

LANGUAGE OF THE HANDKERCHIEF



Most everyone has heard of sign language. The Indians used it and so do many people today. Perhaps you have tried it too.

Elegant ladies living in the late 1800s also used a sign language of sorts, but instead of using their hands to communicate with another person they used a handkerchief. Find a scarf or handkerchief and, using the code below, see if you can carry on a secret conversation.

Draw handkerchief across eyes - I am sorry
Drop handkerchief - We will be friends
Twirl handkerchief in both hands - I don't care
Draw handkerchief across cheek - I love you
Draw handkerchief through hands - I hate you
Let handkerchief rest on right cheek - Yes
Let handkerchief rest on left cheek - No
Twirl handkerchief in left hand - Go away
Fold handkerchief - I wish to speak to you
Draw handkerchief over the right shoulder -
Follow me
Hold opposite corners of handkerchief in both
hands - Wait for me
Draw handkerchief across the forehead - We are
being watched
Let handkerchief remain over your eyes - You
are mean
Put handkerchief in your pocket - No more at
present
Crumple handkerchief up in your hand - I am
impatient
Touch handkerchief to right eye twice - Repeat
your last signal