

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 7b - Joining a conversation in progress

Video: We are inside of the theater facing the audience in their seats getting settled. Amy walks in front of two other people to get to her seat. She pulls out the program and we see that it says “Talent Show, May 2, 3 PM.” Then she looks at her watch, and the time is 3:15. The man seated next to Amy is looking away from Amy and engaged in a signed conversation with the woman on his left. Amy is looking over at them. The scene freezes and moves to the left while Tom Holcomb appears on the right side.

TOM (signing with voiceover): What is a polite way for Amy to interject a question into this signed conversation?

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

A: Amy waits until there is a pause in the couple’s conversation, then lightly taps the man on his shoulder. The man turns and Amy signs “Excuse me... (with voiceover)”

B: Amy interrupts the conversation and taps the man a bit aggressively on his shoulder and signs “Excuse me...(with voiceover)”

C: Amy waves her arm at the man, but he is turned toward the other woman in conversation. Amy waves her hand aggressively in front of his face, interrupting the conversation until he turns toward her.

Scene fades then Tom Holcomb appears in the center.

TOM (signing with voiceover): Please go ahead and make your choice.

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

A: Wait until hands are dropped

B: Just ask the question

C: Wave in front of the person's eyes to get attention

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): Correct! The most polite way to interrupt a conversation is to wait for a pause and quickly interject your comment.

Select Choice B:

TOM (signing with voiceover): No, it's not polite to interrupt the conversation.

Select Choice C:

TOM (signing with voiceover): No, it is not polite to intrude into a conversation by signing in front of people's eyes.