

Abstract

Men and women are found to be very different behaviorally. Since they are brought up according to different social expectations, they are playing different roles in the society. Many social psychologists have tried to look at the behaviors of the two sexes from different point of view. Language and speech styles is one of a field that psychologists are interested in and there are many studies being done in this field. In present experiment, gender differences in group interactions is investigated. There are totally 30 same-sex groups from three cultures in this study. The three cultures are United States of America, Hong Kong and mainland China and there were four participants in a group. The findings revealed that there were significant gender differences in laughter, neutral interruptions and pauses. Among these measure, women produced more laughter and neutral interruptions while men produced more pauses. These differences suggested that the female groups were more energetic while the male groups were more systematic and sequential.