

## THE STUDY OF WOMEN'S AND MEN'S LANGUAGE: A QUESTIONNAIRE-BASED STUDY

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### ABSTRACT

As most of the studies on genderlect and social stereotypes reveals there are some significant differences between women's language and men's. It has been believed that women are polite, respectful toward social norms and emotional while men are less polite, carefree, dominant in conversation and interested in to mundane issues. This study tried to investigate about these differences through asking 60 participants' opinions (30 men and 30 women) by questionnaire in Iranian context; the questionnaire is based on the previous related studies and theories. The results indicate that men and women are by some means similar in their language in certain respects and some of the previous studies were quite intense in illumination of the differences.

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