



## GESTURES

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**Abstract:** *This is an abstract about an article on gesture: The article explores the role of gesture in communication and its relationship to language. The article discusses different types of gestures and how they are used in various cultures and contexts. Overall, the article highlights the importance of considering gesture as a key aspect of human communication and understanding its relationship to language.*

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Gestures are nonverbal cues or signals that are used to communicate, express emotions, or convey meaning. They can be used to facilitate communication, help people understand one another, and express emotions that may be difficult to put into words. Gestures can also be used to emphasize ideas, create rapport or connection, and establish authority or dominance.

There are many different types of gestures, including hand gestures, facial expressions, body language, and tone of voice. Hand gestures can be used to indicate directions, convey emotions, or express agreement or disagreement. Facial expressions can communicate emotions, attitudes, or reactions to situations. Body language can convey confidence, dominance, or submission. Tone of voice can reveal mood, attitude, or intention.

Gestures are used in virtually every culture and society worldwide, and they are often deeply ingrained and automatic. However, different cultures may have different interpretations of the same gesture. For example, the "okay" gesture that is commonly used in Western cultures (index finger and thumb forming an "O" shape) can be seen as a symbol of money or wealth in Japan, and as an insult in some parts of South America.

Understanding the differences in gestures among cultures is important, especially for travelers and expats. Using the wrong gesture in a foreign country can lead to miscommunication, offense, or even legal trouble. Therefore, it's best to do some research on the local customs and ask for advice from natives before using any nonverbal communication

And here we can see several examples of gestures:

The OK sign: In the United States, this gesture means "okay" or "good job," but in some countries such as Brazil, Turkey, and Germany, it is considered offensive and implies that someone is worthless or a "zero."

- Thumbs up: In many countries, such as the United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom, a thumbs up means "good" or "great." However, in some countries like Iran, Greece, and Russia, it is considered rude or even obscene.



- The V sign: In the United States, this gesture stands for "victory" or "peace," but in some countries such as the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand, it is equivalent to giving someone the middle finger.

- The beckoning gesture: In the United States, people wave their fingers to say "come here." However, in some Asian countries such as Japan and the Philippines, this gesture is considered rude and used only for beckoning animals.

- Head nodding: In the United States, people nod their heads up and down to signal agreement or approval. However, in some cultures such as India and Bulgaria, a head nod means "no."

- The hand gesture for money: In the United States, people rub their thumb and fingers together to indicate money or wealth. However, in some Asian and Arab countries, this gesture is considered vulgar and offensive.

- Nodding your head up and down to signify "yes" in most cultures

- Giving the thumbs up gesture to show approval in Western cultures.

- Placing your hand over your heart to express sincerity or gratitude in many cultures.

- Holding up your index finger to represent "one" or "unity" in many cultures.

- Wagging your index finger back and forth to indicate "no" in many cultures.

- Raising your hands above your head in celebration or victory in many cultures.

- Touching your nose to indicate secrecy or a hidden message in many Western cultures.

- Bowing as a sign of respect or greeting in many Asian cultures.

- Tipping your hat or touching your forehead to show respect or greeting in Western cultures.

In addition to their use in daily communication, gestures are also used in performance and entertainment, such as theater, dance, and sports. In these contexts, gestures are often exaggerated or stylized in order to create a specific effect, convey a narrative, or express emotions or ideas.

Overall, gestures are a powerful form of communication that can be used to enhance or supplement verbal communication, express emotions or attitudes, and facilitate understanding and connection between people.

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