

### Activity MT1.3\_2: "Lost in Translation"

#### Objective:

To demonstrate how tone, body language, and cultural context can change the meaning of words and how language can impact perceptions.

#### Duration:

10-15 Minutes

#### Instructions:

1. **Pair Up Participants:** Divide participants into pairs and give each pair a simple, neutral sentence (e.g., "I can't believe you did that!" or "That's interesting!").
2. **Assign Emotions/Tones:** Ask each pair to say the sentence multiple times, each with a different assigned tone or emotion, such as:
  - Surprise
  - Sarcasm
  - Disappointment
  - Excitement
3. **Body Language Variation:** Next, have each participant add body language or facial expressions to match their tone, like crossing arms or using exaggerated hand gestures.
4. **Debrief:** After each pair performs, ask the group how the changes in tone and body language affected the perceived meaning. Discuss how subtle shifts can completely alter how a message is received.

This activity **MT1.3\_2** is both lighthearted and insightful, showing how the same words can mean very different things depending on delivery.