

To Give Up Words

Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the ways silence is used in European American communication, and how are they different from those in Apache culture?
2. How are the meaning and function of silence affected by the social and cultural context?
3. What is the critical factor in an Apache's decision to speak or to keep silent?
4. How do Apaches interact upon meeting a stranger, courting, welcoming children home, "getting cussed out," and being with people who are sad?
5. Despite the variety of situations in which Apaches are silent, what is the underlying determinant?