

9C – Preview Answers



Matching

Match the gestures in Column A with their likely meanings in Column B.

Column A

1. pat on the back *e*
2. thumbs up *h*
3. wrinkling your nose *g*
4. rolling your eyes back *f*
5. hitting your palm to your forehead *c*
6. tapping your fingers on something *b*
7. crossing your fingers *a*
8. making a T shape with two hands *d*

Column B

- a. done for good luck
- b. shows impatience
- c. shows you have made a mistake
- d. shows you want everyone to stop
- e. congratulating someone
- f. shows lack of interest or disagreement
- g. shows disgust
- h. showing approval or congratulations



What do you think? Answers will vary

What kind of movement would you make together with these phrases in conversation?

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| 1. "I don't know." | <i>Shrug shoulders. Shake head side to side.</i> |
| 2. "It's your turn." | <i>Gesture to the person whose turn it is.</i> |
| 3. "I need to think of something." | <i>Hit your hand against your forehead.</i> |
| 4. "I can't remember." | <i>Look up at the sky and shrug.</i> |
| 5. "I don't believe it!" | <i>Open your eyes very wide.</i> |
| 6. "Good luck." | <i>Give two thumbs up to someone.</i> |
| 7. "Stop!" | <i>Hold up one or both hands, palm outward.</i> |
| 8. "Keep going." | <i>Wave your hand in a forward motion.</i> |
| 9. "Wait a minute." | <i>Put your hand up, palm out.</i> |
| 10. "I don't want to talk about it." | <i>Shake your head.</i> |
| 11. "I don't want any more." | <i>Place your hand over your cup/glass.</i> |



How about you? Answers will vary

What are some common gestures in your country that are different in other places?

In Japan, we often make an X with our arms to show we don't want something, or that something is forbidden. This is not common in Western countries.

In written communication (e.g. email) we can use emoticons to express how we feel about something. Do you like using emoticons? How do you think they will change in the future?

I love using emoticons! I often write ":)" or ":((" when messaging my friends, and I think that there will be even more exciting emoticons to use in the future!

"Actions speak louder than words." What does this mean? Can you give an example?

I think that "Actions speak louder than words" means that it is more important to do something, than to simply talk about it. Many people talk about being nice people, but rarely do anything nice for their family or friends. If you are truly a nice person, then people will know it by your actions, rather than your words.