

The World of Languages and Languages of the World

Communicating Without Talking

How do we communicate without making a sound? Body language, facial expressions and signs.

Objectives

- We can investigate how humans communicate without words.
- We can see that gesture, facial expression, body language and the arts are all used to communicate.
- We can show how we communicate without speaking.



Let's go!

Tell you partner what these three words mean:

Monolingual

Bi-lingual

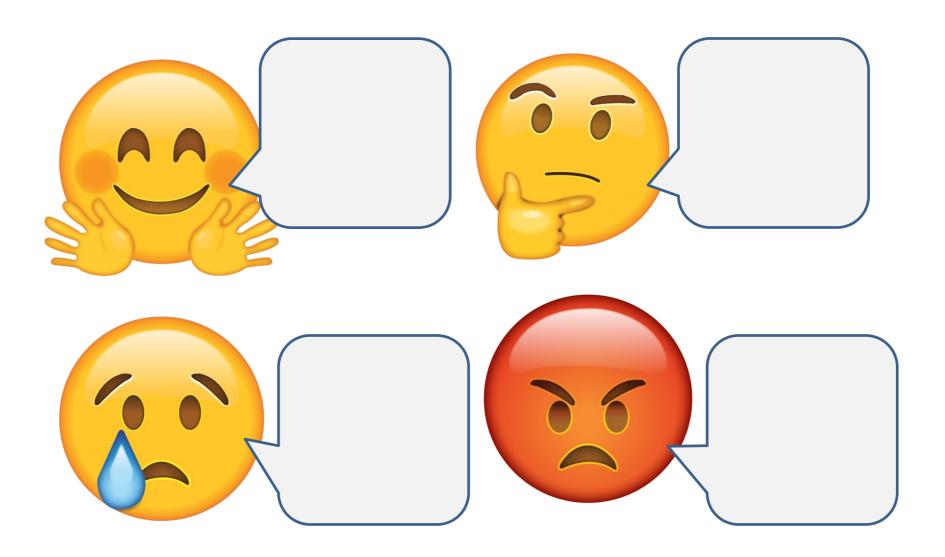
Multilingual

2 things that make you multilingual

2 things that make your partner multilingual



Can faces 'talk'? What might these emojis be saying?





	Let the die choose the number Do the mime for your partner	
1	Sadly say 'goodbye' to a friend	
2	Happily say hello to a friend	
3	Eat something you DON'T like	
4	Eat something you DO like	
5	Hear really good news	
6	Hear really bad news	



Match the country with the non-verbal communication!

The 1st letters of the correct answers will spell out a wild animal!

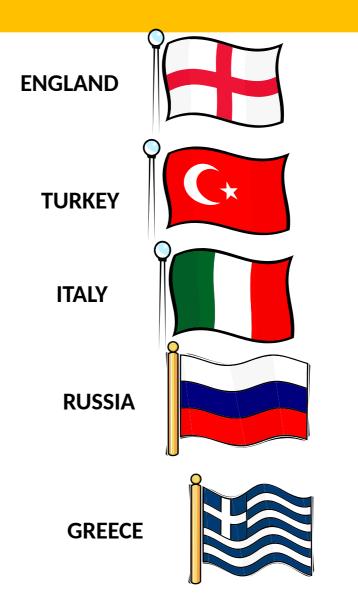
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How did you do?

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What would the English equivalent be?

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With a partner, think of 5 gestures or signs you use with your friends. Do you know any gestures from other countries?

	Gesture	Meaning
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

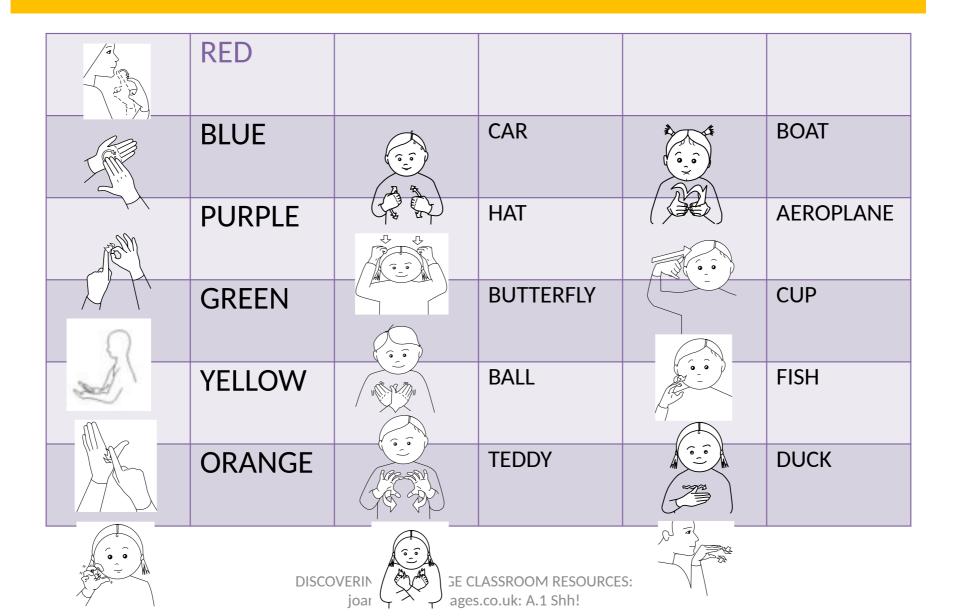


British Sign Language (BSL)





In pairs, make up 2-word phrases using BSL e.g.: blue car





So, how do you communicate?

- Dancing
- Making music
- Whistling
- Clapping
- Laughing
- Ringing bells
- Banging drums
- Clicking fingers
- Using flags (e.g. semaphore)
- Codes (e.g. morse code)
- Touching





Over to you!

- In pairs or a small group, create a short drama sketch with no words.
- You can use mime, dance, gesture, facial expression, touch, whistles.
- Let's set the scene....You are asking a friend to go to the park.



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- Which items in your house are from or made in a different country?
- Have you ever looked at the labels on food, shampoo, clothes and seen them written in another language?
- Have a look tonight and see what other languages are hidden around your home.

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