A bibliography on politeness as it relates to second language learning and intercultural relationships contains 188 citations of books, papers, articles, and monographs. Several aspects of politeness are covered, including acquisition by children, gender and power differences in polite behavior, and its relationship to communicative functions such as requesting, complimenting, and inviting. (MSE)
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Introduction

Politeness is an important issue in language and communication. It is particularly difficult for those learning a second language.

When I began to do research in the area of politeness and second language learners, it was very difficult to find previous publications in that field. This bibliography is, in part, a result of that search. I feel that it is potentially useful for other second language teachers and communication scholars.

I have included articles on various aspects of politeness, including acquisition of politeness in children and gender/power differences in politeness. Since politeness is important in various communicative functions (for example, requesting, complimenting, and inviting), I have also included articles related to these topics.

Most of the citations included in this bibliography are from original sources, to which I myself had access. However, in some cases, citations from secondary sources were included for books or articles that appeared to be particularly important or useful.
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