

This image shows how the four zones of interpersonal distance between people by Edward T. Hall can be represented. The type of nonverbal communication depicted by these zones is called proxemics. Proxemics deals with the amount of space that people feel necessary to set between themselves and others. Each zone is represented by a continuum that is drawn in the shape of an arrow pointing left to one smiley face and to the right to another smiley face. The zone number is written on each arrow to identify it. At the top of the image, we have Zone 1 called the Intimate Zone. This zone means that two people are interacting in a space of 0 inches to 18 inches and is often used in intimate relationships. Zone 2 is the Personal Zone. Hall describes this zone as two people who are interacting with each other between 18 inches of space and 4 feet. This is the zone generally used when interacting with family or good friends. The next zone is Zone 3 known as the Social Zone. This zone depicts people communicating with each other at a distance of 4 feet to 12 feet and is usually seen in workplace settings. The fourth and final zone is Zone 4 known as the Public Zone. The public zone is characterized by communication that takes place at more than 12 feet between people. Given the increased distance, this also changes people's verbal communication like talking loudly and changing stance to project their voice.