

CONVERSATION TOOLS AMONG TEENS

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Apart from languages, technology has also played a very vital role. There was a time when much technological intervention was required during conversations. The human society that we saw yesterday, that we see today and that we will see tomorrow is a result of evolution. The history of mankind is actually the story of adaptation of man and his evolution to better and stronger specie. It is a densely populated world that we have got today and if we do not converse with others we may just follow the footsteps of the dinosaurs in getting extinct. But tools used during conversation vary from age group to age group. Among teens the necessity of conversation is very high.

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INTRODUCTION

The requirement of conversation is an integral part of human life. In today's age it is difficult for us to imagine going through a single day without conversing with someone. We find an echo of this idea in one of the dialogues of the national award winning film, "Antaheen" (meaning: endless). Here, the mail protagonist was speaking to someone and said that sound is endless, as if he was speaking in favor of conversations. It is a densely populated world that we have got today and if we do not converse with others we may just follow the footsteps of the dinosaurs in getting extinct. But tools used during conversation vary from age group to age group. Among teens the necessity of conversation is very high. They have to go to schools, colleges, universities, institutes. They have to converse with teachers, classmates, private tutors and many others. Apart from this they have to be a part of the society in other ways. They have to go to clubs, social functions, attend get-togethers, visit doctors, play the role of an intern, and freak out with friends. All these have one thing in common. When teens are undergoing such interactions and experiences, they have a very high need to converse. Tools used by teens during conversation have been classified into two broad classifications. These are natural tools and tools made by man.

According to a recent survey conducted in University of Florida by a group of behavioral scientists and psychologists, teens prefer to use manmade tools more compared to tools provided to us by nature. They said that this is one of the most unique aspects of conversation by teens. Usually in other age groups the respondents preferred to use tools given to us by nature. The reason behind this is primarily the love for innovations and rebellious nature of the teens. They prefer to use the different types of tools created by man. These tools from time to time undergo changes and alterations. Thus, innovative nature of these tools easily attracts the teens. Examples of such tools include language and technology. Globalization since the 1960s have not only changed the world of business, but it has also influenced culture and ways of lifestyle. It has not left languages. In today's world all languages have been forced to accept words, tones and sentence framing techniques from other languages, particularly from the languages that are spoken in the economically advanced countries of the world. This has made languages one of the most important tools of conversation among teens.

Apart from languages, technology has also played a very vital role. There was a time when much technological intervention was required during conversations. But today mobile phones, newer and newer chatting apps and social networking sites have become important tools of conversation among teens. These are still comparatively a new phenomenon and that's why teens easily get attracted to them. Moreover they are easy to handle, prompt in responding and economically cheaper than the other traditional tools.

The examples of conversation tools given to us by nature include tone, body language and responsiveness. Traditionally it was believed that tools of conversation made by nature cannot be changed. They are how they are. People were forced to accept them the way they came to them. But with the advancement of time a change has also come to the characteristics of natural tools of conversation. Nowadays it is believed that proper training can also help one to change the natural tools of conversations. We have specialized professions like speaking tone experts, body language trainers and speech therapists. They are the agents of change. The periodical changes that have been brought in these natural tools of conversation are also making them popular among the teens. It is true that recent surveys and research says that manmade tools are more popular among teens compared to the natural tools. But the positive change about natural tools of conversation is that their popularity and tendency to use has increased than before. The mere fact that the natural tools are also alterable and can be made to reach near perfection, have made them popular among teens.

In this context, it is very interesting to study the criteria on the basis of which teens select a tool for conversation. One of the fundamental changes in the psychology of teens is that when they are conversing they are no more satisfied with conversations with audio impact. They need a visual impact most of the time. This is the reason that today social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram have become so popular. Mobile telephonic conversations have also become video interactions based. It is the world of visual impact based conversation tools. This has had some profound impressions on mankind and society as a whole. First of all, in whichever part of the world you are you can actually easily see your loved ones. Secondly, today's mantra is "seeing is believing". Teens who are today's generation prefer to believe something only on the basis of visual evidence. It has made audio evidence and audio based conversation tools valueless and almost obsolete, among teens. Thirdly, because of the fact that today's world is based on audio visual based evidences, that has catalyzed the growth of natural tools of conversation among teens, particularly the ones which can be easily caught on visual media, example being body language. Fourthly, rise in the demand of visual evidence based conversation tools among teens has made the human society to a huge extent logical. Fifthly, we should also remember that a steep rise in the demand of visual media based conversational tools

among teens has spelt a lot of good for the development of artificial intelligence. We may pretty soon experience times when this visual impact based conversational tools will be run by artificial intelligence. And lastly, we need to remember that the above mentioned tools of conversation that teens are choosing most of the time today are being chosen on the basis of one more criterion and that is their economic side. These conversation tools are economically beneficial and that is why repeated use of these tools is opening new doors of trade and commerce.

The human society that we saw yesterday, that we see today and that we will see tomorrow is a result of evolution. The history of mankind is actually the story of adaptation of man and his evolution to better and stronger specie. In this era the new rules of adaptation and evolution are being written by the teens. This is the age of business and business can flourish only when there are more and more innovative products being launched in the markets for the consumers and customers. Today the innovative products that are being launched in the markets are innovative to the true meaning of being “innovative”. So, all other age groups which belonged to other times, is having difficulties in accepting these products, except the teens. The teens belong to this era and so they find it normal to accept these highly innovative products. Thus, “innovation” has become the buzz word of today’s life. The teens by accepting newer and newer innovation based conversation tools, are driving the business and economies. The boom that has come to the world of research and development is also a result of the fact that today’s teens are accepting more and more innovation based products. This has had a direct impression in the development of conversation tools also. Conversation tools of so many types and purposes were never available to mankind in history. There is some sort of a revolution that has come in this filed. We must not forget to thank the teens for this. They have accepted innovation and ensured the development of newer and newer conversational tools.

The teens are controlling the world of conversational tools. They are the drivers, the gladiators, the romantics and the dreamers. We can easily expect more and more conversational tools in near future, particularly designed to meet the changing and growing requirements of the teens.

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