

Day 10 + Day 11

Vocab Review

Fill in the blanks.

1. The company accepted blame and sent us p_____e apologies.
2. Several foreign d_____ries attended the ceremony.
3. He p_____ts a natural warmth and sincerity.
4. For her, the word "family" c_____es love and comfort.
5. He was generally a_____ed as "Captain."
6. She said Jack had m_____trued her comments.
7. He turned up again after a l____e of two years.
8. He's trying to improve his public p_____a.

1 Connections



Module 1.7 Cross-cultural understanding (2) Personal space



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- ◆ Do this quiz about personal space.

Question: When you are conversing with someone, you should stand:

- A. Ten feet away from him/ her.
- B. Six feet away from him/ her.
- C. Three feet away from him/ her.
- D. One and a half feet away from him/ her.

 Listening

A. Listen and fill in the blanks.

People have an bubble of space around them that is a form of personal The size of the space expands or depending on level of, situation, and cultural background. For example, about 2 feet is acceptable for business in Canada. Being respectful of someone's personal space is a business skill. Before trying to do business in a different country, you should find out what the communication comfort zone is there - and whatever other customs there are that could affect doing business.

B-1 Listen and decide which of the three titles given below offers the most accurate summary.

- a) Nonverbal Communication in Cultures
- b) Latin American Cultures
- c) Edward T. Hall

B-2 Listen to the teacher reading the same text and fill in the blanks.

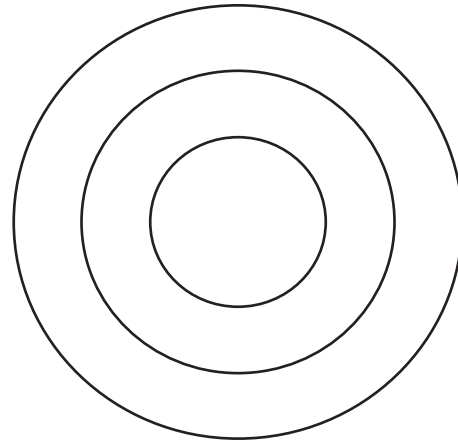
People communicate ideas to each other in two ways: verbal and nonverbal. It is easy to the importance of nonverbal communication and the differences between of nonverbal communication among different A basic knowledge of nonverbal communication in different cultures will help you avoid unnecessary misunderstandings when dealing with people of different backgrounds.

Nonverbal communication can be into several different types. These include bodily, gestures, facial expressions, eye contact, and touching. Edward T. Hall, who the term 'proxemics' to refer to the study of how people use personal space, was an who made early discoveries of key cultural factors. In "high-contact" cultures that customarily maintain small distances among themselves, close bodily proximity, exaggerated facial expressions and touching are far more acceptable than they are in "low-contact" cultures. Latin American and Middle Eastern cultures are among the world's most high-contact cultures, followed by South European cultures. The most low-contact cultures are located in East Asia, while Northern European cultures, US, and many other Western cultures fall somewhere in between. Nevertheless, cultures cannot always be categorized as "high-contact" or "low-contact". The Islamic societies of the Middle East, for example, are extremely low-contact when it comes to touching between In parts of rural China, on the other hand, it is acceptable for young males to hold hands in public--it is not seen as an indication of homosexuality as it would be in the West.

Reading/ Writing

Read the following text and fill in each gap using one of the words in the box.

cramped/ innermost / extroverts/ interact/ closer/ rarely/ farther/ Geography/
comfortable/ Introverts



Unconsciously, we all keep a comfortable distance around us when we with other people. This distance has had several names over the years, including "personal space," "interpersonal distance," "comfort zone," and "body bubble." The amount of space changes depending on the nature of the relationship. For example, we are usually more standing closer to family members than to strangers. Personality also determines the size of the area with which we are comfortable when talking to people. often prefer to interact with others at a greater distance than do Culture styles are important, too. A Japanese employer and employee usually stand apart while talking than their American counterparts. Latin Americans and Arabs tend to stand than Americans do when talking.

Although we may think of our personal space as a single unit, we're actually encircled by four levels of space - intimate, personal, social, and public - that extend outward in concentric circles. The intimate space is reserved for those with whom we have intimate relationships: our children, lovers, and close family members. The personal space accommodates friends and acquaintances. The social space is where formal or business encounters take place, and beyond that is the public space.

These four zones vary in size according to who we're with, where we are, and the context in which we find ourselves. For instance, even if we usually make a point of avoiding personal contact with strangers, we feel that our personal space is violated when health care professionals get close enough to touch us. can also play a role in defining our space: people who live in sparsely populated areas have more expansive personal space than those living in more conditions.

Match each definition (A – T) with today's vocabulary word (1 – 20)

DEFINITIONS

- A. the state of being male or female
- B. to a greater distance
- C. to invent or be the first to use a new word or expression
- D. almost never
- E. small in numbers or amount, often spread over a large area
- F. the state of being near in space
- G. an area that an animal or person thinks belongs to them
- H. to fail to understand the real cost, size, difficulty, etc. of something
- I. to communicate with or react to
- J. nearest to the center
- K. not having enough space
- L. to become narrower
- M. the state of having a close, personal relationship with someone
- N. not knowingly
- O. someone who is very confident and likes being with other people
- P. someone who scientifically studies humans and their customs, beliefs, and relationships
- Q. in a tidy way
- R. someone who is shy, quiet, and unable to make friends easily
- S. a ball of air
- T. impossible to see

- 1. coin (v)
- 2. sparse
- 3. territory
- 4. introvert
- 5. extrovert
- 6. contract (v)
- 7. bubble
- 8. intimacy
- 9. invisible
- 10. rarely
- 11. anthropologist
- 12. interact (v)
- 13. gender
- 14. farther
- 15. neatly
- 16. proximity
- 17. innermost
- 18. unconsciously
- 19. cramped
- 20. underestimate (v)

Fill in the blanks.

- 1. The aircraft is designed to be i_____ble to radar.
- 2. He managed to get a bed in a c_____ed student apartment.
- 3. The Czech playwright, Capek, c_____ed the word 'robot'.
- 4. Information coming out of the disaster area is s_____e.
- 5. Discrimination on the basis of g_____r is not allowed.