LINGUISTIC MEANS OF EXPRESSING INTENTION

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What do we really want and how we tend to express our feelings? The answer might be diverse, but it has something to do with awareness of intention. From the time immemorial intentionality has always been an indivisible part of social life. It is a so-called power of our minds to be about, to represent, to stand for actions, thoughts or things we believe in.

The sphere of Intentionality lies somewhere between the philosophy of mind and the philosophy of language. You know them to yourself when you hear of purposes. Putting them in clear terms is typically a way to build real meaning in your head. Any intentions co-exist as equally critical, so many times it's essential to know what the main concerns are. Our way of communication has always been linked to inner intentions whether it is a date, a meeting with a friend, or business talks with partners about future plans. Sometimes it even happens, that our desires are understandable only to us and we don't know how to express them.

It happens because the relationship between language and intentions is a very complex theme that can be viewed from various angles. Language is an efficient tool for transferring thoughts. While there is definitely nonlinguistic contact, engaging in conversation is one of the key ways in which we express our thoughts. In a way, the audience-directed intention is self-referential. The speaker intends to let the listener figure out what he means, partly on the assumption that the speaker intends him to do. The role of the listener is to find out what the speaker means, mainly on the grounds that he intends to do so. Unlike intentions in general, a communicative intention is one whose fulfillment consists simply in its acknowledgment. In ceasing to what this involves, we will have to keep in mind that people generally do not use sentences simply to communicate, but mainly to affect each other in different ways.

The non-verbal representation of meaning is by imagery. It's definitely an effective tool. It's essential to bear in mind that most of the brain and most of our thought functions have little at all to do with expressions. A picture is worth a thousand words, and the visions in your head of your

intentions, including both the road to them and their realization, are very important.

In order to successfully express our intentions through linguistic means we need to be aware of such important features of communication as the clarity of speech, voice modulation, pitch, volume, speed, vocabulary and even non-verbal communication forms, such as body language and visual cues. In its turn, body language includes facial expressions, eye contact, body posture, gestures such as a wave, pointed finger, overall body movements, touch and others. You can get a sense of intention in your body, and you can rest in that sense of being. For example, if it is your intention to be caring, you have to rest in the sense of being caring. If it is your intention to be strongly focused and productive, get a feeling of being that way and then abide there. Become the goal that you want to be.

The study of intentionality is closely related to adequate perception of our intentions by recipients. According to Austin's «Speech Act Theory» (1975), a speaker might perform three acts simultaneously when speaking. These acts are known as locutionary act, illocutionary act and perlocutionary act. Locutionary act is the act of conveying literal meaning by means of syntax, lexis and grammar. Illocutionary act stands for expressing the speaker's intention by saying something. Perlocutionary act is the consequence of, or the change brought about by the utterance.

All the above mentioned points play an important role in how we think, speak, behave, convey the desired meaning and how what we intend is appropriately received by those to whom we intend it. The more we know about skills of communication, the easier it is to express our intentions. Thus, when we communicate, our minds are focused on possible expectations that will be realized through social interaction.