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Non-verbal Communication

As a species that heavily relies on communication, our starts were very simple. Before there were languages, hand signs were probably used extensively to survive. Multiple of these hand ~~signs~~ signs are in use today, meaning different things in different cultural groups and communities. The five most common and popular hand signs these days are the sign of the horns, victory sign, loser sign, raised fist and the okay sign.

The sign of the horns hand sign has a few meanings across the globe. In India, it serves as a hand posture in Natha Yoga, while serving as a symbol for a lion in classical dance forms. In ~~Buddhist~~ Buddhism it is a gesture to ward off the devil. In southern European areas, it is considered to rid bad luck, where the sign's name originates from. In the Latin American countries, it is an offensive sign when pointed at someone. In current times, it has been used by heavy metal bands.

The victory sign means victory, peace and '2', the number. Originally it started as a symbol for victory, but with the rise of hippies in America, it became a sign for peace. This sign also means an insult in English dominions.



The loser sign means exactly what its name says. Putting this sign on ones forehead is the usual way this sign is used, calling the person facing them a loser. This is also used for fun and to taunt people. The raised fist sign mostly finds itself being used in places of politics. This is used as a salute in almost any culture and nation. This sign also doubles as an insult in Northern Europe when pointed at someone. The okay sign means okay in most places. It also means money. In France, it means 'zero' or 'worthless'. In Brazil, it is a very rude sign, meaning that the person is calling the person facing it a gay man or signifies a sexual insult.