

Create your own group friendship recognition



V for Victory

Flashing hand signs is a safe and highly customizable form of greeting.

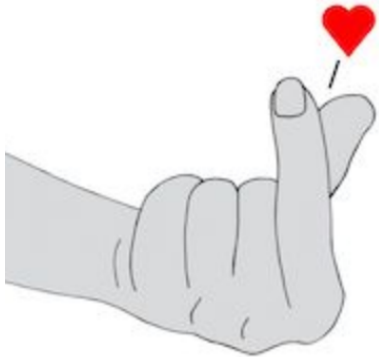
The "V for Victory" sign has a long history, possibly originating as a hand sign made by English archers in the 15th century to show their battle-readiness (you only need those two fingers to shoot an arrow). The sign was used extensively in America during World War II and was then co-opted by the antiwar movement in the 1960s to signify peace. Now it's a popular way to signal levity when taking a selfie.



Namaste

An almost universally recognized gesture of polite salutation is to place your hands at chest level, with palms together and fingers pointing up.

This sign goes by many names. It's most commonly referred to as the Hindu Namaste gesture, or more formally as the *Anjali mudra*. In Thailand it is called *wai*, in Cambodia, *sampeah*, and in Japanese Zen Buddhism, *gassho*.



Finger Heart

This gesture, in which the tips of the thumb and forefinger form the bumps of a tiny heart, comes from South Korea, where it was first popularized by K-pop stars.

The heart is supposedly small enough to not carry any overt romantic connotations. This sign is appropriate even between casual friends.



Shaka

From Hawaiian surf culture we get the *shaka*, or "hang loose" sign. Extend your thumb and pinky and rotate your hand back and forth for emphasis.

This sign carries strong positive connotations of friendship, solidarity, and a laid-back attitude.