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ABSTRACT

This research aims to study the kind of communication behaviors that Hong Kong Cantonese speaking adolescents employ among their friends. The adolescents being studied were in the age range from 15 to 20 years old. They enjoyed the company of friends. Some friends they got along better with and some other they neglected.

This research analyzed, measured and compared how adolescents communicated with their friends at different levels of intimacy. Observed from their communication behaviors, communication styles were built.

Three boys and three girls were selected to be subjects. The researcher observed, interviewed and asked them definitions of friendship. Later, the researcher gave them each a recorder to record their conversations with their friends.

Communication behaviors drawn were based on conversation episodes extracted from cassette tapes that submitted by subjects. Communication behaviors of boys and girls with the same sex and cross sex were analyzed separately.

Results found that boys and girls show different combinations of communication behaviors in the same-sex and in the mixed-sex conversations.

摘要

此研究旨在找出香港說廣東話的年青人在友儕當中的溝通行為。這個研究的年青人對象年齡是由十五歲至二十歲之間。他們都很享受與朋友一起的時間。有些朋友他們比較親近，有些則較疏離。這研究就是要分析和比較年青人如何與不同感情深厚度的朋友交往溝通。探討他們不同的溝通行為方式，可望找到他們的溝通模式。

研究對象是三男三女。研究員觀察和訪問他們對友誼的定義，然後讓他們錄下和朋友對話。對話分析和溝通行為的研究將建基於搜集回來的對話片段。男女孩與同性和與異性的溝通行為將分開分析。

經分析後發現男女孩與同性溝通和與異性溝通會使用不同的溝通行為模式。

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