

Look at page 106 in the OPD. Today we will study the hand and fingers.

Point to these body parts: hand, wrist, thumb, palm, knuckle, fingernail

Demonstrate things you do with your hand:

Wave goodbye, make a fist, clip your fingernails, polish your nails, cross your fingers, point to something, scratch an itch, make gestures, clap, pound your fist, slap, touch, caress, rub your head, scrub, fold your hands

What is the difference between: 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.

EX: My boss told me I did a good job. He gave me a pat on the back.

EX: I left the lights on in my car. But a nice man tapped me on the shoulder. He pointed to my car. I saw the lights were on. I turned them off. I am glad he tapped me on the shoulder.

Read the conversations and discuss their meaning.

Bill: My finger is sore. I touched the hot stove. The stove burned my finger.

Susan: Your finger looks bad. You should get in touch with your doctor.

Rachel: My grandson sent me a letter. He said he loved me. He said I was his favorite grandmother.

Jackie: How nice. I bet you loved that letter.

Rachel: Yes, I was touched that he wrote me such a sweet letter.

Alice: I will visit Dallas this weekend.

Tim: Will you see your old friends?

Alice: No. I have not kept in touch with my old friends. I haven't talked to them in years.

Tim: That's too bad. I'm out of touch with my old college friends, too.

Jo: This music is good. What is the name of this band?

Cal: I don't know the name of the band. It is a modern band. I listen to eighties music. I am out of touch with today's music.

Greg: Goodbye, Martha. I hope you like your new job in Houston.

Martha: Thanks, Greg. I will miss all my friends here.

Greg: We will miss you too. Please keep in touch!

Dan: I need to get in touch with a lawyer. Do you know one?

Rita: My college roommate is a lawyer. She will help you. Here is her phone number.

Dan: Thank you. I will get in touch with her soon.

Ed: I'm going camping tomorrow. I will be out of touch for several days. There is no cell phone signal where we camp.

Jen: OK. I will take care of things while you are out of touch.

Mother: I think Ellen is sick. She didn't touch her food.

Father: I don't think Ellen is sick. She told me she ate a sandwich when she came home from school. I think Ellen wasn't hungry.

Sara: Will the painter touch up these walls before we move in?
Tom: Yes, he will touch up all the walls. Your apartment will look like new.

Jo: Please hand me my shoes. They are under your chair.
Jill: I can't reach your shoes. Can you give me a hand?

Sue: I have to move my couch to another room.
Jess: Do you want me to come help you?
Sue: No, thanks. I asked Dad to come give me a hand with it. He has a strong back.

Group Talk:

1. Show some gestures you make with your hands. Which ones are not used in the U.S.? Which gestures do Americans use that are not used in your country?
2. A "handout" is something you give to a poor person. EX: That man has no home. He lives on handouts. Do you ever give homeless people on the street handouts? Do you give them money or food?
3. Do you hold hands with your spouse in public? Do men ever hold hands with other men in your country? Is it OK for men and women to hold hands in public in your country? Do you usually shake hands when you meet someone?
4. If you "hand down" clothes, you pass clothes to another person when you outgrow them. EX: My son has outgrown his jeans. I will hand them down to his little brother. Did you hand down your clothes to your younger siblings. Did you ever wear clothes handed down to you? "Second hand" means things that are used. EX: She wears second hand clothes because she can't afford new ones. We bought a second hand car when we arrived here.
5. How do you keep in touch with your old friends? Do you text, email or phone them? Have you "lost touch" with any of your old friends?

