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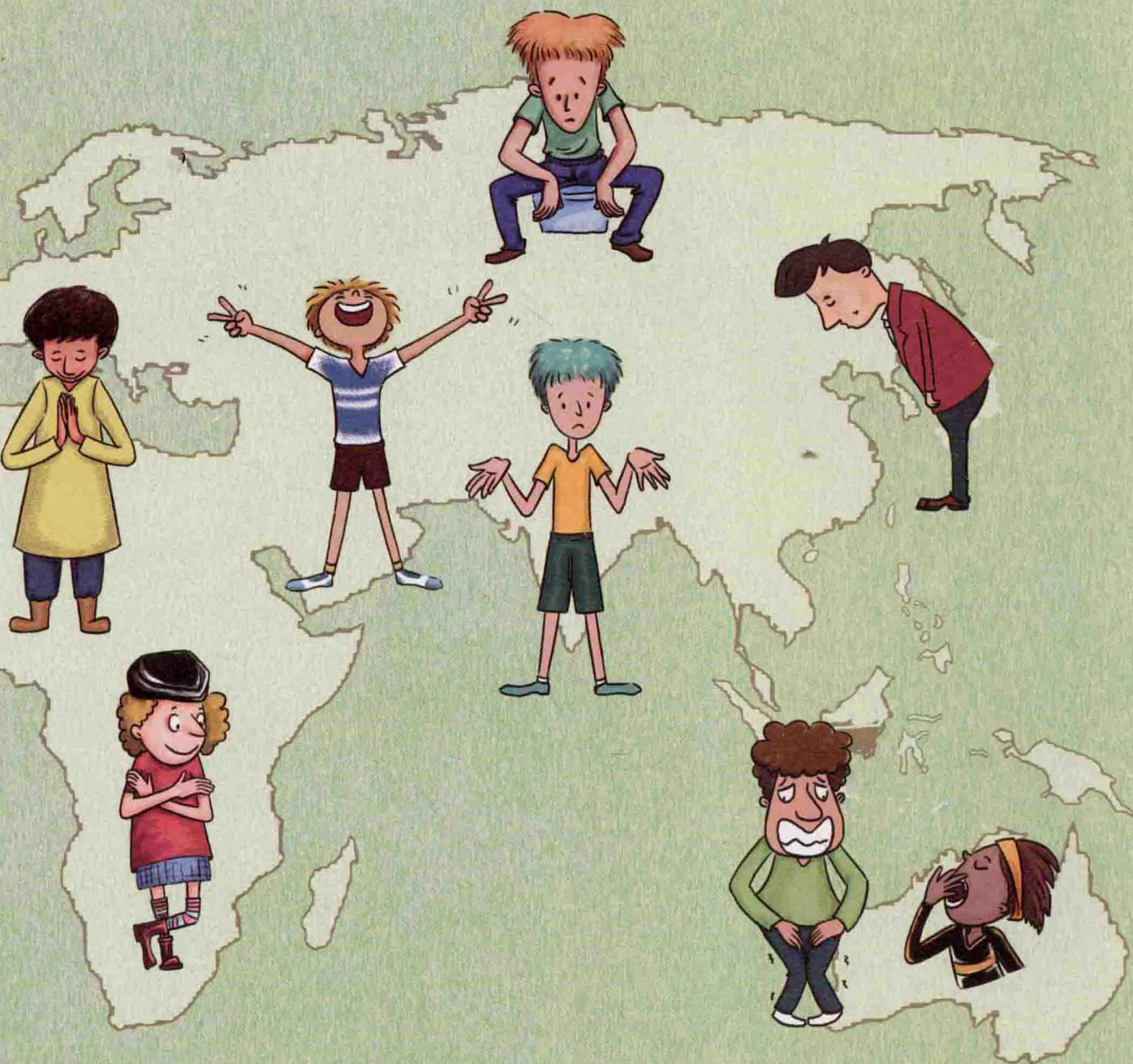


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There is a language.
We use it every day.
It's not Chinese, Japanese, French or English.
Guess what it is!



It's body language!

