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This work is dedicated to those who struggle to learn to communicate with others, and to those teachers who devote themselves to bringing these desires to fruition.

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To the Deaf community that has nurtured me since birth, and to all who seek to understand the beauty of American Sign Language.

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Preface

The American Sign Language Handshape Dictionary departs from most sign language dictionaries in that it is organized by the various shapes of the hands used to form signs rather than in English alphabetical word order. This unique format allows users to search for a sign that they recognize but whose meaning they have forgotten or for the meaning of a new sign they have seen for the very first time.

The American Sign Language Handshape Dictionary will be especially helpful to new sign language students, and it will be a handy reference for people who know some signs but want to increase their vocabulary. The dictionary will also be valuable to Deaf people who want to know the various English words that are used to signify the same concept conveyed in a particular sign. Finally, the Index of English Glosses provides an English to American Sign Language (ASL) listing of all the signs in the book so that new signers can look up a word in English to learn the conceptually correct sign to use to express a specific idea. This dual-language feature enables users to go from ASL to English or English to ASL easily and quickly.

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Introduction

American Sign Language (ASL) is a visual/gestural language. It is a *natural* language, meaning that it has developed naturally over time by its users, Deaf people. ASL has all of the features of any language; that is, it is a rule-governed system using symbols to represent meaning. In ASL, the symbols are specific hand movements and configurations that are modified by facial expressions to convey meaning. These gestures or symbols are called *signs*.

Contrary to common belief, ASL is not derived from any spoken language, nor is it a visual code representing English. It is a unique and distinct language, one that does not depend on speech or sound. ASL has its own grammar, sentence construction, idiomatic usage, slang, style, and regional variations—the characteristics that define any language.

American Sign Language is the shared language that unites Deaf people in what is known as the Deaf community. *Deaf* with a capital *D* is used in publications to recognize the cultural and linguistic affiliation of Deaf people who are members of the Deaf community, whereas *deaf* with a lowercase *d* is used to refer to deaf people who do not embrace ASL or involve themselves with the values, organizations, and events that are heralded by signing Deaf people. The Deaf community is not bound by geographic borders, but rather comprises those people who elect to become members by using ASL as their preferred mode of communication and by accepting the cultural identity of Deaf people. It is difficult to give an accurate number of how many people are in the Deaf community because census takers typically lump together all people who have a hearing loss. Many researchers believe that approximately 10 percent of the general population has some degree of hearing loss and that 1 percent of that number represents Deaf people, for a total of about half a million people in the Deaf community.

The people most likely to be native users of ASL are those who have Deaf parents. People who lose their hearing as infants, before they begin to speak, may become native signers if they are exposed to ASL at an early age. These people, who are unable to hear English and learn it naturally, must be taught English through formal means. Hearing children of Deaf parents also acquire ASL as a first language. However, their enculturation tends to cross the cultures of the Deaf and hearing worlds. These children, like their Deaf counterparts, are often referred to as bicultural and bilingual.

History of Sign Language in America

Not much is known about deaf people who came to America before the beginning of the nineteenth century, although evidence suggests that they brought the sign languages of their native countries with them. Because there were no schools specifically for them and traveling was difficult, deaf people probably had very little contact with one another.

This situation began to change in the early 1800s when Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, a Connecticut clergyman, embarked on a voyage abroad at the request of a Hartford physician who had a deaf daughter. Gallaudet had heard that successful methods of educating deaf children were being used in Europe, and he was eager to learn these teaching methods and bring them back to America so that he could open a school for children who were deaf. After a lukewarm welcome by the administrators of the school for the deaf in England, Gallaudet moved on to the Royal Institution for the Deaf in Paris, where he was well received. He studied French signs and methods of teaching deaf children using sign language. When Gallaudet was ready to return to Hartford, he contracted with Laurent Clerc, a graduate of the Royal Institution and one of the best teachers at the school in Paris, to return with him to America. Clerc played an important role in the emergence of early versions of ASL by bringing French Sign Language to the United States to intermingle with existing sign languages.

Gallaudet and Clerc established the first permanent school for deaf children in the United States. The school opened in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1817. This event is viewed as a milestone for the Deaf community in that it brought large numbers of Deaf people together for the first time. The school became a forum for sharing ideas, experiences, beliefs, and values unique to Deaf life. The founding of this school helped to create, develop, and nurture an enduring sense of community—the Deaf community.

American Sign Language, formed of a fusion between sign languages already in existence (including the newly imported French Sign Language), did what most languages do: it evolved. It was flexible enough to be able to respond to the ever-changing American society, and today it has evolved into one of the richest sign languages in the world. We are indebted to Gallaudet, to early Deaf pioneers, to the French for the head start they gave us, and for the conditions here in the United States that have nurtured ASL.

Signs—The Vocabulary of American Sign Language

A sign is a gesture or movement that conveys a concept. Each sign is made with a specific hand configuration or handshape, placed at various locations on or near the signer's body. If the handshape, movement, or location changes, the meaning of the sign also changes. Signs are the basic semantic units of sign languages, much as words are the basic semantic units of spoken languages.

The signs of ASL are formed with one hand or two hands. When a sign is formed using only one hand, the hand used is determined by the signer's natural dominance. The same is true for two-hand signs in which only one hand moves. The hand that moves is called the *dominant* hand, while the other hand is called the *passive* hand. The illustrations in this dictionary show models with a right-hand dominance.

