



Assessing Non-verbal Communication of Two Different Languages**Hunnar Thakran**

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ABSTRACT

This research paper investigates the dynamics of non-verbal communication between speakers of two different languages, emphasising the role of cultural context and situational factors. Non-verbal communication, which encompasses gestures, facial expressions, posture, and eye contact, serves as a vital complement to verbal exchanges, particularly in multilingual interactions where language barriers may exist. Utilising a mixed-methods approach, this study conducts observational analysis and in-depth interviews with bilingual participants from distinct cultural backgrounds. By systematically comparing non-verbal cues across interactions in various contexts—such as formal meetings, casual conversations, and conflict resolution—the research identifies key similarities and differences in non-verbal behaviour. Findings reveal that while certain non-verbal cues are universally recognised, others are deeply embedded in specific cultural frameworks, leading to potential misinterpretations. Additionally, the study highlights how individuals adapt their non-verbal communication strategies based on their awareness of cultural differences, ultimately affecting the effectiveness of interpersonal exchanges. This paper contributes to the understanding of cross-cultural communication by elucidating the complex interplay between verbal and non-verbal elements in multilingual environments. The implications of these findings underscore the importance of cultural sensitivity and training for individuals engaging in cross-cultural interactions, enhancing both personal and professional relationships across linguistic boundaries. Future research directions may include longitudinal studies to assess how non-verbal communication evolves in sustained multilingual contexts, further enriching our comprehension of this critical aspect of human interaction.