


Today we will talk about vocabulary related to our hands and fingers. Review vocabulary for parts of your hand in the picture below.

	<p>Demonstrate these things we do with our hands: wave, make a fist, clip and polish fingernails, make gestures, slap, pound your fist, touch someone, point to something, scratch an itch, rub your forehead, scrub the sink, caress a baby's cheek, pat on the back, tap on the shoulder, applaud the performance</p> <p>What is the difference in "pat" and "tap"? Pat-touch quickly and gently with flat of the hand. You pat someone to congratulate, console or encourage them. Tap-touch someone with the fingertips to get their attention.</p> <p>Name some other things you do with your hands and fingers.</p>
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Group Talk: Students read the questions, answer them, then lead a discussion on that subject.

1. What gestures do Americans use that you don't use in your country? What gestures do you use in your country that are not used here? What is a rude gesture?
2. A slap on the wrist is a very light punishment. Some people complain that a punishment is too light by saying, "They only got a slap on the wrist." Give an example of a situation where you think someone was punished too lightly.
3. In the US, it is not common to see people of the same sex walking hand in hand. Is that common in your country? Do people of the opposite sex hold hands? Do you and your spouse hold hands in public? Do your children hold your hand when they cross a street?
4. When you lose touch with someone, you lose contact with them. The opposite phrase is, "keep in touch". Do you keep in touch with your college friends? your friends at home? your childhood friends? How do you keep in touch? How important is it to keep in touch with old friends? Have you lost touch with someone you wish you had kept in touch with?
5. If you are out of touch, you are not informed about a subject. EX: I don't know the name of that band. I am out of touch with the music scene in Austin. I used to go hear bands play all the time. But now that we have children, we don't go out. We are really out of touch.
6. If someone does something that effects you emotionally, you say you are touched. EX: I was touched when my grandson wrote me a letter telling me how much he loved me. EX: I was touched when I read the story about the dog protecting the little boy. It was a touching story. Have you been touched by anything you have read or heard lately?

Students-Take turns reading the example sentences below and tell what you think the underlined expression means.

1. I hope to get in touch with my old professor while I am in Houston. I haven't seen him in years.
2. Can you put me in touch with someone that will help me get a visa?
3. Touch base with me next week to make sure the party is still on.
4. Jill didn't touch her food tonight. I hope she isn't getting sick.
5. I can't believe you got that old can opener to work. You must have the magic touch.
6. My dad had an accident and is in the hospital. The doctor said things will be touch and go for the next few days. By the end of the week we should know if he will fully recover.
7. The decorator is putting the finishing touches on our new living room. I can't wait to see how it looks.

8. Will the painter touch up all the scuffs on the walls before we move in?
9. Bob is acting really crazy. I think he's lost touch with reality.
10. I mentioned Jan's ex-husband. She got really upset. I think I touched a nerve.
11. I feel like I have a touch of the flu. My head aches and I feel very tired.
12. The space shuttle touched down on time.