

UPPER-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 8

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- Which of these gestures are considered rude in your country/other countries?
 - pointing at someone
 - pointing at anything
 - touching someone's head
 - showing the bottom of your feet
 - showing the palms of your hands
 - staring at someone
- Are there any other gestures which are considered to be rude in your country/other countries?

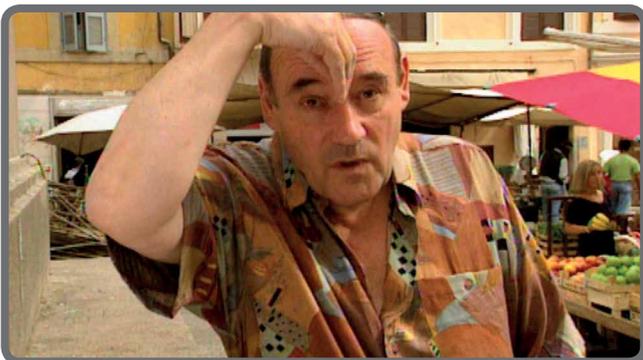
2A Watch the DVD and number the photos in the order you see them.



A _____



B _____



C _____

B Which idea does each photo introduce?

- The same idea can be shown with many different gestures.
- There are lots of variations of a gesture.
- The background to how he became interested in watching humans.

3 Work in pairs. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). Then watch the DVD again to check.

- Desmond Morris first started 'man-watching' in the 1980s.
- He got the idea while talking to his doctor.
- He has visited over sixty countries while observing people.
- He wanted to write a new dictionary.
- Types of handshakes vary from a single touch to a long shake.
- The type of handshake people use depends on the time of day it is.
- In Japan moving your finger in different directions has different meanings.
- The same message is expressed in exactly the same way around the world.

4A Complete the collocations with the words in the box.

anticlockwise clasp draw facial fine
fire minor strike

- _____ attention to
- _____ a starting gun
- _____ expression
- _____ your palms
- _____ ritual
- _____ a deal
- _____ -tuned
- _____ direction

B Work in pairs. What does each expression mean?

5A EITHER think of a country you know well OR choose one of the countries below. Find out about its cultural traditions. Use questions 1-4 to help you.

• Indonesia • Japan • Greece • USA • Brazil

- Which gestures are considered polite/rude?
- Which clothes should/shouldn't you wear?
- Which clothes should/shouldn't you give?
- What behaviour is considered polite/rude when eating and drinking?

B Work in groups. Ask and answer questions about the country you chose.

A: I chose Japan.

B: Which gestures are considered rude there?

A: You shouldn't stare at someone. Don't ...