

As we have learned, human communication is constantly occurring. To demonstrate your understanding of some basic communication concepts, you will make observations about communication in the movie *I Am Sam*.

- Communication Concepts:
- Interpersonal Communication** (occurs between two or more people)
 - Nonverbal Communication** (body language or tone of voice, either reinforces or contradicts the verbal communication)
 - Intrapersonal Communication** (takes place within a single person; thoughts and feelings)
 - Barrier/Interference** (anything that gets in the way of or stops communication)
 - Message** (what the sender “says” and/or the receiver “understands”)

Characters in the movie: Sam Lucy Annie (neighbor) Rebecca (Lucy’s mother)
 Rita (lawyer) Randi (foster mom) George (Sam’s boss)
 Sam’s friends

Interpersonal Communication Analysis—describe two different examples

| Situation in movie | Describe the interaction | Characters involved | Barrier or Interference |
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| EX: Lucy’s birth | Nurse and Rebecca talk to Sam in delivery room | Sam, Rebecca, Nurse | All of the noise and activity in the hospital make it difficult for Sam to understand what is happening |
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Intrapersonal Communication Analysis—cite an example of intrapersonal communication or struggle

| Situation in movie | Barrier or struggle | Decision or resulting action |
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| EX: Sam dealing with taking care of a new baby and she’s crying a lot. | He doesn’t know what a newborn needs. | Sam decides to ask Annie for help and gets advice about how to care for Lucy. |
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Nonverbal Communication Analysis—describe two examples of NV communication from the movie

| Situation in movie | Characters involved | Nonverbal communication | Message |
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| EX: IHOP conversation when Lucy talks about Sam being different. | Sam Lucy | Lucy puts her hand on Sam's hand. | "It's okay that you're my Dad." |
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Your response: write a paragraph expressing your overall response to the movie. You may discuss a personal connection to issues in the movie. You may discuss the Beatles allusions in the film. You may discuss what you like or didn't like about the movie. You may choose a different viewpoint to discuss. You must, however, be specific and give examples in your writing.