



Semiotic

Communicate meaningful information



Gesticulation

Spontaneous movements of hands & arms that accompany speech



Iconic

Representational gestures depicting some feature of the object, action, or event being described



Metaphoric

Gestures that represent a common abstract metaphor, rather than the object or event directly



Beat

Small, formless gestures, often associated with word emphasis



Deictic

Pointing gestures that refer to people, objects, or events in space or time

Language-like gestures

Gestures that integrated into a spoken utterance, replacing a particular spoken word or phrase

Pantomimes

Gestures that depict objects or actions, with or without accompanying speech

Emblems

Familiar gestures such as “V” for “victory” (cultural specific)

Linguistic systems

Such as American Sign Language, any languages



Ergotic

Manipulate the environment



Epistemic

Discover the environment through tactile experience



Contact-based



Free-form



Eye Movement



Head Motion

Types of Gestures