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## Speech accommodation of Ripuarian dialect speaking people: How, when and why?

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The current study examined whether or not a Ripuarian dialect speaker would accommodate phonemes, known as interpersonal variables, when holding a conversation with an interlocutor also speaking a Ripuarian dialect and when holding a conversation with an interlocutor speaking a different Limburgian dialect. When talking to a person who speaks a different dialect, miscommunication can occur because of a wide range of communication types a speaker can choose from or because of interspeaker social variables. Therefore, the specific interspeaker and social variables that might influence the speech accommodation of a Ripuarian dialect speaker were questioned. Previous research found that accommodation will take place to prevent or solve miscommunication. It was therefore hypothesized that the Ripuarian dialect speaking participants would start accommodating towards other dialect speakers in order to solve the miscommunication successfully. Possible accommodation processes and types of accommodation were examined through multiple free dialogues and a Diapix tasks. The results of this study showed that the participants converged the local phonemes, which are only spread and known within a small local area where the Ripuarian dialect. Finally, the interview answers of the participants showed that for only one of the three participants (participant 1) a relationship was found between the act of accommodating and the social variables socio-economic status, ethnical background, and age of the interlocutor. This was not found for the other two participants.