

Gestures and manners

Lesson code: 11CU-P6CC-NIJC

PRE-INTERMEDIATE

1 Gesture verbs

Match the verbs with the pictures below.

bow
point

clap
shrug

hug
wave

nod
wink



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

Which gesture verb can you use to express each of the spoken sentences below.

1. "Nice to meet you." _____
2. "I want that one." _____
3. "I'm only joking." _____
4. "It's great to see you again!" _____
5. "I don't know the answer." _____
6. "Goodbye." _____
7. "Well done!" _____
8. "Yes." _____

Are these gestures used the same way in other countries?



2 Good/bad manners

Match the verbs on the left with the nouns or phrases on the right.

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| 1. shake | a. at people |
| 2. pick | b. hands |
| 3. make | c. noise |
| 4. point | d. your hands |
| 5. shrug | e. your mouth |
| 6. clap | f. your nose |
| 7. cover | g. your shoulders |

Now complete the sentences below. More than one answer may be possible.

- It's bad manners to make noise while you are eating.
- It's good manners to _____ when you meet someone in a formal situation.
- It's bad manners to _____ when someone asks you a question.
- It's bad manners to _____ in front of other people.
- It's bad manners to _____ who you don't know.
- It's good manners to _____ to show you enjoyed someone's performance.
- It's good manners to _____ while you are coughing.

Can you think of any more good or bad manners?

Now have short conversations with your partner like in the example below.

- A:** Do you make noise while you are eating?
B: No, I don't.
A: Why not?
B: Because it's bad manners.

3 Talking point

Discuss any of the following questions. In other cultures, what gestures do people use to...

- show friendship?
- meet someone for the first time?
- welcome someone home?
- congratulate someone?
- end a conflict with someone?



1 Gesture verbs

For the second part, students can work alone and check in pairs. Go through the answers with the class.

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|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| 1. wink | 2. shrug | 3. nod | 4. point |
| 5. wave | 6. hug | 7. bow | 8. clap |
| 1. bow | 2. point | 3. wink | 4. hug |
| 5. shrug | 6. wave | 7. clap | 8. nod |

2 Good/bad manners

Students can work alone and check in pairs. Select pairs to demonstrate the collocations.

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| 1. b | 2. f | 3. c | 4. a | 5. g | 6. d | 7. e |
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Students work individually then compare answers. Monitor the activity when they're working in pairs

2. shake hands
3. shrug your shoulders
4. pick your nose
5. point at people
6. clap your hands
7. cover your mouth

