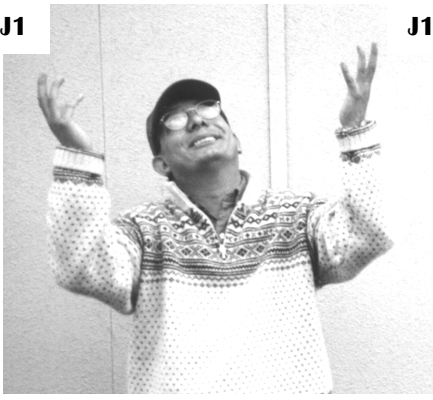


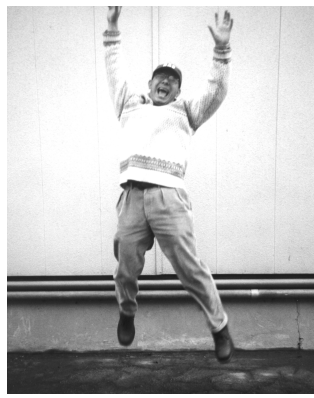
J1



J1

JOY/CONGRATULATIONS:
In thankfulness,
raise your arms and
face upward.

J2



J2

JOY/CONGRATULATIONS
Excited, jump up.
Raise your arms
high.

J3



J3

JOY/CONGRATULATIONS:
Smiling, pat
someone on the
back.

J4



J4

JOY/CONGRATULATIONS:
Laughing, clap your
hands a few times. (Slap
them together. Pull them
apart.)

K1



K1

KIDS, A GESTURE FOR:
Hold the hand of
someone that needs
protection.

K2



K2

KIDS, A GESTURE
FOR: Pat a child
on the head.

K3



K3

KIDS, A GESTURE FOR:
Hold (cradle) a
baby in your arms.