Two-hand signs can be produced in one of three ways: (1) both hands form identical handshapes and both hands move; (2) both hands form identical handshapes but only the dominant hand moves; or (3) the hands form

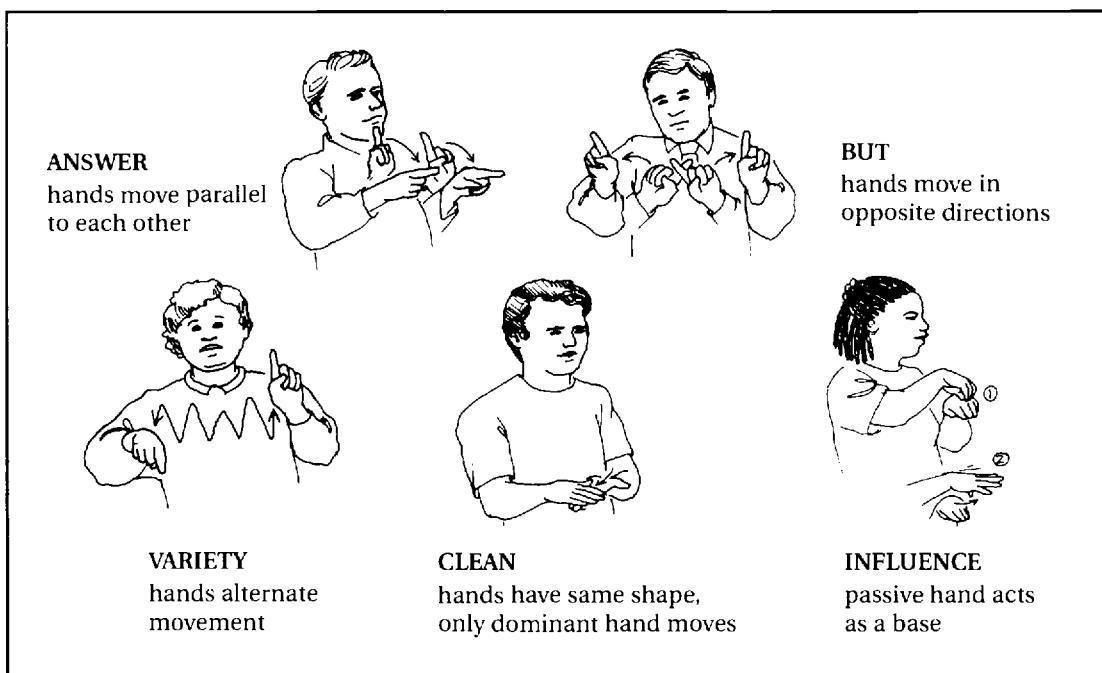
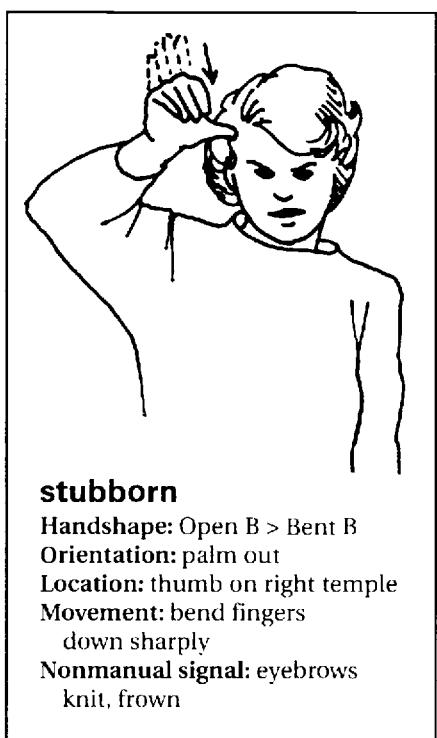


Figure 1. Examples of how two-hand signs can be formed.

different handshapes and only the dominant hand moves, while the passive hand is restricted to a limited set of handshapes (see figure 1).

When both hands move, a *symmetry* condition exists, which means that the handshapes and movements must be identical. These movements may be made either in unison or alternatingly. In addition, when the hands move in unison the movement can be parallel or in opposite directions. For two-hand signs in which the handshapes are not identical, a *dominance* condition exists in that the passive hand remains static while the dominant hand executes the sign. The handshape of the dominant hand is more significant than the shape of the passive hand. The dominant hand carries the essential information whereas the other hand acts primarily as a base and, as such, is usually stationary and limited in the handshapes that it can have. The dominant hand can display any of approximately 150 different handshapes, but the passive hand can assume only about seven handshapes. Because the passive hand plays a lesser role, that hand is often less carefully articulated.



Native signers are naturally consistent in their adherence to the rules regarding symmetry and dominance. Someone who does not observe these rules is awkward to watch, particularly if the person alternatingly uses the left and the right hand for one-hand signs.

Parameters of a Sign

Every sign is a composite of basic components or *parameters*. The parameters of a sign are handshape, palm orientation, location, movement, and nonmanual features or signals. If one of these five parameters changes, a completely different sign may be formed. You will notice that the sign descriptions written for each sign illustration in this dictionary include each of these parameters (see figure 2).

Figure 2. All sign descriptions include the five parameters of a sign.

Handshape

The handshape is probably the most apparent parameter of a sign. It is the configuration the hand assumes when beginning to make a sign. The most frequently used handshapes are the letters of the American Manual Alphabet and the manual numbers (see pages 20 and 26); however, linguists have identified a large number of discrete handshapes. In order to make this book as accessible as possible, the signs have been organized using forty of the possible handshapes. Handshapes that are quite similar to each other (for example, K and P) have been arbitrarily grouped under one of these handshapes.

Palm Orientation

The next parameter of a sign is its orientation, or the direction in which the hand is turned. The direction that the palm of the hand faces (up, down, left, or right) is a useful way of describing the orientation because once the palm is described, the direction of the fingers and back of the hand is obvious.

Location

Signs are formed on or near only certain areas of the body. Approximately 75 percent of all signs are formed in the head and neck area because there they can be seen more easily. For the same reason, over time, signs that used to be formed near the waist or elbows have moved up and in toward the chest. The location of a sign frequently contributes to its meaning. For example, many signs that denote feelings are formed near the heart, whereas signs related to cognitive concepts are formed near the head.

