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It cannot be denied that the role of symbols in the life experiences of human beings is very crucial. In other words, symbols play an important role in the experiences and communication process of humans. Symbols sometimes work as the basic source of communication and connection of individuals when it comes to nonverbal communication. The symbols that we use in our daily life and routine activities and experiences are the sources that enable people to communicate by making sense of the surrounding world. The symbols that are used commonly in the routine activities include but not only gestures, signs, signals, objects, and specific words. These symbols help people to understand people and world so that they would be involved in a proper and even effective communication. In addition to this, symbols are the sources that provide humans clues and traces or hints to understand the experiences by the process of conveying the recognizable meanings that can be found shared by the society or community one lives in.

There are many variances when it comes to the meaning of symbols. It is almost clear to every individual that symbols have no specific meaning. While symbols convey something important to one person while that symbol may be the source that communicates something common and usual to others. It means that one symbol may be used to get something crucially important while that symbol may communicate things in other region or society that have no huge importance while common. For example, in symbolic communication, the role of some specific words such as "Hello" and "Fine" etc. is highly key and important. While the meaning of words or symbolic words has different meanings to different people mostly than signs, signals, and objects.

One of the best example where it can be found clear or it can get clarified that words give one meaning to one person while giving another meaning to another person is as follows.

There is a large number of nations that share the English language. In the nations or communities that share English, the meaning of the word "Yes" can be found varied from people to people and region to region or nation to nation. In one community or region, people take the meaning of the word "Yes' as "Maybe". While in another society, the meaning of this word can be witnessed as "Definitely so" or "Of course". It means that the symbols and or a symbol give one meaning to one individual while that symbol gives a different meaning to another person.

Another example is; take the symbol "Stop Sign". This symbol gives meaning to a person that gets slow down when you see the symbol of stop while you have to stop when there is a danger. While the meaning of this symbol is completely different from other individuals because it gives the meaning to people in a particular location that you are not allowed to go ahead without a permission at hand. Hence this example also clarifies that symbols give one meaning to one person while a different meaning to another person or individual.

Furthermore, several problems we face when we communicate through symbols instead of direct communication in daily life and activities. Some of the problems we have or may have are;

1. Miscommunication
2. Possibility to select the inappropriate symbol
3. The difference in meaning from person to person and society to society.
4. The possibility of etymologies when there are symbols with emotive power.
5. Issues of visual acuity