

Week 10

#48 Influences on intercultural communication

Skills/ Objectives: Listening and Speaking

PART 1: Before you watch...

Preparatory questions

1. What is intercultural communication? Is intercultural communication important? Why? Why not?

Vocabulary

1. dynamic (adjective): changing
2. bias (noun): the action of supporting or opposing a person or thing because of unfair judgments
3. spectrum (noun): a range of different things between two ends
4. hierarchy (noun): a system in which people or things are put at different levels according to their importance
5. masculinity: the characteristics that are usually thought to be typical of males
6. femininity: the characteristics that are usually thought to be typical of females

PART 2: Video

This video introduces what intercultural communication is and explains influences on intercultural communication.

Influences on intercultural communication *(click the watch the video)*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5px0pmxC_I (4:03 minutes)

(Source: SFU Co-operative Education)

PART 3: Let's discuss!

1. According to the video, what does an effective intercultural communicator possess?
2. What are some reasons why people might be unwilling to communicate with people from a different linguistic and cultural background?

PART 4: Speaking

Interview someone who comes from a different cultural background and ask him/her to share about their customs and/or cultural practice. Share with us on Moodle!

PART 5: Learn further

1. Cross cultural communication

In his TED talk, Pellegrino Riccardi shares about his cross-cultural communication experience at different parts of the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMyofREc5Jk&t=464s> (19:57 minutes)