

### Let's Check for Understanding

Which social science theory is referred to?

1. The overall health of society depends upon the healthy functioning of its institutions.

Ans: **Functionalist theory**

2. Meanings that individuals give to symbols change over time.

Ans: **Symbolic theory**

3. Faulty communication can result from differences in the perception of the same events and symbols.

Ans: **Conflict theory**

4. Schools teach humanitarian attitude, altruism, democracy, civil rights, and other positive aspects of society to preserve society and social order.

Ans: **Functionalist theory**

5. When one institution fails to function another institution ought to come in to perform the function for the stability of society.

Ans: **Conflict theory**

6. A new society comes as a result of the resolution of clash between the powers that be and the workers.

Ans: **Symbolic theory**

7. Two opposing sides are welcomed. This paves the way to change.

Ans: **Functionalist theory**

8. When one institution fails to perform its function, the other institutions should come in for the preservation of society

Ans: **Conflict theory**

9. One weakness of this theory is this is focused on small interactions.

Ans: **Symbolic theory**

10. Differences in meaning of symbols for both sender and receiver result to misunderstanding

Ans: **Conflict theory**

### Let's Reflect

1. Based on the lesson on symbolic - interactionist theory and the movie, The Little Prince, what does this quote mean: "Words are a source of misunderstanding." Any personal message? Write it down.

When you want to say something that you feel you are thinking it is not always easy to make it understood in the exact way you imagine it in your mind. Sometimes the words are not representative of our thoughts, that is why often when we discuss and do not understand what someone wants to express it is necessary to ask them to explain their thoughts by making sentences and describing how their feelings express the situation. Not expressing oneself correctly will lead to misunderstanding. Our words is so powerful it is the most human life what he speaks words can defile him as a human. So we must be careful of all the words that come out of our mouth because it is written in the bible that it is not what we eat that defiles us as human beings but, the words we speak.

### Taking it to the Net

Research on more school practices based on the functionalist theory, conflict theory, and symbolic interaction theory. Write them on a whole sheet of paper to be passed in class.`

**Functionalism** - Social stability is necessary to have a strong society, and adequate socialization and social integration are necessary to achieve social stability. Society's social institutions perform important functions to help ensure social stability. Slow social change is desirable, but rapid social change threatens social order. Functionalism is a macro theory.

**Conflict theory** - Society is characterized by pervasive inequality based on social class, gender, and other factors. Far-reaching social change is needed to reduce or eliminate social inequality and to create an egalitarian society. Conflict theory is a macro theory.

**Symbolic interactionism** - People construct their roles as they interact; they do not merely learn the roles that society has set out for them. As this interaction occurs, individuals negotiate their definitions of the situations in which they find themselves and socially construct the reality of

these situations. In so doing, they rely heavily on symbols such as words and gestures to reach a shared understanding of their interaction. Symbolic interactionism is a micro theory.