Journal One: Non-Verbal Communication in France

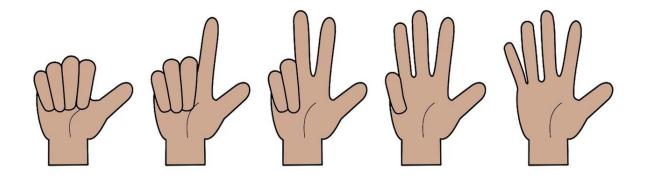
The French Tend to be more "controlled than Americans are. Their movement is almost stiff or tense. Americans usually take up more space and are more relaxed





Faire La Bise
This is how French people typically
greet one another and say goodbye to
friends and family. La bise is like an air
kiss, the lips never touch the other
person's cheek, but they just touch one
another

Un, Deux, Trois
In America, people typically start
counting with their index finger.
But in France, people begin with
their thumb.



Du Fric

This gesture means that something is very expensive, or that you need money. People sometimes also say du fric! when they make this gesture. To make the gesture, hold one hand up and slide your thumb back and forth across your fingertips.





J'ai de Nez
When you tap the side of your
nose with your index finger,
you're saying that you are
clever and quick-thinking, or
you've done or said something
smart.