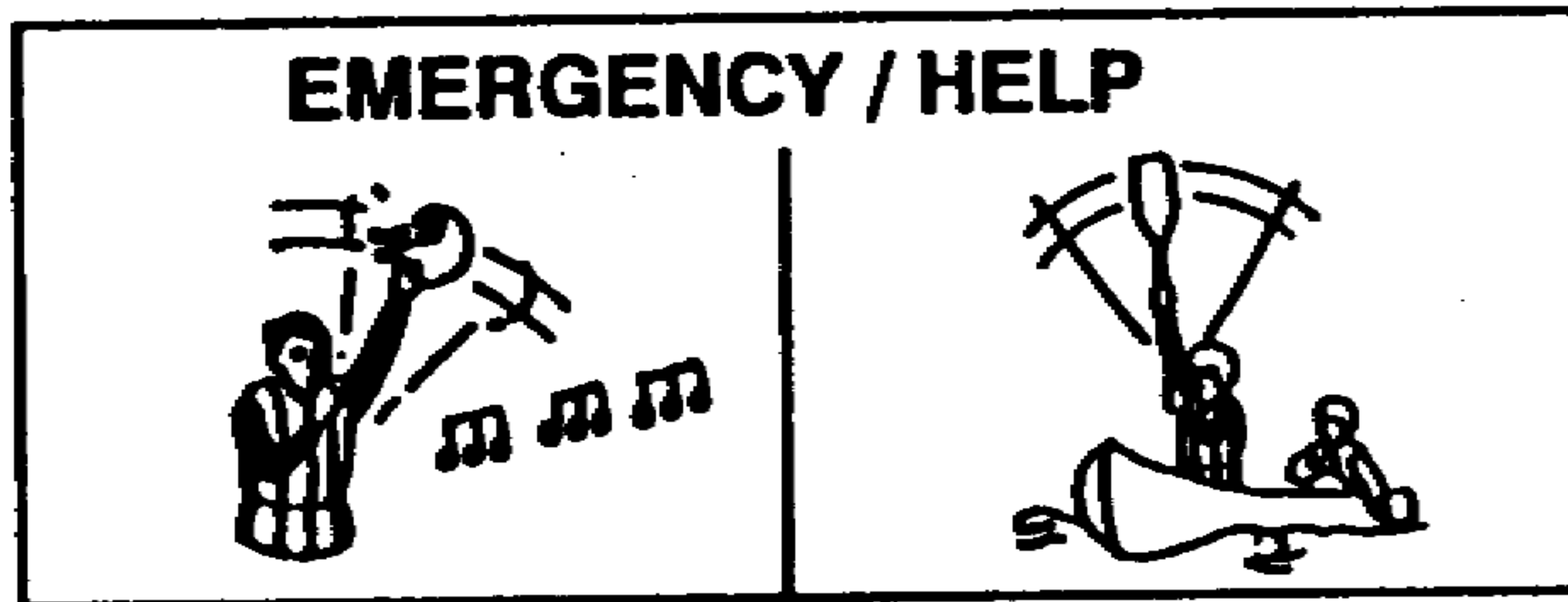
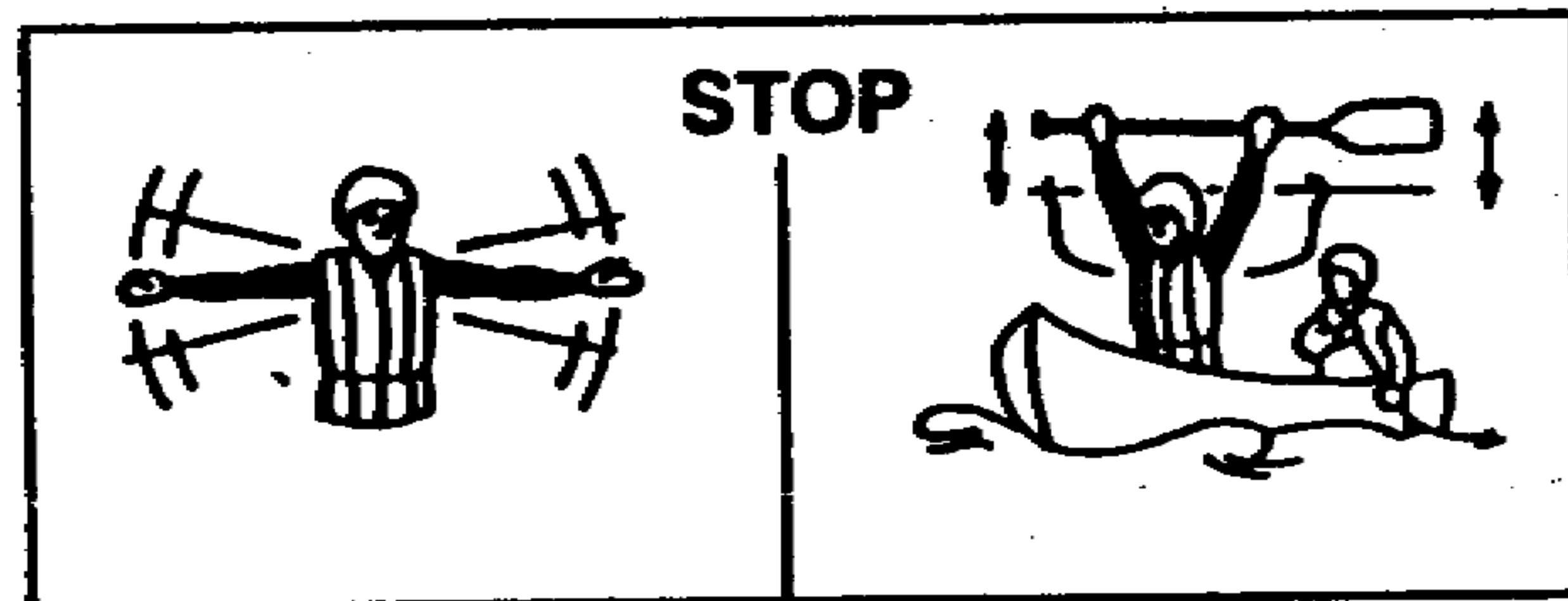


