

## **Common functional language universal gestures**

### **Rules of the game**

*With your partner sort the pack of cards your teacher gives you into:*

- *3 point cards- Very difficult to make and understand a gesture for*
- *2 point cards- A little difficult to make and understand a gesture for*
- *1 point cards- Easy to make and understand a gesture for*

*Choose how many point card from the other team you want to try and mime. You have one minute to do as many as possible. If the first one you try is a one point card, the next must be a two point card etc.*

### **Discussion Questions**

*Did you agree with the other teams' choices for number of points/ level of difficulty?*

*Do you think any of the gestures you used are the same in every country of the world? Do you know of any gestures that are used in other countries that are not used in your country?*

### Common functional language universal gestures Playing Cards

**Teacher's instructions-** *Photocopy and cut up one pack of cards per group of 2 to 4 students. To help you in the discussion stage, the cards are arranged approximately by how easy and universal they are (most difficult at the bottom).*

(I'm) angry	(I'm/ I feel) cold	Pain/ it aches/ it hurts	(I'm) happy
Excuse me (waiter!)	(It's too) loud/ I don't want to hear	Long	(I'm/ he is) sleep(ing)
10	You can't/ it's not allowed/ no entry	(A) half	Heavy/ weigh/ weight
100	(Can I take) a photo(graph of you?)	(Let's) talk	(a) book
35	(turn) left	(turn) around	(turn) right
300	Centre/ middle	Corner	(to) type/ typewriter/ computer
(be) quiet/ Shut up!	Big/ large	Small/ little/ tiny	(that's) funny
(play) golf	TV	Remote control	(I'm in) shock/ (I'm) shocked

push	gun/ shoot/ bullet	Drive ( a car)	(wearing) glasses
	sign (here please)	(I) don't feel well/ (I am/ feel) sick/ ill	(the) time
Cut	(good)bye		(Waiter) the bill/ check (please)
(I'm) hungry	Wide	In	On
(I'm/ I feel) hot	(I am/ feel) upset	(pay by) credit card	(write an) EMS/ text (message)
effeminate/ gay	sexy (body)	(please) eat/ food	(you're very) strong
Stop	Slow (down)/ calm (down)	Please	Six
(you're) late	(at) 7 o'clock	(I'm getting) married	(I'm) disappointed
You	yes, sir	(I'm) think(ing about it)	Yes

This way (please)	I forgot (about it)	Up	Down
Listen	fear/ afraid/ scared	a hole	look
(I'm) looking forward to this/ expectation	Sorry	Call/ telephone (me)	Relax(ed/ ing)
one	Okay	Love	20
(you're) thin/ slim/ (you've) lost weight	(I) won/ (I'm the) winner/ champion	You can't smoke/ no smoking	(please) sit (down)/ (please) take a seat
(I'm) impatient/ (I don't want to) wait	1,2,3	Smell/ smelly	read
House/ home	pull	baby	(it's) broken
Wake (up)	(I) insist/ demand		
Pleased to meet you	Snob/ superior/ arrogant	(I'm) pregnant	Hello

Together/ meet	Tea	Behind	In front (of)
After you	(I) don't know/ don't understand	(It's) straight on/ ahead	No
Drink (alcohol)	(I) don't believe (it/ you)	Peace (man!)	Come (here)
Go (away)			
(I) doubt (it)/ (I'm) not sure	Bored/ boring	Mind your own business/ don't interfere	victory
Quick(ly)	A girl/ woman/ lady/ she	(It's ) cramped/ crowded in here	(I'm) stupid/ stupid me!
(I'm) proud	I/ me	Two	Good
(It's) great/ wonderful	(He's/ she's) mad/ crazy/ insane	10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1	Bad
Money/ cash	I swear/ I promise	Zero/ nought/ nothing	(He is) dead/ (he) died

so-so	Excuse me (can I get past/ can I get through?)	A bribe/ a backhander/ money under the table	(I'm/ I feel) sad
1.5	(This/ that is/ was) delicious	Thank you	one more time/ repeat