

Editorial

There are different ways to flip one page to get to the next. Mostly used for this action is the forefinger in connection with the thumb.

First, the thumb slides underneath one leaf, then the forefinger joins by tipping onto the visible page, while the pinky, ring and middle finger provide outstretched support.

During this process, thumb and forefinger are connected, with only a single sheet separating them.

In this way, forefinger and thumb form a ring. Regardless of the visual ability of the reader or the quality of the reading material itself, this gesture could be read as a sign of excellence, an o.k. in diving communication, or even indication of one part of a pair of glasses, like a monocle.

But certainly this gesture would take place somewhere else. For the monocle, the circled thumb and forefinger would be in front of one eye, and in the other instances the whole hand would be raised in the air or even under water.

But there are also other options when flipping a page. For instance, whipping. It works perfectly on thick books with flexible sheets.

As English language books are meant to be read from left to right, right handed individuals would use the right hand as a support under the book, while the left hand performs the main act.

The left forefinger gives a small push on the visible page and rubs it from right to left. Of course, this function is interrupted if the pages are sticking together, in which case, a time tested adhesive can be used: spit.

It collects a micro cluster but not an eternal one, it lasts for only a few moments but allows for fast whips. This should work.

In really difficult cases, knives or scissors can be used.