

Tools to comment on a performance

Orders:

Have him do that!

Make him look sadder! Move / Tilt his head to the left! Get him to lean forward!

Don't look that happy! Don't pretend you're happy! Look sadder!

Suggestions:

You could make him touch / grab / clench / seize ...

He could stand to attention / He could sprawl himself on the chair / Put his feet up on the table

Why not lie down / sit down / sit up / stand up / kneel down / bow?

How about lifting your arm? How about craning your neck? Pointing at the floor? Moving forward / backward / slightly to the left / to the right?

Reproach:

He just can't look that healthy / happy / satisfied / stiff !

There is no way you can tell what his feelings are!

Advice:

You should have made him lift his arm, look away, look in the distance, lower his eyes.

He should hold out his hand, put his palms up.

He should look up / down.



He should put his arms akimbo

He should fold his arms

He could pat the dog / scratch its head / stroke its back

To beckon / to wave at someone / to nudge someone (*pousser du coude, heurter*) / to give a nudge

To nod (to agree) ≠ to shake one's head (to disagree)

To snap one's fingers / to tap one's foot in time

To flex your muscles (to show off)

Verbs connected with the mouth and breathing: breathe, yawn, cough, sneeze, sigh, hiccough / hiccup, snore.

Verbs connected with eyes and face: wink, frown, wince, smile, grin, blush.