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All kinds of living species tend to interact with their race through some communication mechanism which is not perfect. So, it gives birth to the phenomenon of communication gap which can be interpreted as the difference of what the Sender (Speaker) is trying to express and the Receiver (Listener) understands. Communication is a two way process which is comprised of the proper sending of some information and complete receiving and understanding of that information on the other side. Plenty of things happen to come into the way of communication, making a difference between the sense that was spoken and the sense that was understood i.e. communication gap. Let's talk about the stimuli that initiate this Gap, the Problems it creates and finally how to overcome this hurdle.

Everything happens for a reason and so is Communication Gap. Words offer the means to meanings and to understand those meanings you have to read the sense behind them which itself is a pretty much difficult task. "Poor Vocabulary" takes the best of us while other factors affecting our cognition of proper meanings are: fast pace of speaking which leaves the listener behind, distorted concentration, poor choice of words and the lack of Clarity or inappropriate speaking style. For what so ever reason, communication gap takes place; it has a lot of negative impacts on every aspect of life by affecting the way of interaction i.e. Communication. As an Urdu poet once said,

ہم دعا لکھتے رہے، وہ دغا چڑھتے رہے۔

اک نکتے نے ہمیں مجرم سے مجرم بنا دیا۔

Beauty of every problem is that there is always a solution for it. For communication gap there are a few things one should keep in mind like, understanding the opposite gender because both the genders possess different mind setup and you have to put yourself into their shoes to look at things from their perspective. Never go unprepared; go through your mind and decide what to talk about and how to transfer your ideas properly. In diverse environment or workplace you have to understand the differences of cultures and customs. Avoid nonverbal communication in the said scenario as nonverbal gestures may have entirely different meanings in different cultures. Cross checking and focusing on feedback also helps a lot to understand the position of the listener. Moreover, improving the style of speaking and fluency is also a reason behind better communication and understanding.

Communication is an essential part of our lives especially in organizations where it can affect the organization goals drastically and in personal life issues where a little misunderstanding can lead to life changing events. So, we should survive to overcome communication gap by following above instructions to make our lives and this world a better place where means of meanings mean to mean what they should really mean.