



I Think, Therefore I Can Make Linguistic Choices/Changes Andrea Johnson

Recommendations for “saner” communication during the seminar

“I” statements when describing one’s own abstractions

To-me-ness

“Knowing”

EMA (English Minus Absolutisms)

If a jaunty name for a popular movement could be devised, it might catch on and have a widespread influence. What I am proposing is the name “EMA,” made from the initials of “English Minus Absolutisms.” A wide popular vogue for EMA might sanitize and improve our use of English as a communicative vehicle. “Let’s use EMA” could well become an important directive for increasing sanity in our time.

— Allen Walker Read

Hidden Assumptions

Practice Evaluating by

- observing before talking
- describing before judging
- giving facts before opinions