



As the old saying goes, men are from Mars, whereas women are from Venus – hence **miscommunication** between genders. Recent research seems to confirm and bolster the saying on the grounds that there are substantial differences in how women's and men's **brain cells** are interconnected – so much so that we might as well be different species. These differences directly impact the way we experience and assess situations and the way we communicate, thus leading to inevitable **misunderstandings between the sexes**. Notably, women use **indirect forms of communication** by dropping hints, generalizing and speaking abstractly. When faced with these meandering messages, men often feel at a loss, because they are more inclined to deal with facts, possibly openly and clearly stated. So, when they get what they see as an incomplete message, they try to fill in the blanks, but if the indirect message doesn't have enough clues to give them an accurate picture, they can't succeed, thus leading to frustration and suffering for both. The classic result is that a woman often feels misunderstood by the man who may be closest to her, even while that same man is sorry for causing pain to the woman, yet has no clue of what's going on. How to solve this? By **coining and sharing a common language** that the other can clearly recognize and understand. Women may go for a **more direct and straightforward approach**, while **men may ask more questions** to collect the necessary clues they need to unscramble women's indirect needs and requests.