

# **Forms and Functions of Communicative Silence in Jordan**

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## **ABSTRACT**

In this paper the attempt was made to shed light on the significance of silence as an effective tool in communication that is no less powerful than speech or writing. The attempt was also made to show how language sometimes fails as a means of communication in conveying the message. Silence, therefore, could be regarded as an important and complementary alternative for language.

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