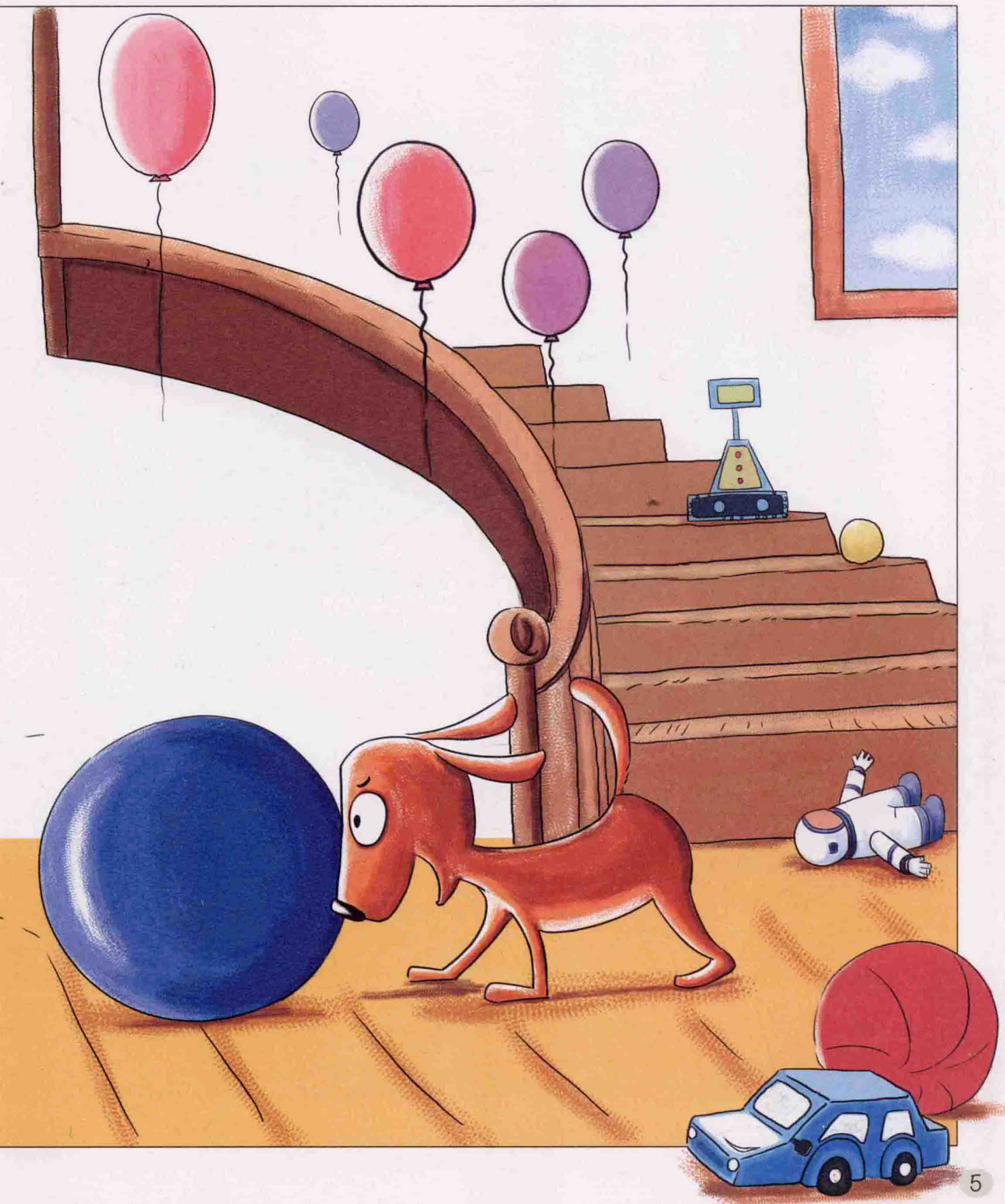


When we were babies, we already knew how to use body language.

