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What's Your Gender Communications Quotient?

How much do you know about how men and women communicate with one another? The 20 items in this questionnaire are based on research conducted in classrooms, private homes, businesses, offices, hospitals—the places where people commonly work and socialize. The answers are at the end of this quiz.

	True	False
1. Men talk more than women.	_____	_____
2. Men are more likely to interrupt women than they are to interrupt other men.	_____	_____
3. There are approximately ten times as many sexual terms for males as females in the English language.	_____	_____
4. During conversations, women spend more time gazing at their partner than men do.	_____	_____
5. Nonverbal messages carry more weight than verbal messages.	_____	_____
6. Female managers communicate with more emotional openness and drama than male managers.	_____	_____
7. Men not only control the content of conversations, but they also work harder in keeping conversations going.	_____	_____
8. When people hear generic words such as “mankind” and “he,” they respond inclusively, indicating that the terms apply to both sexes.	_____	_____
9. Women are more likely to touch others than men are.	_____	_____
10. In classroom communications, male students receive more reprimands and criticism than female students.	_____	_____
11. Women are more likely than men to disclose information on intimate personal concerns.	_____	_____
12. Female speakers are more animated in their conversational style than are male speakers.	_____	_____
13. Women use less personal space than men.	_____	_____
14. When a male speaks, he is listened to more carefully than a female speaker, even when she makes the identical presentation.	_____	_____
15. In general, women speak in a more tentative style than do men.	_____	_____

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	True	False
16. Women are more likely to answer questions that are not addressed to them.	_____	_____
17. There is widespread sex segregation in schools, and it hinders effective classroom communication.	_____	_____
18. Female managers are seen by both male and female subordinates as better communicators than male managers.	_____	_____
19. In classroom communications, teachers are more likely to give verbal praise to females than to male students.	_____	_____
20. In general, men smile more often than women.	_____	_____

Answers: 1. T; 2. T; 3. F; 4. T; 5. T; 6–9. F; 10–15. T; 16. F; 17. T; 18. T; 19. F; 20. F