

# CD-2: Evasive Response

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## Definition

The communicator responds to a question with an evasive or ambiguous response. This evokes an effect in the addressee.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

## Example

كريم: كم عمرك؟  
سليم: لماذا تريد معرفة هذه المعلومة الشخصية؟

Karim: How old are you?  
Salim: Why do you want this personal information?

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