

A SIGN OF RESPECT: Strategies for Successful Deaf /Hearing Interactions PART 1

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Unit 7 - Learning the Basics of Deaf Culture

WATCH: Choice Point 7a - Hug

Video: Amy is walking down steps into an outdoor plaza space. A caption appears on the left side of the screen that says:

Amy is looking for the Deaf woman who told her about this theater event.

We see the crowd of people standing outside the theater doors chatting in ASL. Amy is scanning the crowd looking for someone. She looks around, and eventually we see a white woman with a yellow top notice Amy. The woman smiles and starts walking toward Amy. Amy waves, and the woman approaches Amy with her arms out for a hug. Amy looks unsure of what to do next. The scene freezes and moves to the left while Tom Holcomb appears on the right side.

TOM (signing with voiceover): Deaf people often greet each other with a hug.

What's the most appropriate way to hug?

Video: Tom fades out and the three choices, A, B and C, are shown in order:

A: Amy stiffens as the woman hugs her.

B: Amy hugs the woman briefly then they step back from each other.

C: Amy hugs the woman tightly and adjusts her arms to hold her closer, and puts her hand on the back of her head.

Scene fades then Tom Holcomb appears in the center.

TOM (signing with voiceover): Which one do you think it is: A, B or C?

Video: Tom fades out and the Choice Point 7a menu screen appears with still images of the three answer choices A, B and C.

A: Amy does not hug back

B: Amy hugs back

C: Amy gives a long and warm hug

The instructions are to select the image to choose an answer and get feedback on the answer. There is a button on the bottom center to replay the choices.

After watching the feedback on the choice, a menu appears with instructions to select the Menu button to view the feedback for all the choices, then use the navigator button on the right side of the program screen to view the readings and exercises in the unit.

Select Choice A:

TOM (signing with voiceover): No, that doesn't look right. Amy is so stiff. The hug looks awkward and uncomfortable.

Select Choice B:

TOM (signing with voiceover): Correct! All our respondents chose this hug. A warm hug like this is a typical way of greeting each other in the Deaf community.

Select Choice C:

TOM (signing with voiceover): Too much! This embrace looks like they are in an intimate relationship, and that's not right.