



READING ASSESSMENT UNIT 2

Apellidos y Nombres: _____

Grado: III Nivel: Intermediate 1

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COMPETENCIA: Lee textos escritos en inglés como lengua extranjera

CAPACIDAD: Obtiene información del texto escrito.

INDICADOR DE EVALUACION: Comprende y deduce información implícita y explícita de la lectura con la ayuda de un esquema.

Body Language



Body language is a form of communication without using words. Body language includes the use of body posture, gestures, eye movements and facial expressions. A lot of body language is actually subconscious. This means that the person using body language is not fully aware that they are using *it*. Some psychologists say that body language actually communicates more information than using words.

Being able to "read" body language means being able to understand what a person really thinks or feels through their body language. Human beings seem to instinctively understand other people through their body language even when they speak a different **verbal** language. It is likely that in human prehistory, body language was an important survival mechanism that helped us to display and distinguish between threats and safety.

Body language can communicate negative emotions. For example, when a listener crosses their arms against their chest, it can mean disagreement with the speaker. **This** can also be indicated when a listener leans away from the speaker. A **lack** of eye contact can show a person is anxious or discomfort. It can also mean disbelief. When a listener is bored, they are more likely to tilt their head.

Positive feelings are often shown in body language through the use of facial expressions, eye contact, and posture. Leaning forward usually shows that a person is interested in what the speaker is saying. When a person looks in another person's eyes and then down at their lips, it usually means they have romantic feelings for the speaker. Standing or sitting straight with good posture shows that a listener is taking the person's speech seriously.

Scientific studies have revealed that body language can even reveal when a person is being dishonest. For example, when a person is lying, they tend to touch their face during the conversation. They may also blink too much or not blink at all. Body language can reveal a lot about people but it's important to remember that everyone's body language is a little different and trying to "read" too much information through body language can lead to **miscommunication**.

1. According to the article, what is body language?

- a) a way of verbally communicating
- b) a way of non-verbally communicating
- c) a form of communication using words
- d) a way of using the subconscious mind

2. The word "it" in paragraph 1 refers to:

- a) information
- b) body language
- c) subconscious
- d) communication

3. According to the article, what is someone who is able to "read" body language able to do?

- a) they have read a great deal of literature on what people really think or feel
- b) they are able to comprehend a person's emotions because of their body language
- c) they are able to understand what a person really thinks or feels through their words
- d) they are able to understand what a person really thinks because they have studied psychology

4. The word "verbal" in paragraph 2 could be replaced with:

- a) oral
- b) virtual
- c) distinct
- d) fluent

5. The word “this” in paragraph 3 refers to:

- a) negative emotions
- b) a lack of eye contact
- c) disagreement with the speaker
- d) when a listener crosses their arms

6. The word “lack” in paragraph 3 could be replaced with:

- a) luck
- b) need
- c) dislike
- d) absence

7. Paragraph 3 is about:

- a) the ease at which a person can tell if you are bored
- b) the negative mental states that body language can convey
- c) how body language can communicate positive emotions
- d) why eye contact can show a person is anxious or uncomfortable

8. According to the article, what does standing or sitting straight with good posture show?

- a) the listener is probably feeling rather distressed
- b) the listener is earnestly paying attention to the speaker
- c) the listener is seriously contemplating something dangerous
- d) the listener has romantic feelings for the speaker

9. The word “miscommunication” is closest in meaning to:

- a) miscue
- b) misinformation
- c) misunderstanding
- d) misapprehension