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Getting Someone's Attention

Sort the ways to get a Deaf person's attention into polite and not polite.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Ways to get attention

- tap their shoulder gently
- wave where they can see you
- flick the lights for a group
- tap the table so they feel it
- shout their name
- grab their face to turn it
- throw something at them
- wave right in front of their eyes

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Polite	Not polite

Answer the questions.

Once you have their attention, where should you look while you sign?

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ANSWER KEY · DEAF CULTURE AND MANNERS · GRADES 1–4

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Answers for grown-ups. Where kids write their own ideas, the key shows one example.



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At the person, keeping eye contact

Why is it rude to look away while someone signs to you?

Signing is seen, so looking away means you stopped listening.

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