



Gestures cultural differences Present Continuous

Choose one of the things below and mime it until your partner works out which one it is.

1. You are pointing at yourself
2. You are asking for two of something
3. You are asking for six of something
4. You are promising
5. You are telling the other person to stop talking
6. You are telling someone that they are crazy
7. You are counting from one to ten
8. You are hoping for good luck
9. You are asking for the bill in a restaurant
10. You are showing that you don't like something
11. You are showing that you don't know
12. You are telling someone not to be nosy/ to mind their own business
13. You are complaining about someone being late
14. You are saying hello
15. You are congratulating someone
16. You are showing that you think a child is cute
17. You are trying to stop someone
18. You are hitchhiking
19. You are trying to get past/ get between two people
20. You are complimenting something
21. You are showing that something is not allowed
22. You are saying "No"
23. You are saying "Yes"



Were there any which you couldn't think of an action for?

Do you know about any other ways of showing these things without speaking, e.g. gestures in different countries?

Do one of the actions below and see if your partner can guess what it means

- A) You are pointing at your chest
- B) You are holding up two fingers with your palm towards the other person
- C) You are holding up all the fingers on one hand and the index finger (= first finger) of the other hand
- D) You are drawing a cross on your heart
- E) You are pretending to zip your mouth shut
- F) You are tapping the side of your head with your index finger
- G) You are crossing your first finger and middle finger
- H) You are putting up one thumb
- I) You are kissing your finger tips
- J) You are holding one palm in front of you
- K) You are putting up two thumbs
- L) You are tapping the side of your nose with your finger
- M) You are sticking out your tongue
- N) You are raising one hand
- O) You are raising your eyebrows
- P) You are playing with a child's hair
- Q) You are clapping
- R) You are clicking your tongue

How often do you do the things above?

Choose one of the actions above and say what it means, where people do it etc until your partner guesses which one you are talking about

Useful language

In my country...

They do this in...

I very often/ often/ sometimes/ rarely/ never do this (because...)

It means...

Why did you use different tenses in the different parts of the lesson?

What are the differences between the Present Simple and Present Continuous?

How can you say the things above as sentences, e.g. "I promise"?