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It’s *not* about the nail.

The video “It’s not about the nail” shows us how difficult it is at times to build bridges in the relationships between a man and a woman. The reason of misunderstanding and quarrels is: “he doesn’t listen to me”, “he doesn’t want to have a simple talk” or “she is always trying to complicate everything and makes a mountain out of a molehill.” But, do they (I mean men) really fail to understand us or are we just so whimsical and demanding that our wishes can’t be interpreted in the right way?

We see in the video that misunderstanding is caused by the man’s attempts to always fix everything instead of listening to his woman. The nail is really not the problem. He is not ready to listen to her and to give her empathy, and THAT is the problem. However, when he shows his interest for her feelings and anxieties everything changes. And that’s why “it’s not just about the nail”.

As a woman, I do understand that enabling us to express our emotions is what we really want. To clear something up, women need to have face-to-face interaction. We, women, want not only to be listened to but to be heard as well. We want to use our “blue sky thinking” and to see his facial expression changing, so we can understand that our man is interested, and that is what I think is very important for us. I don’t say anything about non-verbal cues, as for most men they are absolutely incomprehensible.

In conclusion, I would like to say that misunderstanding between a man and a woman has existed for ages. We are different like Yin and Yang but just because of it, we are attracted to each other. A famous book author Alexandra Marinina says: “It is impossible to understand another person - precisely because he is different, he thinks differently and feels differently, and you are trying to understand him with the help of your own measurements.” Therefore, we need to go out of the box and try to be in his/her shoes to understand the situation properly.