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Journal Name:	Journal of Education, Society and Behavioural Science
Manuscript Number:	Ms_JESBS_127747
Title of the Manuscript:	Systematic Review Of The Communication Skills Challenges Experienced By First-Year University Students
Type of the Article	A Review Article

PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This topic is highly topical. It would be highly beneficial to most of the first-year students across the globe, especially those students whose first language is not English. The author(s) have done great work in outlining and discussing so many communication skills challenges which the first-year university students encounter. The study further provides helpful suggestions to improve communication skills of the first-year students. The article is detailed and publishable.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes, the title is appropriate and reliable	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract of the article is very comprehensive. I would have suggested the author(s) reduce the abstract but then the most important part would be excluded. As such, I'll suggest the abstract should remain as it is.	
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The manuscript is scientifically correct and is publishable	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are current and sufficient, since it is only 20 articles were selected.	

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<p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes, the language quality is a good one.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>I observed that the period of study that was mentioned in the abstract is between 2013 – 2023 which is different from the period mentioned in the methodology (2010 – 2013), page 3 and line 11. There is need for consistency. This should be harmonized.</p> <p>There are some of the sub-headings that are in isolation, I'll suggest that these headings should be pushed down to the next page. E.g</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.1 Search Strategy in page 2 and be transferred to page 3 - 2.4 Data Extraction in page 4 can be transferred to page 5 - Table 6: Factors contributing to the communication challenges among first year students in page 10 should be transferred to the next page 11. <p>From the Summary of Included Studies, I'll suggest that the author(s) should outline all the 20 selected articles. It's only 5 that were outlined. In page 16 line 10, the word Universities should be spelt correctly.</p> <p>I also observed that there is no section labelled Literature Review where most of the related articles reviewed, especially the selected 20 were discussed in detail.</p> <p>There are no ethical issues observed. I hereby declare that I have no competing interest as a reviewer. Although, the paper is a review of related studies with similar terms and language, but there is no evidence of plagiarism observed.</p>	

PART 2:

	<p>Reviewer's comment</p>	<p>Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</p>
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