

Talking vs. Communicating

You can talk
without communicating,
and you can communicate
without talking.

Talking is a
means;
communicating is the
goal.

Communication means
talking *with*.
You are not communicating
when you talk *at*.

Talking can terminate
with yourself:
a unilateral monologue.
Communicating reaches out
to another:
a bilateral dialogue.

Talking can be
a verbal catharsis;
communicating requires
personal resonance.

Talking can be a
verbal assault;
communicating is a
personal welcome.

Talking can be
a verbal screen;
communicating is a
personal encounter.

Talk is cheap;
communication is a
priceless investment.

Talk is noisy;
communication needs
silent space.

Therefore,
never let
talking
interfere with
communicating.

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