


COMMUNICATION HABITS/CHARACTERISTICS IN SLOVAKIA

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BASIC GESTURES OF COMMUNICATION (BODY LANGUAGE/FACIAL EXPRESSIONS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offer hand or wait for the person you're meeting to initiate the greeting. Direct eye contact ○ Some people prefer a kiss on each cheek, others only use this greeting among closest friends and family. • Agree/disagree, yes/no: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nodding means "yes", "agree" ○ Shaking head means "no", "disagree" • Eye contact is very important. Lack of eye contact means being impolite. • Slovaks do not use many physical gestures over conversations. • In terms of <i>facial expressions</i> they are rather moderate. • Raising and lowering shoulders – "I am indifferent" or "I don't know" • Raising an eyebrow – "I am surprised"
DISTANCE PERSONAL SPACE	When speaking to someone, people maintain a shoulder length distance.
TOUCH OR NOT CULTURE	In formal situations, touching others is very uncommon and is rather unacceptable. Among <i>family members</i> and close friends, <i>touching</i> , <i>friendly pushing</i> , and <i>hugging</i> are accepted.
VOICE AND WAY OF SPEAKING (TONE, VOLUME ETC)	Usually calm and not very emotional. If you avoid an eye contact, people may doubt your sincerity.



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LOCAL/REGIONAL WEATHER AND SEASONS AVERAGE TEMPERATURE	Slovakia has northern moderate climatic zone, with four seasons. Average temperature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• in July + 26 °C,• in January - 3°C. In Slovakia the average annual temperature is 10 °C