

Using Our Language Wisely

Video Lesson

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Overview & Purpose

Communication is an important need in our life, like air and water. People provide their material and spiritual needs by talking, writing and explaining to each other. Thousands of books have been written about effective speaking, and countless seminars have been held. Because in trade, politics, business environments, school life, almost everywhere, a person who uses his language and style takes a step forward.

When a teacher uses his tongue effectively, he becomes the most popular teacher in his school. While there are many teachers with the same training, some are different. What distinguishes these teachers is their ability to use their tongues. Because these teachers choose their words carefully and pay attention to their tones. Dialogue needs to be concise, clear and understandable in order to be consistent and helpful.

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excitement accompanies us for years, nor our sadness. Each emotion resides within us with its opposite and waits till our life experiences to emerge. It would be meaningless to say to someone, do not get angry, not laugh or cry, not get excited. Because these emotions already existed inside of humans. The main point is the way we reflect those emotions. The bad words that we use in an angry instant, leave their worst emotions upon us later.

People having evil emotions inside, may be waiting for a very small spark to reveal it. The words that come out of our mouths may cause a fever of strife. It is only a matter of time before people get angry and an innocent person is suddenly declared a scapegoat. The Internet and social media are the most preferred means of communication today. Social media is a big network and brings many people together even if they do not know each other. Most people don't use their own identity. By hiding his identity, the person actually tries to make his suppressed character visible in society. Because in face-to-face communication, the person knows his limits and empathizes more easily as a human being. These filters in face-to-face communication are completely removed in the social media environment.

Why do we use social media? Do we use it to share an amazing view, watch cat videos, relax, have fun, learn or listen to music? Or is it to give nicknames to people, to constantly criticize someone, to make fun of them, to vomit anger? There are many questions that need to be thought through. Why do words that we can't bear to say or even hear face to face come normal on social media? However, we own all the words we say on social media or at the dinner table with our family. We cannot impose responsibility on non-responsible characters by making imaginary characters talk using nicknames. Even the nickname is part of our character.

Lynch culture: It is a modern form of exclusion in which a person is pushed out of the social sphere. We may be lynched because of something we heard or message we read.

Our virtual identity offers us freedom that we often do not have in real life. In other words, it has a doping effect on our social skills. With this identity, which is more specific, stronger and more effective than in real life, we feel more capable and useful. Our exaggerated perceptions of ourselves can cause us to pursue unrealistic, unhealthy goals. It can make us prone to acting selfishly and irresponsibly. The virtual identity causes the person to change and rebuild the features that he is not happy with, or to change the behaviors he keeps under control in normal life. It's like a bridge between who we are and who we want to be. This is also an escape. Technology should help us express who we are, but not distort and obscure our true identity.

Studies have revealed that 20% to 40% of youngsters are victims of cyberbullying at some point in their lives. Cyberbullying causes youngsters to be unsuccessful and unhappy in school and social lives. Mental problems arising from this cause great destruction and damage in their future. Sometimes this devastating effect causes adolescents to commit suicide. Should we be subjected to this attack in order to see how it affects people every word we say, controlled or uncontrolled? Or should we witness this kind of attack on someone we love?
Tongue is like the mirror of the heart. What you carry in your heart is reflected in your tongue. How we feel, our mood, our attitude and our character feed our choice of words when we have a dialogue. Bad slang words, insults or abusive speech reflect us. That's why we have to beautify our heart and character first.

Objectives

To understand that A Muslim should take the Qur'an and the Prophet as his guide in speaking. Allah has told us the details of speaking in the Qur'an and in the life of our Prophet. For example, in the 44th verse of Surah Taha, "Speak to him gently, so perhaps he may be mindful of Me or fearful of My punishment." Musa was asked to convey a sweet message on his way to Pharaoh

To understand that Our Prophet met many people throughout his life and conveyed the religion of Islam to them. Our Prophet always spoke clearly according to the culture, age and characteristics of the people. He dialogue with people patiently, in good intentions, always with a smile on his face. The Prophet never made sentences containing bad words. In other words, He did not make a speech containing abusive and slang words. He neither pointed out the mistakes that people did nor said them in a commonplace way. These features enabled our Prophet to be effective on people in conveying the revelation.

To understand that Our Prophet summarized His style saying "I was sent equipped with a succinct tell capability." In this way, the Prophet was able to communicate easily with people from all walks. He talked sometimes witty, sometimes sarcastic, but always nice, selecting soft words.

To be able to explain that some people calm their anger using impolite words that are not befitting human dignity, while others try to calm themselves by not talking and making ablutions as the advice of our Prophet.