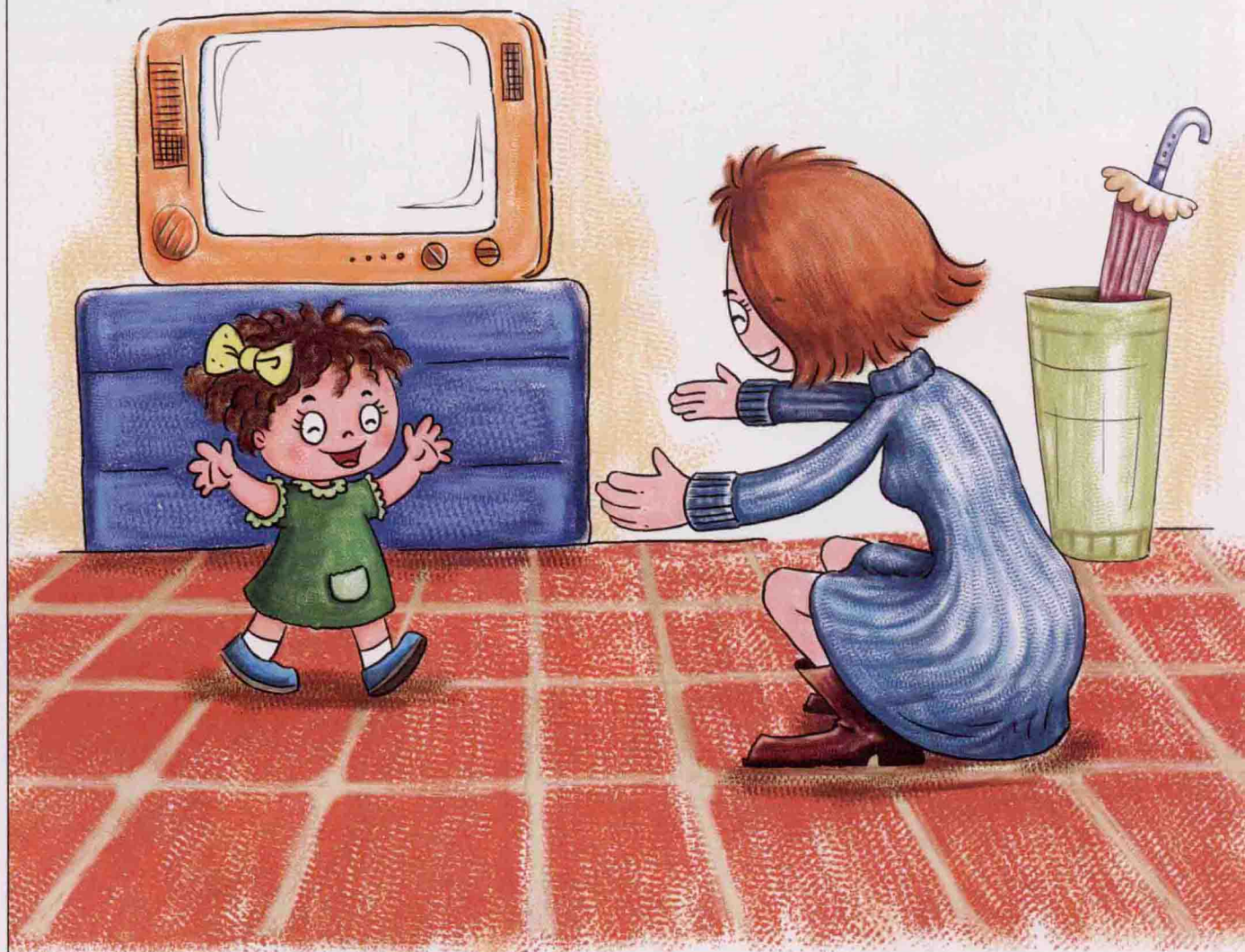


When we wanted a toy, we pointed to the toy.





When we wanted a hug, we opened our arms.



