

Lesson Plan
Cultural Difference (Gesture)

1. Aim: to learn the cultural difference in gestures between the Japanese and the American
2. Preparation: Handout showing gestures used in the US
3. Procedure:
 - (1) Guessing: Ss guess the meaning of each gesture drawn on handout
 - (2) Demonstration: by ALT & JTE (Please see below)
 - (3) Confirming: Ss confirm the meaning of each gesture
 - (4) Demonstration: by Ss (pair work)
 - Ss make a dialogue including gestures they learned.
 - Some pairs show demonstration.

An example for the demonstration by teachers

JTE: Oh no. What should I do?

ALT: What's happened?

JTE: Oh, hi, _____. I'm lucky to see you here. Please come here. (gesture)

ALT: What?

JTE: Please come (gesture).

ALT: Do you want me to come or go away?

JTE: Of course I want you to come. I don't want others to listen to us.

ALT: But your gesture, like this, means "go away" for Americans.

JTE: Oh, really? I didn't know that.

ALT: Anyway, what can I do for you?

JTE: If possible, will you lend me some money (gesture)? I left my bag on the desk.

ALT: Do you need money or are you OK?

JTE: I'm not OK. That's why I'm asking you.

ALT: But this gesture (gesture) means "I'm OK."

JTE: No, I mean "money" by this (gesture).

ALT: We use this gesture (gesture) when we mean "money."

JTE: We have many differences.

ALT: Yeah.