflict between the genders. But, hey girls, how do we deal with that form of communication? Studies prove that females avoid conflict in order to



maintain a comfortable relationship or connection.

For argument's sake, let us pretend that a girl and guy find themselves dealing with a conflict. How are they going to listen to each other? We girls are apt to respond by using eye contact, head nods, and vocal responses. We use these things to establish a connection. This also tends to annoy males because they will generally think we are trying to manipulate the conversation.

Let's put these differences of communication into perspective. Why is there such a huge difference? One theory is the social factor. We females are taught from birth that guys will respond differently than a girl, so we learn to communicate differently to get the response that we want, and to ex-

BY BLAKE ARNOLD

Males and females speak two completely different languages, and sometimes a translator is needed (though unavailable) to carry on a conversation with someone of the opposite sex.

Males In General:

- ◆ Give information or a report
- ◆ Talk about things
- ◆ Convey facts
- ◆ Focus on solving problems & obtaining goals

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- ◆ Don't ask for help
- ◆ Are anti-cooperative

Given these general facts on how men communicate you can tell that we speak and hear the literal meaning of what is said. If a woman says "we need to talk," she doesn't mean a two party conversation like it would be taken literally to mean. She means she wants someone to listen to her talk and give no input. Basically, just sit there and nod.

Well, my friends, if that's what she wants why doesn't she just say that? However, if a guy says "we need to talk," he is asking for a two-sided conversation with input from both parties involved.

Conflict is the result of many conversations between

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Fifteen Minutes of Fame

- 1.....What's your fave season? Summer
- 2.....What station do you keep your radio on? 104.5 The Cat
- 3.....Shower or bath? Shower
- 4.....If you had to eat one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be? Pizza
- 5.....What's your dream gift? All the clothes I could ever want



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