Movement

Much of the meaning of signs may be expressed through movement. The direction in which a sign moves may indicate the doer or recipient of the action. For example, if the sign *HELP*¹ moves from the signer toward another person, help is offered to that person. If the sign moves in toward the signer, another person might be helping the signer. The repetition of the movement may indicate several things—the frequency of an action, the plurality of a noun, or the distinction between a noun and a verb. The size of the movement may indicate volume or size. And the speed or vigor of the movement combined with the appropriate nonmanual signals may convey many adverbial aspects of what is being expressed. Generally, the signs in this book show basic movements to which a skilled signer may add the semantic variations.

¹ ASL signs are indicated by using small capital letters for the English glosses of root signs.

Nonmanual Signals

If you have executed each of the first four parameters, you can succeed in correctly making a sign. However, being a good signer involves more than just executing signs correctly. In spoken languages, additional semantic information is carried through one's tone of voice. In sign language, additional semantic information is carried through one's body and facial expressions. This nonmanual parameter occurs at the same time that the sign is being executed to contribute to its meaning. The signed message is quite different if you shake your head no or nod your head yes while signing HAPPY. When one signs using all of the parameters including the nonmanual parameter, there is a complete thought—a sentence. Without the nonmanual parameter, there is merely a string of signs.

Some attempt has been made in this book to illustrate or to describe the nonmanual parameter of each sign, although often the nonmanual signals are dictated by the context in which the sign is used. Keep in mind that while the dictionary offers an extensive inventory of "root" signs, the nonmanual signals as well as the signs themselves can be inflected and combined in myriad ways, producing more variations than can be shown in a printed dictionary. Because sign language is three-dimensional, and because grammatical inflections and nonmanual signals are expressed simultaneously with the signs, it is difficult to present ASL in the two-dimensional medium of a book. It is important that you take a sign class to become aware of the

nuances of this beautiful language. And to supplement that instruction, you should interact with the Deaf community to acquire a deeper appreciation of the language in the context of its people and their culture.

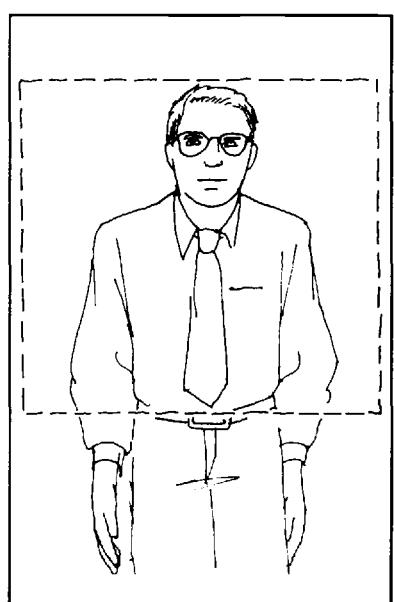


Figure 3. The signing space

Signing Space

When Deaf people sign, they use a defined space that approximates a rectangle. This rectangle starts at waist height, extends to slightly above one's head, reaches out no more than a foot in front of the body, and rarely extends more than a foot left or right beyond the torso (see figure 3). This area provides for optimum viewing of signs as they are formed. The signing space becomes proportionately larger and the signs may be exaggerated when signing to

large audiences. Likewise, the signing space may become more confined for purposes of more rapid signing or in order to be secretive.

Grammatical Features

American Sign Language, like all languages, has definite rules of grammar. These rules specify how signs can be used and combined in order to allow for communication. Some of the basic features are discussed here as an introduction to the sophistication and versatility of ASL as a language.

Verb Types

Most verbs are explicitly signed along with the subject and object of the sentence. These *regular* verbs cannot take advantage of variable movement and space to create modifications on the root sign. However, some verbs can use space to incorporate both the subject and object of the sentence in the verb sign itself. These *directional* verbs use movement to or from the signer to express who or what gives or receives the action. Examples of directional verbs are GIVE, INFORM, DEFEND, and BORROW. Directional verbs are very efficient since an entire sentence is expressed with the use of one sign (see figure 4). With some directional verbs, the palm orientation may reverse. For example, for the sign PITY, the palm faces in toward the body when signing YOU-PITY-ME and faces out toward the referent when signing I-PITY-YOU.

Locational verbs are signed on or near the area of the body to which the action refers. Signing HURT near the mouth indicates a toothache; near the head, a headache; and so on. Similarly, signing SURGERY near the appendix versus signing it near the heart gives clear information about what kind of surgery was performed.

Noun/Verb Pairs

Signs for related ASL nouns and verbs (i.e., are based on the same concept) are formed in very similar ways. In a two-dimensional illustration, the signs may actually

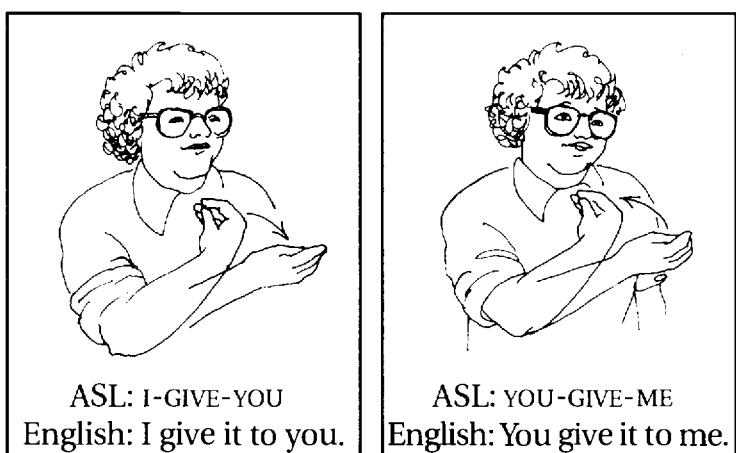


Figure 4. Directional verbs allow the signer to incorporate the subject and object of the sentence into the verb.