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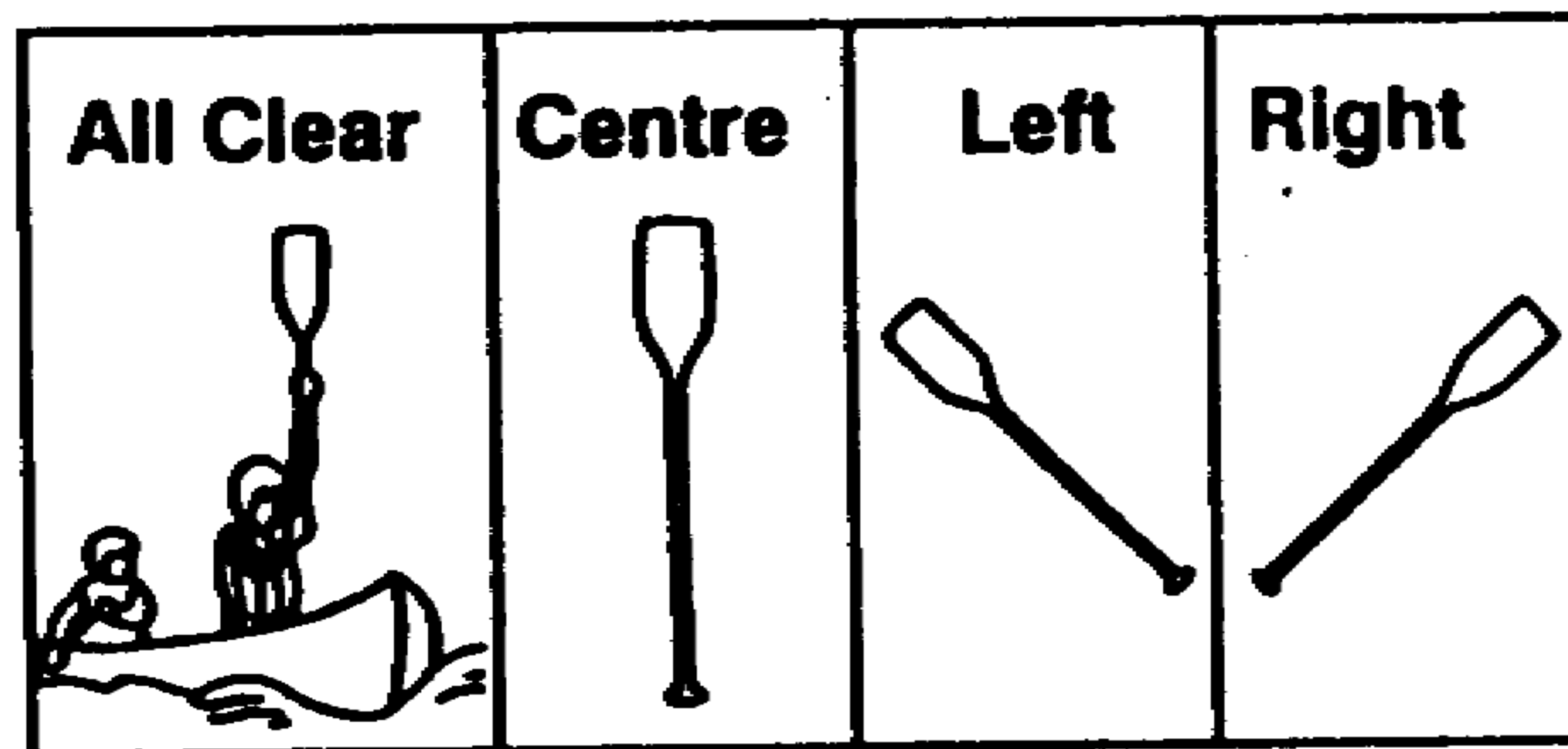
EMERGENCY - HELP:

Assist the signaller as quickly as possible. Give 3 long blasts on a police whistle while waving a paddle, helmet or PFD over your head in a circular motion. If a whistle is not available use the visual signal alone. A whistle should be carried on a lanyard attached to the shoulder of a PFD.



STOP:

Potential hazard ahead; get off the water, preferably to the side indicated by paddle blade. Hold paddle horizontally and move it up and down to attract attention. Alternatively, wave outstretched arms up and down. When you see the signal pass it back to others in the party. Wait for "all clear" signal before proceeding, or scout ahead.



ALL CLEAR; RUN CENTRE/RUN LEFT/RUN RIGHT:

Come ahead. In the absence of other directions, proceed down the centre. Form a vertical bar with your paddle or with one arm held high above your head. Paddle blade should be turned flat for maximum visibility. To signal direction or preferred course through a rapid around an obstruction, lower the previously vertical "all clear" by 45 degrees toward the side of the river with the preferred route. Never point toward the obstacle you wish to avoid.

YOU are responsible for passing signals back to other canoeists. Keep signalling, until the canoe behind responds by passing the signal on. If you are the last canoe, signal anyway so that the preceding canoe knows that you have received their message.