To be able to teach that Do you think our real character is an innocent boy who misses his mother or a boy with a nickname who says whatever he wants? Could it be both? Our Prophet said, "A (good) Muslim is a person whose tongue and hand Muslims are safe from. The (real) Muhajir is one who abandons what Allah has forbidden." Muslims are truthful people. If we are a good Muslim, everyone knows that we cannot harm others either with our words or any of our organs.
To be able to explain what does the Qur'an tell us about this? "O believers, if an evildoer brings you any news, verify ˹it˺ so you do not harm people unknowingly, becoming regretful for what you have done." (Surah Al-Hucurat, 6). The Quran advises us to search for the accuracy of the news we hear. A Muslim does not believe in everything he hears. He has to confirm the accuracy of the news. The Qur'an forbids actions and attitudes that will create a culture of lynching. Even if the news is true, it is strictly forbidden to learn about the faults, sins and secrets of people and to use it against the individual, to offend him in the society. The following is stated in Surah Al-Hujurat, which explains the basics of relations between believers:“ O believers! Avoid many suspicions, for indeed, some suspicions are sinful. And do not spy, not backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of their dead brother? You would despise that! And fear Allah. Surely Allah is the Acceptor of Repentance, Most Merciful.”
To be able to understand that Islam advises us to be kind, gentle and compassionate towards people. God senses his servants as valuable and wants people to value each other. Many verses in the Qur'an warn us about this. Why can't we continue our face-to-face communication that we make more careful and attentive, on social media? According to Ibn Masud that he narrated, the Messenger of Allah, (peace and blessings be upon him), said: "A believer is not a person who denigrates people, curses them, or shows bad words or bad behavior." (Tirmidhi). In short, we are not seen or we cannot speak as we want because our identity is not revealed. Whether face-to-face or on social media, Allah has revealed to us in verses how we should talk.

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Tags

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Categories

Islamic Virtues

Activity

Warm up

- Ask students if they know the meaning of Using our language in the best way.
- Group students and ask them to brainstorm the reasons why we should take Qur'an and the Prophet as his guide in speaking in our social life.
- Ask students to discuss among themselves the benefits of using our language correctly.

Video

- Watch the video to check the answers

Summary

- Students answer the questions in the worksheet in groups.

Worksheet

1. People provide their material and spiritual needs by talking, writing and explaining to each other. Thousands of books have been written about effective speaking, and countless seminars have been held. Because in trade, politics, business environments, school life, almost everywhere, a person who uses his language and style takes a step forward.
    a. True
    b. False
2. We own all the words we say on social media or at the dinner table with our family. We can impose responsibility on non-responsible characters by making imaginary characters talk using nicknames. The nickname is not part of our character.
    a. True
    b. False
3. According to Ibn Masud that he narrated, the Messenger of Allah, (peace and blessings be upon him), said: "A believer is not a person who denigrates people, curses them, or shows bad words or bad behavior." (Tirmidhi). In short, we are not seen or we cannot speak as we want because our identity is not revealed. Whether face-to-face or on social media, Allah has revealed to us in verses how we should talk.
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    b. False
4. A Muslim should take the Qur'an and the |Prophet| as his guide in speaking. Allah has told us the details of speaking in the Qur'an and in the life of our |Prophet|.

5. Our Prophet said,"A (good) Muslim is a person whose ⌊tongue⌋ and hand Muslims are safe from.The (real) Muhajir is one who abandons what Allah has forbidden." Muslims are truthful people. If we are a good Muslim, everyone knows that we cannot harm others either with our words or any of our organs."

6. "What does the Qur'an tell us? "O believers, if an evildoer brings you any news, ⌊verify⌋ ⌜it⌝ so you do not harm people unknowingly, becoming regretful for what you have done."(Surah Al-Hucurat, 6). The Quran advises us to search for the accuracy of the news we hear. A Muslim does not believe in everything he hears. He has to confirm the accuracy of the news.
7. Allah has told us the details of speaking in the Qur'an. For example, in the 44th verse of Surah Taha, "Speak to him gently, so perhaps he may be mindful of Me or fearful of My punishment. "Musa was asked to convey a sweet message on his way to Pharaoh.
   What can we learn to fulfill in our life from this verse of Qur'an ?

   a. Speak to people gently so that Allah might open your ways.
   b. Speaking gently is sometimes bad.
   c. Speaking gently makes people deceive you.
   d. Seeking gently makes you look powerful.
8. Our Prophet met many people throughout his life and conveyed the religion of Islam to them. He dialogue with people patiently, in good intentions, always with a smile on his face. The Prophet never made sentences containing bad words. In other words, He did not make a speech containing abusive and slang words. He neither pointed out the mistakes that people did nor said them in a commonplace way.

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What did our prophet consider when he always spoke clearly to people ?

a. The Culture of The People.
b. The Age of People.
c. The Characteristics of People.
d. None of them above.

9. “Our Prophet summarized His style saying "I was sent equipped with a succinct tell capability." In this way, the Prophet was able to communicate easily with people from all walks. He talked sometimes witty, sometimes sarcastic, but always nice, selecting soft words.”
What can we take a lesson from Our Prophet Pbuh ?
   a. First of all, We have to value speaking, our knowledge comes last.
   b. We can talk sometimes nicely, selecting soft words but always witty and sarcastic.
   c. Our dialogue needs to be concise, clear and understandable in order to be consistent and helpful.
   d. We choose our words carefully and pay attention to our tones.
10. People experience many different emotions even on the same day. Neither our excitement accompanies us for years, nor our sadness. Each emotion resides within us with its opposite and waits till our life experiences to emerge. It would be meaningless to say to someone, do not get angry, not laugh or cry, not get excited. Because these emotions already existed inside of humans. The main point is the way we reflect those emotions. The bad words that we use in an angry

instant, leave their worst emotions upon us later. Some people calm their anger using impolite words that are not befitting human dignity. What is the advice of Our Prophet When we are in an angry instant?

a. Try to calm yourself by not talkings
b. Make ablution.
c. Break up your friendship with everyone for a while.
d. Try to live alone because people always bring problems.