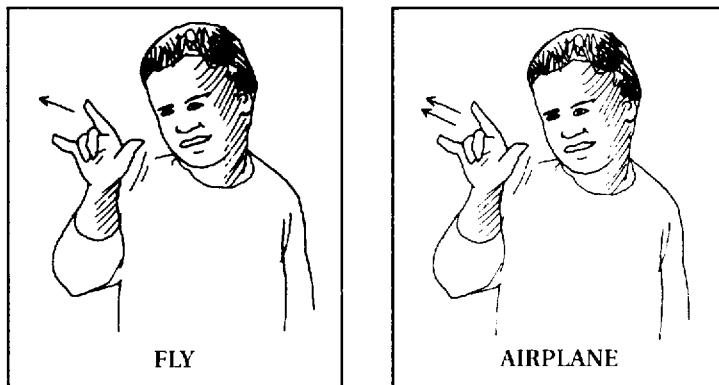


Figure 5. The only difference between some noun and verb signs is indicated in the movement.

look identical because the difference in movements cannot be shown easily. Typically the verb forms have a single large movement, whereas their noun counterparts are often signed smaller and with a double movement (see figure 5). Some examples of ASL noun/verb pairs

are AIRPLANE and FLY, CHAIR and SIT, and FOOD and EAT.

In this dictionary, you may notice that only the noun or only the verb form of a sign is illustrated. The difference between the two forms is indicated by the notation *SM* (single movement) or *DM* (double movement) after the English entry for the sign. It is up to you, the user, to remember that the single movement, typically used for verbs, is larger than the double movement, which is usually several small quick movements. Because there are many noun/verb pairs in ASL, it would have been repetitive to illustrate each noun and verb since in the illustration they would look identical except for the arrow.

Agent Markers

The *agent marker* is a sign added to a root sign to indicate that one is referring to a person (see figure 6). The agent marker is referred to as the *-er* sign, and it often marks the distinction between a noun and a verb (for example, TEACH + agent marker =TEACHER). It also conveys the same idea as the inflections *-an*, *-ist*, *-ent*, and *-or* in

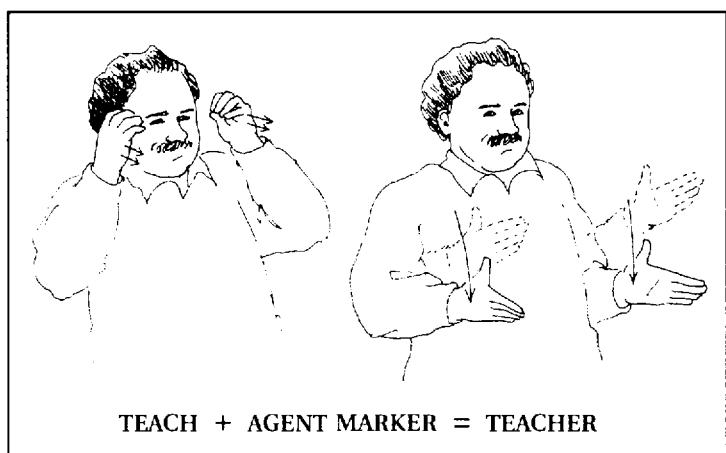


Figure 6. The agent marker is added to a noun sign to indicate a person. This allows the signer to specify an occupation or nationality.

English (for example, STUDY + agent marker = STUDENT; POLITICS + agent marker = POLITICIAN).

Plurals

There are several ways to show the plurality of people and objects. One of the most common techniques is to repeat the noun sign a number of times. Signs that are made in space off the body are likely candidates for this way of making the sign plural. Sometimes the sign will be moved slightly to the right while it is being repeated.

ASL singular:	BOOK I HAVE.
English:	I have a book.
ASL plural:	BOOK, BOOK I HAVE.
English:	I have some books.

Some signs cannot be pluralized by repeating the sign. In such cases, there are several other ways to express plurals, including adding a plural pronoun, a number, or a quantifying sign (for example, MANY) to the noun sign.

ASL singular:	MAN I SEE.
English:	I see a man.

Pronoun

ASL plural:	MAN THEY I SEE.
English:	I see some men.

Number

ASL plural:	MAN THREE I SEE.
English:	I see three men.

Quantifier

ASL plural:	MAN SEVERAL I SEE.
English:	I see several men.

Comparatives

ASL has two methods of comparing two persons, places, things, or ideas. One method makes use of space. When discussing the first item being compared, the signer shifts the shoulders toward the right, looks in

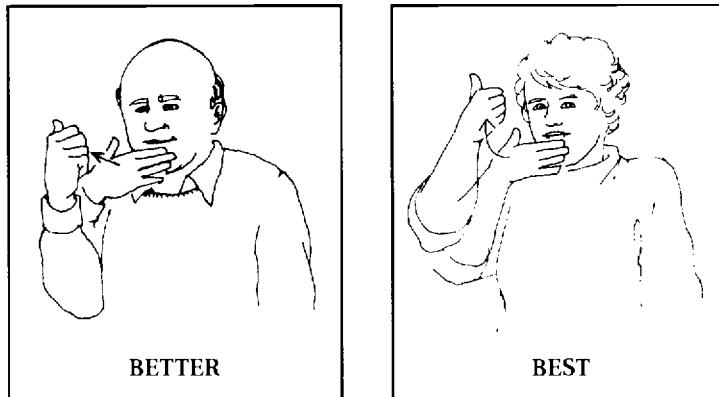


Figure 7. The difference between the comparative and superlative form can be shown in the degree of movement.

this method would be as follows:

ASL:	CANDY (shift body right), ICE CREAM (shift body left), ME LIKE BOTH (body center).
English:	I like both candy and ice cream!