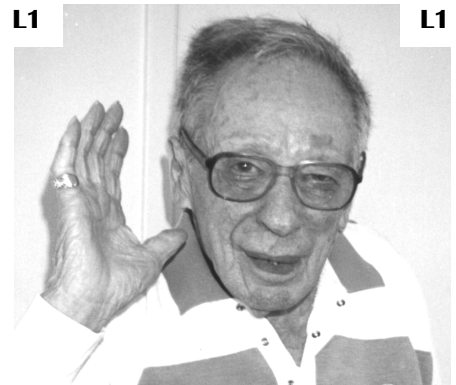
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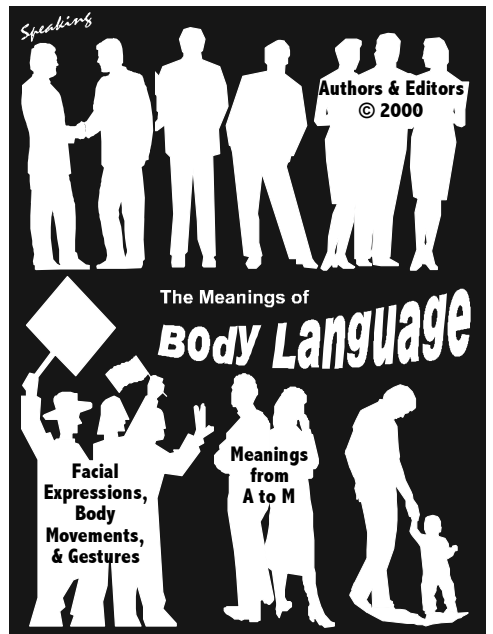
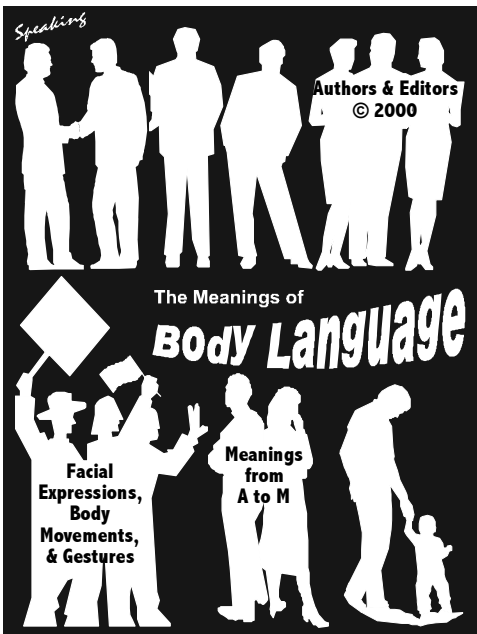
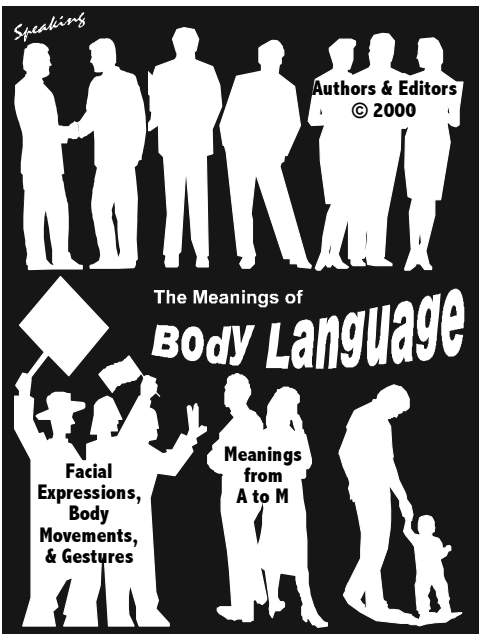
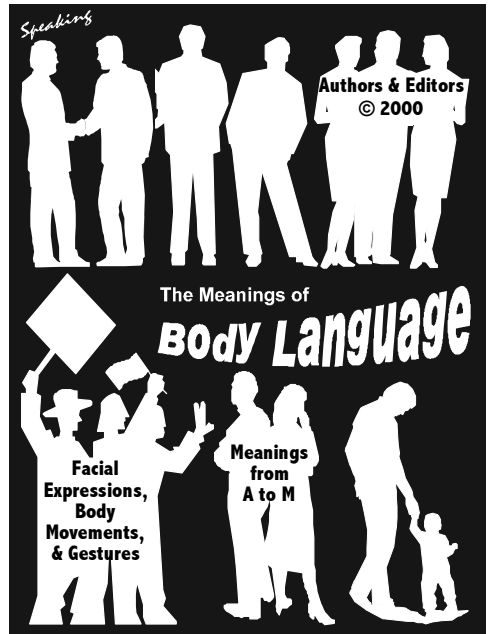
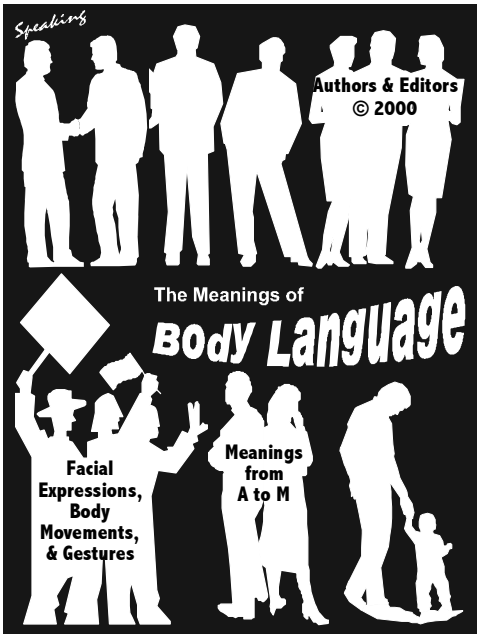
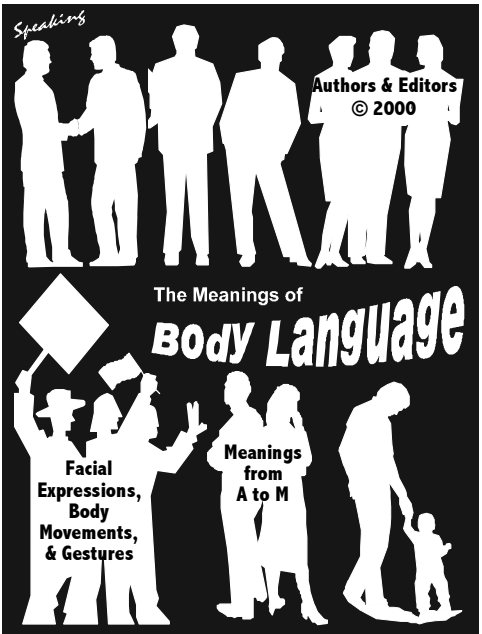
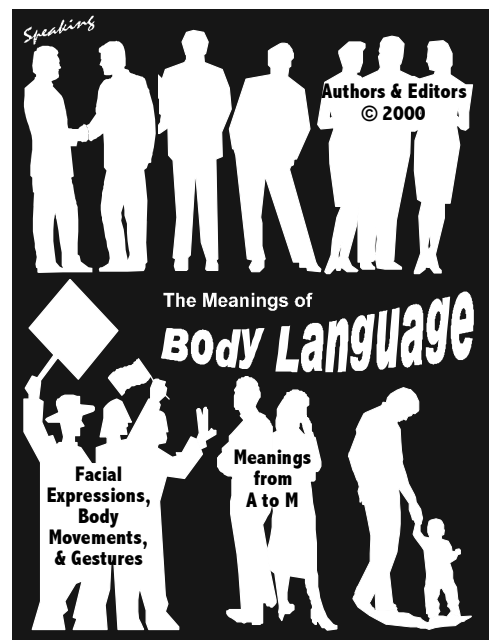
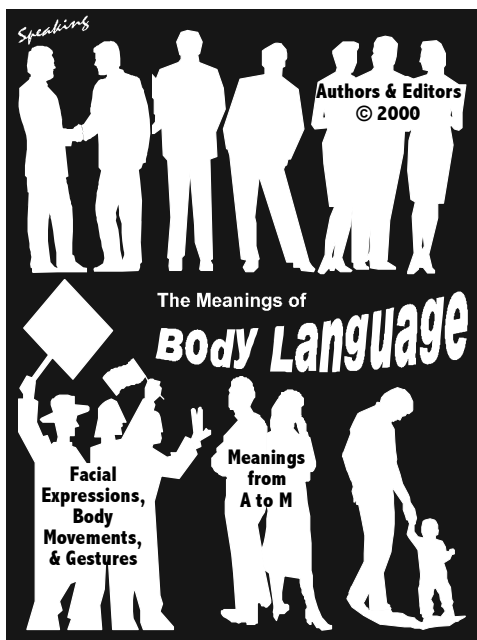
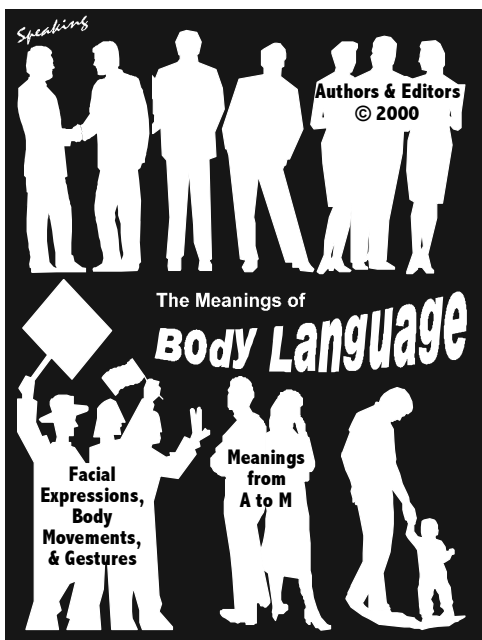
KIDS, A GESTURE FOR:
Point a finger. Shake it
up and down. It means
"shame on you."

