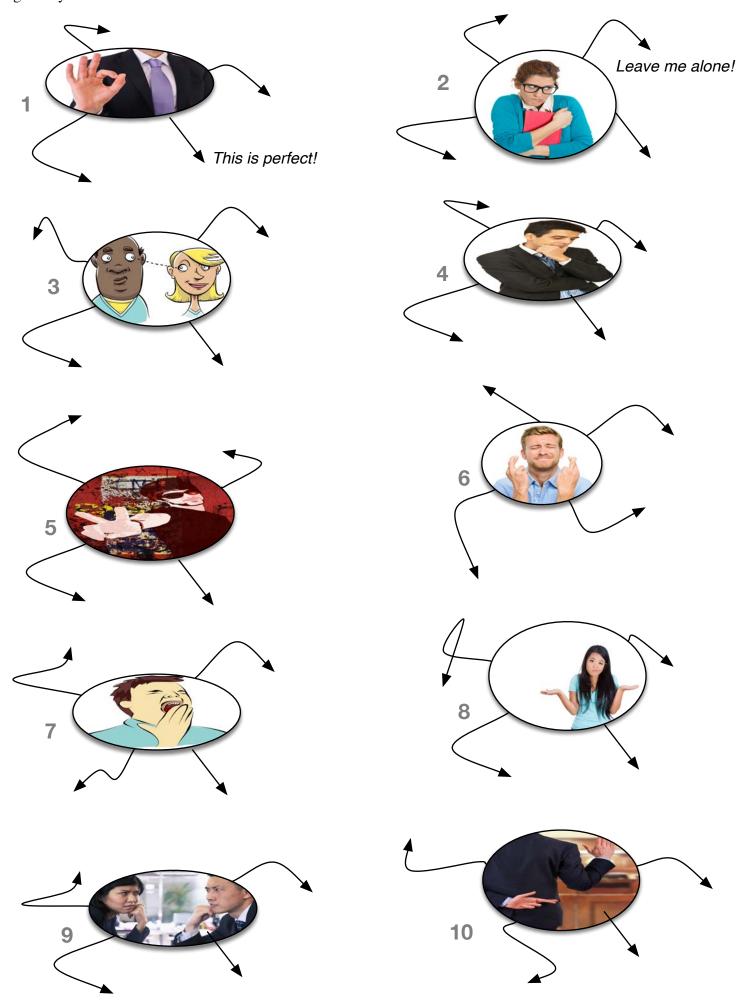
Brainstorming Meanings of Body Language and Gestures

Look at each image and write different possible meanings of the gesture, thinking about how these meanings might vary across cultures.



Possible answers

Note! Alternative: the teacher could randomly dictate these phrases and the students could match them to the gesture. It coud be quite fun.

- . OK/Perfect gesture:
- "This is perfect!"
- "I completely agree"
- "That works for me"
- "You got it"
- 2. Self-hugging/Arms crossed:
- "I'm not comfortable with this"
- "I need some space"
- "I'm feeling nervous"
- "Leave me alone"
- 3. Winking gesture:
- "Just between us"
- "Get it?"
- "You know what I mean"
- "Trust me on this"
- 4. Hand on chin:
- "Let me think about that"
- "I'm considering it"
- "Interesting point"
- "I'm not sure about that"
- 5. Peace/Victory sign:
- "Peace out!"
- "We did it!"
- "Victory is ours!"
- "Peace and love"

- 6. Fingers crossed:
- "Wish me luck!"
- "I really hope this works"
- "Please let this happen"
- "I'm counting on this"
- 7. Yawning:
- "I'm so tired"
- "I need some sleep"
- "This is making me sleepy"
- "I didn't get enough rest"
- 8. Shrugging with palms up:
- "I have no idea"
- "What can you do?"
- "Beats me"
- "Who knows?"
- 9. Staring:
- "I'm watching you closely"
- "I don't trust what you're doing"
- "I'm keeping my eye on you"
- "What exactly are you up to?"
- 10. Crossed fingers behind back:
- "I'm not being truthful"
- "I don't mean what I'm saying"
- "I'm making a false promise"
- "Trust me (deceptively)"