The second way of comparing items is to add an inflection to the root adjective describing the two items. The inflection sign for the comparative form (*-er*) is made by jerking the thumb of the Open A hand upward a short distance; the superlative form (*-est*) is made by a larger movement upward (see figure 7). These movements are accompanied by appropriate facial expressions, and they can be exaggerated to show just how much difference is indicated in the comparison.

Variation in Sign Language

Language is the creation of the community of people who use it and shape it. Yet, subgroups exist within any community. Factors such as gender, geography, race, socioeconomic background, level of education, and age, play a role in creating language variations. These kinds of variations do not prevent speakers or signers of different backgrounds from being able to converse with one another, rather they identify certain characteristics about the individuals. For instance, a particular sign may reveal which school for the deaf the person attended. The manner of signing or the pace of signing may indicate the region someone comes from—the Midwest, Southeast, and so on.

that direction, and signs everything related to that item on that side of the body. Then when discussing the second item, the signer shifts left, looks left, and signs toward the left for the other item. This shifting continues throughout the conversation as the signer refers to either item. An example of

Changes in Signs

Over time and through use, signs change. Some of the changes are a result of the personal and practical needs of the current users. After all, a language must possess the flexibility and creativity necessary to express new ideas, inventions, and events. For example, ASL has signs for *microwave* as well as adaptations of the old signs TELEPHONE and WASH-CLOTHES to reflect modern appliances. Other changes have occurred to make signs easier to produce or recognize. One such change is that signs now are produced in a smaller space closer to the center of the body than years ago. SUPPORT and HELP are examples of signs that have moved from being formed on the arm to being formed on the hand held in front of the chest.

Still other changes are due to the trend to use one-hand signs when there is an identical two-hand version. This is particularly true of *iconic* signs (signs that visually resemble the concept they represent) that used to require both hands, but now require only one hand; for example, COW, DEVIL, or CAT (see figure 8). Following the pattern of all languages, ASL is evolving to allow quick, easy, and concise communication.

Many times people prefer to use one-hand signs for conversational purposes because it frees the signer to use the passive hand for another activity like holding a drink or a baby. In two-hand signs where there is a dominance condition, the passive hand is not typically dropped, though it can be if the signer's left hand is occupied.

In this dictionary, not all one-hand and two-hand variations are illustrated. The book would have become too unwieldy if all possible permutations had been included.

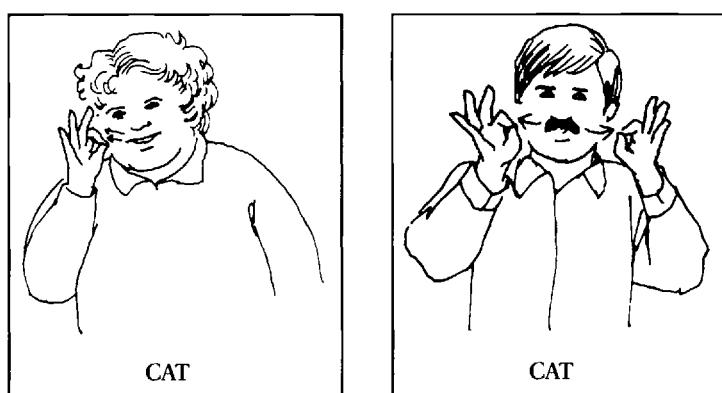


Figure 8. One of the changes ASL has undergone is a preference for one-hand over two-hand signs.

Fingerspelling

The American Manual Alphabet has a handshape to represent each letter of the English alphabet (see figure 9). *Fingerspelling* uses the manual alphabet to provide a visual representation of English words. Because finger-spelling is derived from English, its role in ASL is generally limited to proper names of people and places, brand names, and titles. Technical terms are fingerspelled only if no sign currently exists and the English term is important to know. However, a combination of signs may be enough to carry the concept until a more efficient sign is created by the Deaf community.

The following list describes how to fingerspell properly. When following the techniques on the list, keep in mind that fingerspelling should feel comfortable. Take your time, perhaps practice in front of a mirror to view both the expressive and receptive perspectives simultaneously, and above all—relax.