L1



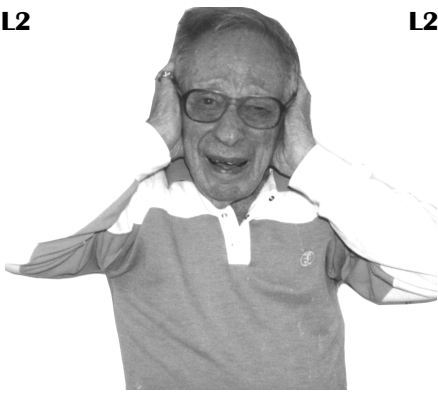
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LISTENING/LOUDNESS:
Cup your hand to
your ear. Can you
hear better?



L2

L2



LISTENING/LOUDNESS:
To block noise, cover
the ears with your
palms.

L3

L3



LISTENING/LOUDNESS: Press
the palms down several
times. This means
“lower the noise.”

L4

L4



LISTENING/LOUDNESS:
Hold the upright
forefinger to the
rounded lips. Shhh.

M1

M1



MONEY: Rub the
thumb to the
fingertips of the
same hand.

M2

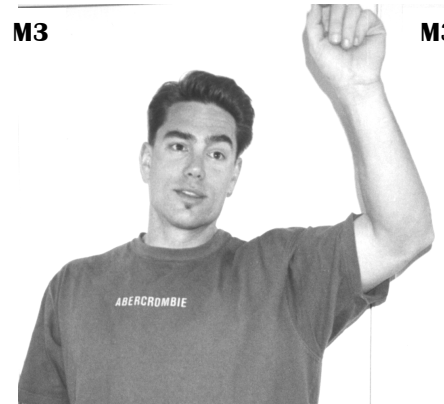
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MONEY: Hold out
your open hands to
get payment.

M3

M3



MONEY: Motion to
the waiter that you
are ready to pay.

M4

M4



MONEY: Your pockets
are empty, and so
are your hands. You
have no money.

Speaking

The Meanings of

Body Language

EXPLANATION

Why include the unspoken meanings of body language in teaching and learning English?

- Because the message conveyed through facial expressions and body-part movements may override what spoken words intend to communicate.
- Because although many gestures are universal, others are culture-bound. That is, they may have different, or even insulting, meanings to the uninitiated.
- Because successful communication is such a complex process that both the initiator and the receiver need to understand and make use of all the helpful signals they can get.

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INSTRUCTIONS

There are many ways to make efficient, effective use of the 52 picture-and-word body language cards A-M. Here are a few ideas:

- According to the meanings of the gestures, match similar or associated cards. Imitate the facial expressions or body movements from the pictures.
- Demonstrate each pair or group of gestures. Explain how they are similar and different.
- Might the expressions or movements have other meanings in other contexts? Explain.
- Show and explain other gestures with similar and/or opposite meanings in English-speaking and/or other cultures.