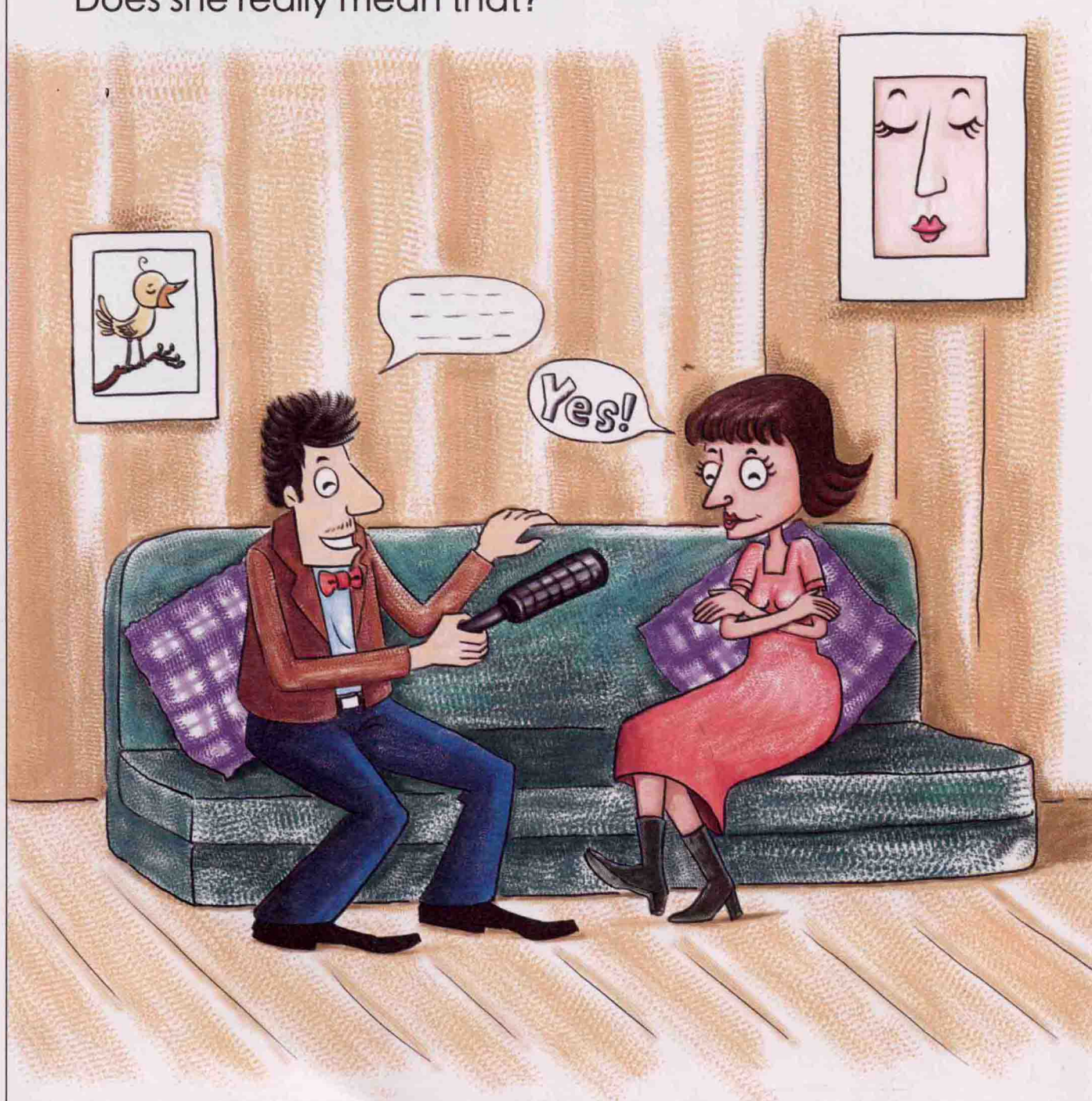


As we grew up, we learned to speak.
But we still often use body language.

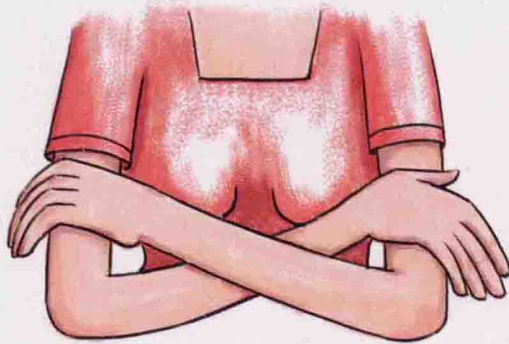


Sometimes body language is much more honest than words.

Look at that woman. She says, "Yes!"
Does she really mean that?