1. Raise the dominant hand so that the elbow is about waist high.

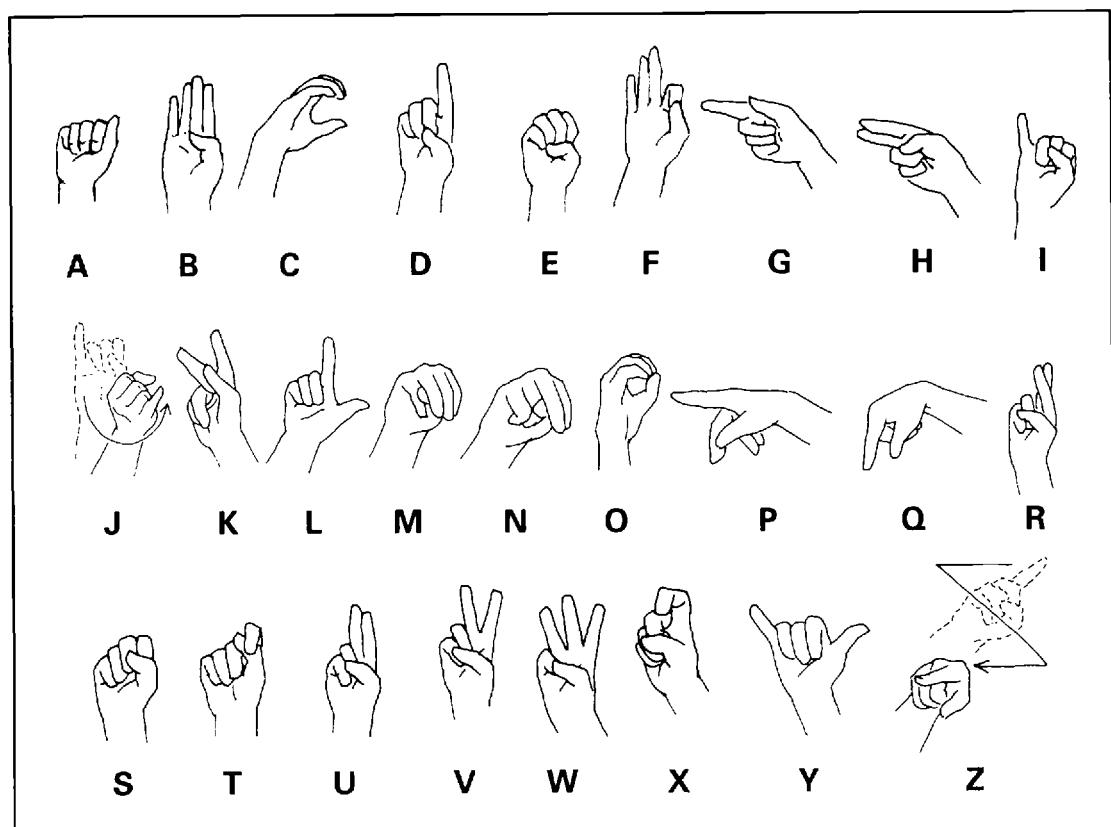


Figure 9. The American Manual Alphabet

2. The palm should face forward and slightly toward the left (except for letters G and H, where the palm faces the body).
3. The hand should be approximately eight to ten inches in front of the chest.
4. The hand moves slightly toward the right while spelling.
5. Spelling should be rhythmic. The focus should not be on the individual letters.
6. Do not bounce the elbow or twist the wrist.
7. Hold the last letter of a word for an extra beat before spelling the next.

Reading fingerspelling seems to be more difficult for learners to master than doing the fingerspelling. Historically, the emphasis in instruction has been on expressing rather than receiving. This leaves many students without concrete advice on developing and maintaining good receptive skills.

Think about good readers. Readers do not read text letter by letter! Readers see whole words and the configuration of words or phrases. In addition, they use context. The principles of learning how to read text apply to reading fingerspelling as well. Don't look for individual letters when someone is finger-spelling, rather look for clues to help you make an educated guess.

Here is a list of techniques that may help you improve your receptive skills.

1. Maintain eye contact. Resist the temptation to look at the signer's hand.
2. Use clues such as the length of a word, its position in the sentence, the configuration of the word, easily recognized letters, and context.
3. Sometimes a phonetic approach is useful.

Below are some exercises that may help either to break bad reading habits or prevent any from developing.

1. Starting with three-letter words, say the word and spell it simultaneously. Then try progressively harder words, again making sure to begin and end vocalization and spelling at the same time.

- With a partner, tell each other stories with a lot of contextual clues. For instance, talk about your experience at a pet shop trying to choose a dog, and be sure your partner understands the topic before moving on with the story. Narrow the field to help your partner hone in on the kinds of words that are likely to appear in your story. For example, give plenty of clues about the appearance and behavior of the dog's breed before spelling it. Fingerspell the type (for example, collie), at a moderate to fast clip. If your partner misses the word you might want to give more clues before spelling it again.

Do not fingerspell the words slowly under any circumstances. Encourage your partner to see the whole word by asking her to guess. Remember, it is very important that you not let your partner look at your hand while you spell. Doing this kind of exercise routinely will help you build confidence in your ability to successfully read fingerspelled words. Remember, often there are a lot of clues to aid in making intelligent guesses. This is what Deaf people have learned to do. You can do it too!

Fingerspelled Loan Signs

Borrowing from both ASL and English, fingerspelled *loan* signs are a combination of English letters and ASL movements. For example, although there are several signs in ASL for *dog*, the loan sign #DOG² is a D handshape twisting into the G handshape, omitting the letter *o*. The sign itself does not appear as ordinary fingerspelling; it has taken on a unique character of its own, heavily defined by its movement and use of space. Loan signs begin as fingerspelled English words, and through repeated usage over time they change so that they look more like ASL signs. Fingerspelled loan signs tend to keep the first and last letter of the word and delete the medial letters. Some examples of loan signs are #JOB, #WHAT, and #BACK. Many fingerspelled loan signs only have two letters that are either an abbreviation of the English word or the whole word. Some examples of two-letter loan signs are #HA, #NG (for "no good"), #OK, and #NO.

² The # symbol is used to show the difference between a fingerspelled loan sign and a regular sign. The fingerspelled word is written with hyphens between the letters (ex., D-O-G).

Conclusion

All living human languages, as we have said, are constantly changing, and ASL is no exception. In this dictionary, we offer a description of ASL as it now exists. Loan words to describe new processes and technologies, borrowed terms from sign languages elsewhere in the world, and the inventiveness of its native speakers will doubtless alter and enrich ASL in the coming years, and we look forward to keeping up with that growth.



How to Use This Dictionary

When studying a foreign language, it is usually necessary to acquire a two-way dictionary. To study German, for example, you would want to have an English-German, German-English dictionary close at hand. The primary purpose of *The ASL Handshape Dictionary* is to provide sign language students with the ASL equivalent of a two-way dictionary. The signs are arranged by the shape the hand assumes when beginning to make a sign. This allows students to locate a sign they know, or have just seen, to find out its meaning. At the same time the book offers students, through its comprehensive index of English glosses, the means for locating a sign that is needed to express an English concept.

