

4. Paralinguistics and Multichannel Test (10:54.03 -13:26.21):

Nonverbal communication pervades our lives. Identify the many ways in which we learn, or have come to learn, the use of gestures, facial expressions, paralinguistics, physical distance, and touch to convey our meaning.

Skit: Create a dialogue with a classmate or friend in which the two of you are having a conversation about a third person. Make the verbal and nonverbal communication opposite to each other such that someone reading the words and someone watching you without hearing the words get completely different messages about your feelings toward the third person. A person from the class will be out in the hallway reading the dialog. Another will be in the classroom watching the skit, while wearing headphones to block the sound. The rest of the class can observe the skit as it unfolds. Ask your classmates to share their inferences about the nature of your conversation.