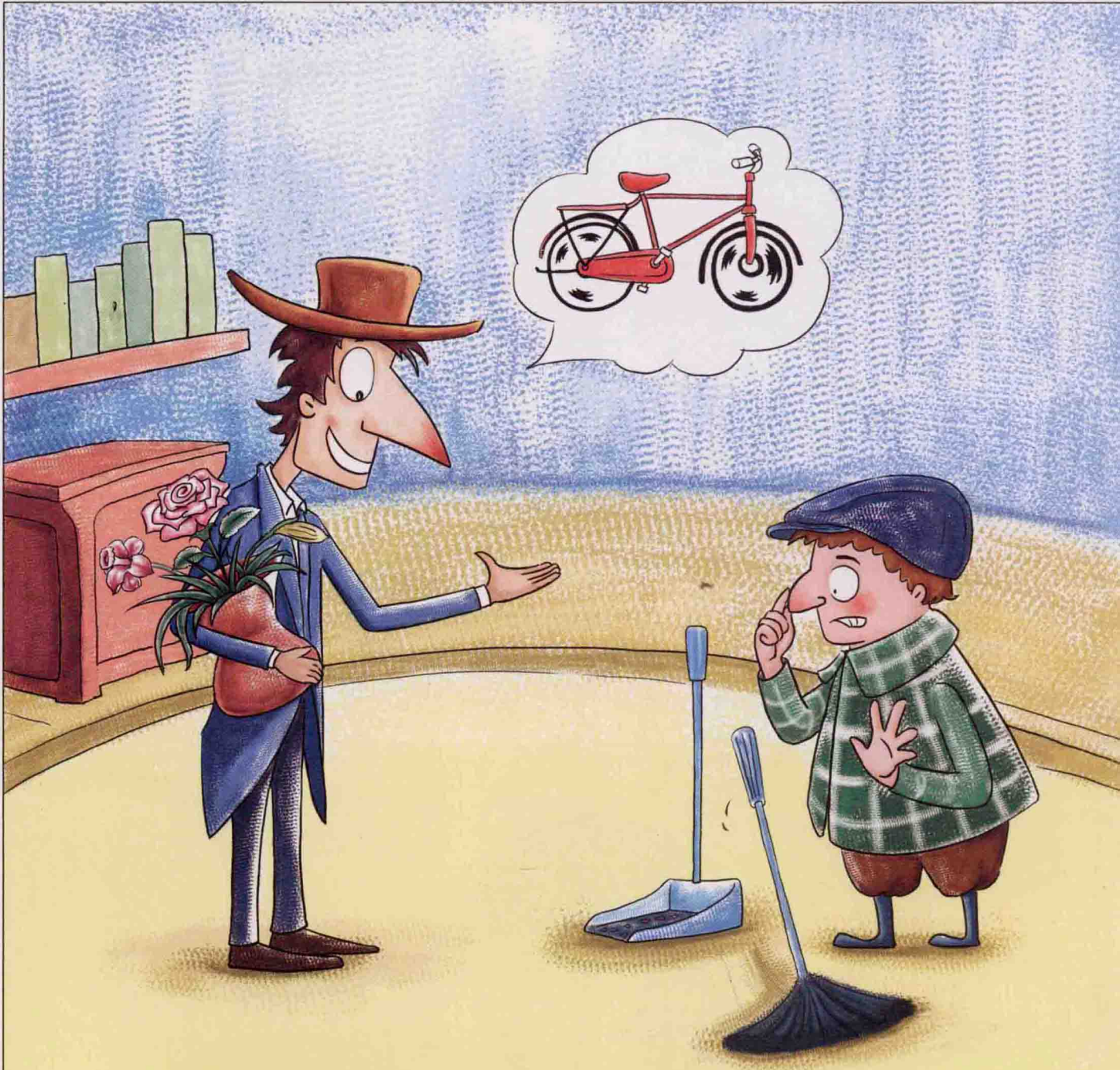


Maybe not!
She crosses her arms across her chest!



That usually means “I don’t want to listen.”
or “I don’t agree.”





Look at that man. He says, "I didn't see it yesterday."
Is he telling the truth?



Maybe not! He is touching his nose when he talks.
That usually means he is lying.

Some body language has totally different meanings in different countries.

Here is an example.



What does this sign mean? Very good?



In Germany, the “thumbs up” sign means “1”.
But in Japan, it means “5”.
Therefore, be careful when you are using body
language in different countries.



No matter how different the meaning of body language is, there is one kind of body language that never needs an explanation.

That is a **SMILE**.