If a sign is a symbol that represents a concept, then what is the best way to convey a translation of that concept? The concept could be illustrated, but many concepts are abstract and difficult to convey in a picture. Thus, in most sign language dictionaries, English words, or *glosses*, appear with each sign illustration as an attempt to translate the meaning of the sign. Most of the sign illustrations in this dictionary include more than one English gloss. These English words may not represent all possible instances in which the sign may be used. Sometimes remarks or parts of speech are given in parentheses with an English gloss to specify the meaning or appropriate use of the sign. Sometimes such limits for using a sign can be derived by looking at the other glosses in the list. For example, by examining the glosses for the sign DRUM, you would see that you cannot appropriately use that sign to mean "drumming up business" because the other gloss with the illustration is "play drums." This makes it clear that the sign is intended to convey the concept of a musical instrument. Remarks accompanying the sign description may also be of help in choosing an appropriate gloss for the context you are trying to convey.

In many sign language dictionaries the sign illustrations are arranged in the alphabetical order of their English glosses or meanings. In such an alphabetical arrangement there is no method of locating a sign that one remembers or observes in order to discover its meaning. This dictionary presents signs in a logical order, by handshape, so that a known or observed sign can be quickly located without reference to an English word or gloss.

A second advantage of this dictionary's arrangement is that teachers of sign language can find groups of signs that use the same initial handshape displayed in one place. The convenience of these handshape categories enables a sign language teacher to present signs in a unique and logical organization. It also offers students a helpful memory device.

A third advantage of this dictionary is its generous array of glosses available to assist Deaf people who seek to increase their English vocabulary. When looking up signs whose concepts are already familiar to them, Deaf people may find among the glosses other English words that can be used to represent the signed concept.

General Arrangement of the Dictionary

This dictionary is divided into three major sections, each with a specific purpose. The first section contains illustrations of one-hand signs and their English glosses. The signs are arranged in order of the initial handshape that is used in producing the sign. The second section contains the two-hand signs and their English glosses, and once again, the signs are arranged in order of the initial handshape. Each illustration in both of these sections is accompanied by its equivalent English glosses (meanings) and a sign description. Each description includes the handshape, palm orientation, location, movement, and when appropriate, nonmanual signals. Notes are included with some descriptions to give suggestions as to the sign's use, alternate variations, or preferred signs.

Most of the illustrations include arrows that indicate how the hands move. A double-headed arrow or a double arrow is used when the movement is repeated. Many signs move from an initial position to a final position. In this dictionary, the first position is sometimes represented by dotted hands and the final position by solid hands. When signs have two distinct parts, as in compound signs, the two positions are numbered to show the sequence of production.

As we mentioned in an earlier section, an *agent marker* is an inflection added to a root sign to indicate that a sign refers to a person. In this dictionary, the signs that can be formed with an agent marker do not have separate entries. Instead, they are listed in italics within parentheses after the glosses for the root sign to indicate that the agent marker must be added to form that inflected sign. They are also listed in the index of English glosses.

The final section of this book looks like an index; it is an alphabetical listing of the English glosses encountered in the previous sections. Each entry in the listing directs the user to the page where the illustration for that word appears. By using this index, the user can quickly find the illustration needed to translate the English word or concept into sign.

Organization of the Handshape Sections

American Sign Language, unlike many spoken languages, does not have a written form. A sign conveys a concept, not an English word, and the production of a sign involves five parameters that need to be described: the handshape, the palm orientation, the location, the movement, and the non-manual signals. The signs in a dictionary have to be ordered by one of these components so they can be easily located.

As we have said, the primary order of the signs in this dictionary is the initial handshape that the hands assume when beginning to execute the sign. The signs are categorized under forty handshapes. Most of the handshapes are taken from the American Manual Alphabet (see figure 9 on p. 20); some are modifications of these handshapes (for example, Bent B, Flattened O). A few handshapes are taken from the number signs (see figure 10). In addition to the handshapes from the American Manual Alphabet and numbers, we selected L-I and 1-I as symbols to represent the handshapes combining L and I as in the sign I-LOVE-YOU, and 1 and I as in the handshape used for the sign MOCK.

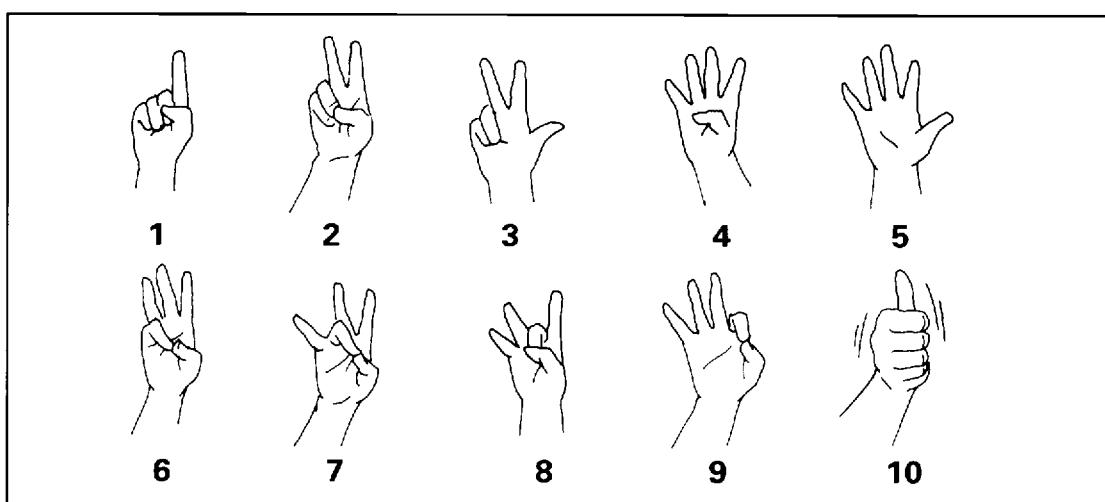


Figure 10. The Manual Numbers

Some letters of the American Manual Alphabet and some number handshapes are not included among the handshapes. The reason for this is that some handshapes are identical except for palm orientation (for example, H and U, K and P, 2 and V). In the context of forming a sign, palm orientation is determined by the sign, not by the handshape. The decision as to which of two identical handshapes was selected and which was eliminated was arbitrary.

