

Instrument Title: Self-Perceived Communication Competence Scale (SPCC)

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Directions: Below are twelve situations in which you might need to communicate. People's abilities to communicate effectively vary a lot, and sometimes the same person is more competent to communicate in one situation than in another. Please indicate how competent you believe you are to communicate in each of the situations described below. Indicate in the space provided at the left of each item your estimate of your competence.

Presume 0 = completely incompetent and 100 = competent.

- _____ 1. Present a talk to a group of strangers.
- _____ 2. Talk with an acquaintance.
- _____ 3. Talk in a large meeting of friends.
- _____ 4. Talk in a small group of strangers.
- _____ 5. Talk with a friend.
- _____ 6. Talk in a large meeting of acquaintances.
- _____ 7. Talk with a stranger.
- _____ 8. Present a talk to a group of friends.
- _____ 9. Talk in a small group of acquaintances.
- _____ 10. Talk in a large meeting of strangers.
- _____ 11. Talk in a small group of friends.
- _____ 12. Present a talk to a group of acquaintances.

Scoring: To compute the subscores, add the percentages for the items indicated and divide the total by the number indicated below.

Public 1 + 8 + 12; divide by 3.

Meeting 3 + 6 + 10; divide by 3.

Group 4 + 9 + 11; divide by 3.

Dyad 2 + 5 + 7; divide by 3.

Stranger 1 + 4 + 7 + 10; divide by 4.

Acquaintance 2 + 6 + 9 + 12; divide by 4.

Friend 3 + 5 + 8 + 11; divide by 4.

To compute the total SPCC score, add the subscores for Stranger, Acquaintance, and Friend. Then, divide that total by 3.

	Reliability	<i>Mean</i>	S.D.
Public	.72	68.8	17.8
Meeting	.68	68.8	17.1
Group	.67	76.1	14.6
Dyad	.44	81.1	12.4
Stranger	.87	55.5	23.6
Acquaintance	.84	77.4	15.3
Friend	.78	88.2	11.3
Total	.92	73.7	13.8
Public	> 86 High SPCC	< 51 Low SPCC	
Meeting	> 85 High SPCC	< 51 Low SPCC	
Group	> 90 High SPCC	< 61 Low SPCC	
Dyad	> 93 High SPCC	< 68 Low SPCC	
Stranger	> 79 High SPCC	< 31 Low SPCC	
Acquaintance	> 92 High SPCC	< 62 Low SPCC	
Friend	> 99 High SPCC	< 76 Low SPCC	
Total	> 87 High SPCC	< 59 Low SPCC	

Higher SPCC scores indicate higher self-perceived communication competence with basic communication contexts (public, meeting, group, dyad) and receivers (strangers, acquaintance, friend).