

9C – Review Answers



What do you think? Answers will vary

For each of these gestures in the text, what could the people have said instead?

1. Billy turns to Rod and taps two fingers on the upper side of his left wrist.

What time is it?

2. Billy folds his arms and shrugs.

I don't know.

3. Billy holds up his hand to his ear and quickly opens and closes his fingers against his thumb.

That person talks too much!

4. He catches classmate Stacey's eye and winks at her.

I think you're pretty, Stacey.

5. Ms Potts smiles and taps her index finger against her nose and points at him.

Good job, Billy!

6. Billy smirks at Rod and pats himself on the back

What a teacher's pet!

7. Mr. Gilford moves his hand up to his mouth and flicks his wrist back and forth.

Let's get a drink.

8. Ms Potts rests her forehead in her palm and shakes her head.

I'm very tired and annoyed.



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Give the following people advice about how to improve their body language.

1. A politician running for office wants to convince voters that he is an honest person. He tends to look away when speaking and fidget with his hands when he talks, but he wants to improve.

I think you should try to relax and look straight at the audience. You should always do your best to point and gesture towards the people in the crowd, so they know you are sincere.

2. A shy teenage girl has a crush on a boy in her class and wants to show him that she likes him.

I think she should make eye contact with him, wink, and then slowly smile. If she does that, he will definitely understand her feelings.

3. An elderly woman has trouble turning away door-to-door salespeople. She wants to appear more confident so they listen to her when she tells them she isn't interested.

She should use a louder voice when talking to people and stand up straighter. If she is forceful, the salespeople will know to leave her alone.

4. A Japanese student is going to study in an American high school for a year and wants to make friends. He is quite shy and usually doesn't make eye contact with others.

I think he should do his best to make eye contact with people when he meets them for the first time. If he acts confident, people will like him better.

5. A young man is going to a job interview next week and wants to appear smart and trustworthy. He finds it hard to stay still, and is easily distracted.

If he has trouble staying still, he should practice pinching himself on the hand whenever he wants to move around. This will help keep him from looking fidgety.

What do you think is the most universal gesture in the world?

I think pointing at your open mouth to show that you are hungry or thirsty is the most universal.