

Spoken Language

Introduction

In my essay I will be talking about how text communication is influenced by spoken language and how it changes people views and opinions on text, for example; a group of teenagers would speak in a more informal way to their friends and would also use slang, but if you were to talk to your parents, you would talk to them in a more formal and appropriate manner. I am going to have four paragraphs, paragraph 1 will be talking about emoticons and how they are based off real life expressions, and paragraph 2 will be about sarcasm and how it is different/similar to spoken language, finally paragraph 3 will be talking about the use of capital letters and how they can change the expression of that person. Paragraph 4 will be about accents. I will also have a conclusion, this will include my views on each three of the paragraphs and if I think spoken language has had an influence on text communication and whether I think it is a good thing or a bad thing; I will now start my paragraphs.

Paragraph 1

Emoticons have become a huge part of text communication, this is because they are an easy way of showing emotion in a simple text, for example “Hello there” is a common greeting in text, but you do not know the expression of the person, so they could not be happy to speak to you, but if they were to put “Hello there😊” you would know they are happy to speak to you, the common 😊 smiley, is a representation of a real life smile, there are many emoticons in text, with each one representing a real life emotion. They have become so easy to use in text communication that nearly every social networking site has got an emoticon app already installed into their system, and now there are even animated emoticons. I think this can be very useful and easy to use, I definitely think this is a good idea and I use emoticons on a regular day to day basis.

Paragraph 2

Sarcasm is used by millions of people every day through spoken language, so how could this be expanded to text communication? The use of extended letters could be looked at as a form of sarcasm, let's say someone was late to reply, u could then say "Wow you are sooooooooo fast at typing" this shows that you are being sarcastic, this is mainly used in a less serious way, the use of the extended o's show emphasis on the word "so", making it sarcastic, it is also a form of onomatopoeia, because the person would use and extended "so" in real life to show that they are being sarcastic, thus why we add the extra o's to a sarcastic text. Overall I think this is a very clever way of sarcasm in text communication, taking note on the clever use of emphasis and Onomatopoeia.

Paragraph 3

People use capital letters in every day texts, but not many people use it in any other way, even though it is a very basic form of punctuation, capital letters can be used to show a variety of different expressions, for example, "loool" is a very common used expression, but the person could be saying it with a straight face, if they were to use capital letters as so, "LOOOL", it would show that they actually laughed, now that we have looked at the comedic side of capital letters, lets carry on to see how they are used in a more serious manner, if you lost something belonging to someone else, after you had told them you had lost it, they could say "why did you let that happen", but that shows that the person is not that bothered about it, but if they were to use capital letters, "WHY DID YOU LET THAT HAPPEN" it would show that they are angry and upset, this example shows how capital letters can change an expression in a sentence, the use of capital letters symbolises a risen voice in real life, or maybe even a laughing manner, overall I think that this is a very usefull way of adding expressions to a simple text conversation.

Paragraph 4

The way we speak has influenced our text communications in many ways, for example if a Londoner was accused of something, they would text back saying "I didn't do anything", but if a northerner texted that, it would look like this "I didn't do nowt", this has the same meaning as the other text but the accent has affected the way they pronounce things, the same effect has taking place in texting. Overall I think it is their own way of texting, I think it's a good way of identifying a person through text.

Conclusion

Throughout looking at ways that spoken language has influenced text communication, I can see that it has provided a vital part in texting, making texting more easy to use than usual, I think most people would have a positive view of this influence, I for one do, but I think that some people might see it as a bad influence to children, because it could make them more informal, but I think the influence of spoken language is quite clever, therefore I agree completely with the use of it. The End

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