

# Body language and idioms

Put the body action verbs below into the correct categories. Use a dictionary.

burp      chew      cough      hiccup      rumble      shake  
shiver      snore      swallow      sweat      tremble      yawn

The mouth and breathing: \_\_\_\_\_

Eating and digestion: \_\_\_\_\_

The whole body: \_\_\_\_\_

## Body language - Collocations 1

Match the verbs from the box with the pictures showing different gestures:

clap      clench      fold      raise      shrug      snap



\_\_\_\_\_ your fingers



\_\_\_\_\_ your shoulders



\_\_\_\_\_ your fist



\_\_\_\_\_ your eyebrows



\_\_\_\_\_ your arms



\_\_\_\_\_ your hands

Study the sentences below. Replace the underlined parts with a suitable collocation that communicates the underlined message or emotion. Example:

He told her he was a doctor, but she didn't believe him.

He told her he was a doctor, but she raised her eyebrows.

1. He asked me if I had seen his dictionary anywhere, but I didn't know.
2. When he heard that his girlfriend was flirting with another man, he became furious.
3. When their team won the match, the spectators were very pleased.
4. Josh was late for work again. When he finally arrived, his boss was looking very displeased.
5. I wasn't listening to her so she tried to get my immediate attention.

## Body language - Collocations 2

Study the sentences below. Match the underlined phrases with the messages

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| 1. She <u>patted me on the back</u> when I told her that I had passed my driving test.     | a. Come here.       |
| 2. She <u>nudged me on the arm</u> during the boring lecture.                              | b. I'm only joking. |
| 3. "Hey you!" he said, and <u>beckoned me over</u> with his finger.                        | c. This is bad.     |
| 4. For a second I thought she was being serious, but then she <u>winked at me</u> .        | d. Wake up!         |
| 5. I asked if she wanted to go to the cinema, and <u>she nodded her head</u> in agreement. | e. Well done!       |
| 6. When his team lost the match, he just sat there <u>shaking his head</u> .               | f. Yes.             |

study the underlined idioms below. Match them to the definitions.

1. Don't take her seriously. She's just pulling your leg.
  2. She was out of control but her parents finally decided to put their foot down.
  3. We don't have a plan. We'll just have to play it by ear.
  4. The two cyclists were almost neck and neck at the finish.
  5. Kate needs to go out with some friends and let her hair down. She's been working so hard lately.
  6. I have my final exam tomorrow. Keep your fingers crossed for me!
  7. Tell me what happened - I'm all ears.
  8. Working in an open plan office can really keep you on your toes. You have to keep focussing on the job.
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- a. deal with a situation as it develops
  - b. hope that everything will go well
  - c. in the same position
  - d. joking
  - e. make you concentrate
  - f. ready to listen
  - g. relax and have fun
  - h. use authority to control a situation