

## MAN TALK / WOMEN SPEAK

It's true. **MEN AND WOMEN SPEAK DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.** So different are our communications styles that it's almost as though women speak French and men speak Spanish. Each knows a little of the other's language but not enough to really converse. Here are some of the differences that social psychologists have found in language and communication style.

### MEN . . .

1. **Talk about sports, money, facts, business and events**
2. **Use commands to get what they want**
3. **Use and respond to actions when Communicating**
4. **Communicate to persuade, argue, control, or impress**
5. **Use factual and action-oriented language**
6. **Emphasize talking rather than listening in conversation**
7. **Use pauses in conversation for emphasis**
8. **Speak mostly in monotone**
9. **Display feelings indirectly**
10. **Interrupt more in conversation**
11. **Speak authoritatively regardless of subject**

### WOMEN . . .

- Talk about feelings, relationships, people and psychological states**
- Use requests**
- Rely on and respond to words when communicating**
- Communicate to share, inform, support or ingratiate**
- Language is emotional and evaluative**
- Emphasize listening and sharing in conversation**
- Use intensifiers like really, terrifically, tremendously, for emphasis**
- Use a variety of tones of voice to convey emotion and meaning**
- Verbalize feelings directly**
- Are interrupted more**
- Speak in tentative terms, such as maybe, sort of, or I guess**

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