The chart shown in figure 11 contains the handshapes used in this dictionary in the order in which they are arranged. For the sake of convenience, this ordering will be referred to as *morphologic order* because it is neither truly alphabetic nor numeric but a selective combination of both. The handshapes and their order are fundamental to the use of this dictionary.

Ordering of Signs within Handshape Sections

The number of hands used to make a sign is one of the easiest things to observe about sign production. This dictionary is divided into two handshape sections: the one-hand signs and the two-hand signs. This organization helps narrow the search for a sign to one of two large locations in the book. The handshape at the top of the even-numbered pages indicates the handshape of the first sign on the page. The handshape at the top of odd-numbered pages indicates the handshape of the last sign on the page.

One-Hand Signs

The illustrations for signs made with only one hand are presented in the first section of the dictionary. The signs follow the morphologic order of handshapes presented in figure 11, beginning with the signs that are made with an A handshape followed by those beginning with an Open A handshape, and so on. The signs within each handshape category are ordered in a specific sequence to assist the user in finding a sign. The signs presented first are those that have no change in handshape during sign production. For example, in the sign ANY, the handshape Open A stays the same, and therefore the sign ANY appears toward the beginning of the Open A handshape category. However, in the sign LADY, the handshape changes from Open A to 5 during the execution of the sign, so appears sequentially after all of the signs in which the handshape does not change. These changes in handshape are indicated by an arrowhead (>) between the handshapes; therefore, LADY appears under Open A > 5.

The one-hand signs have one more level of ordering—signs that are formed in space and do not touch the body appear before those signs that do

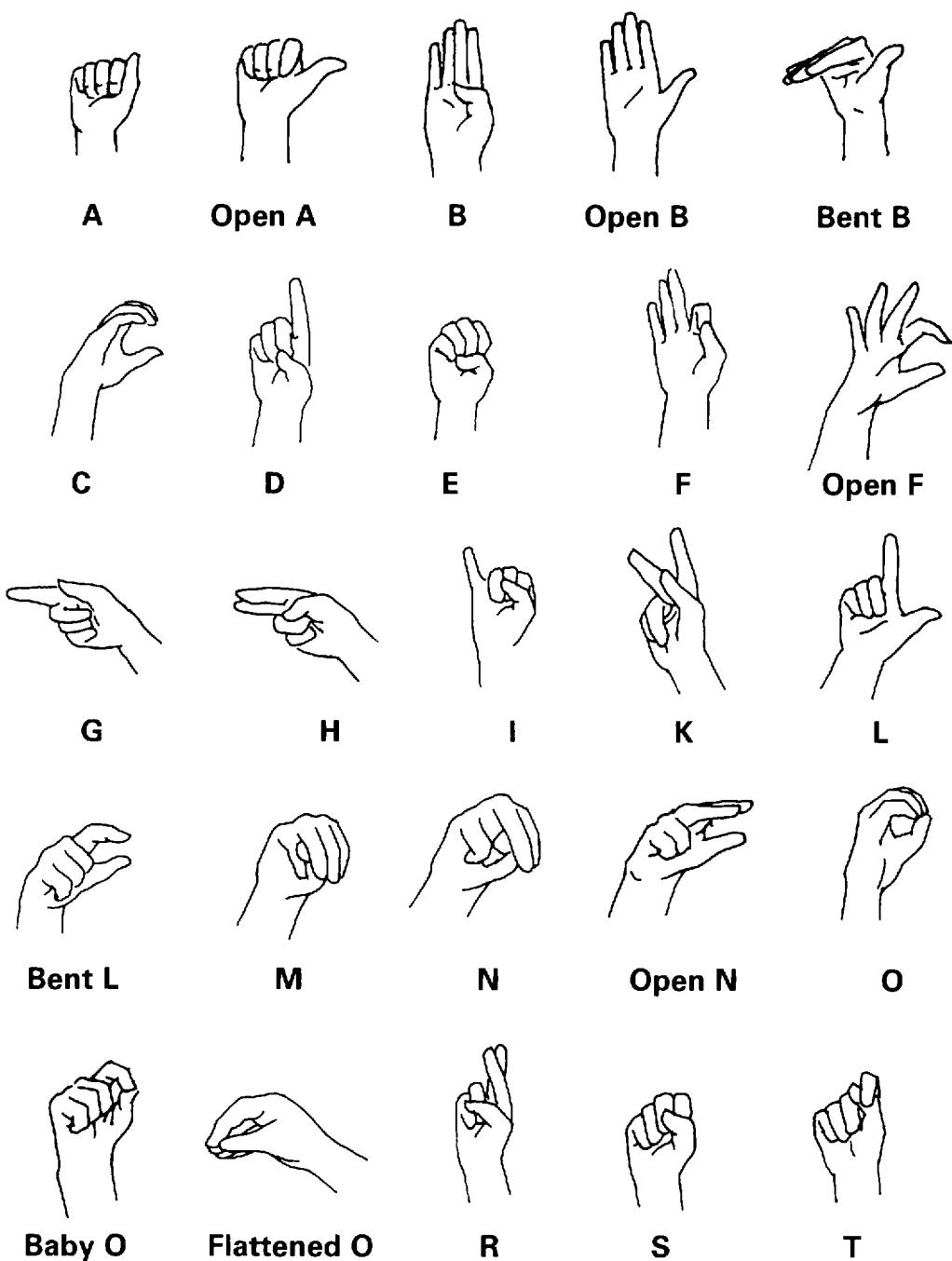


Figure 11. The handshapes used in this dictionary are presented in morphological order.

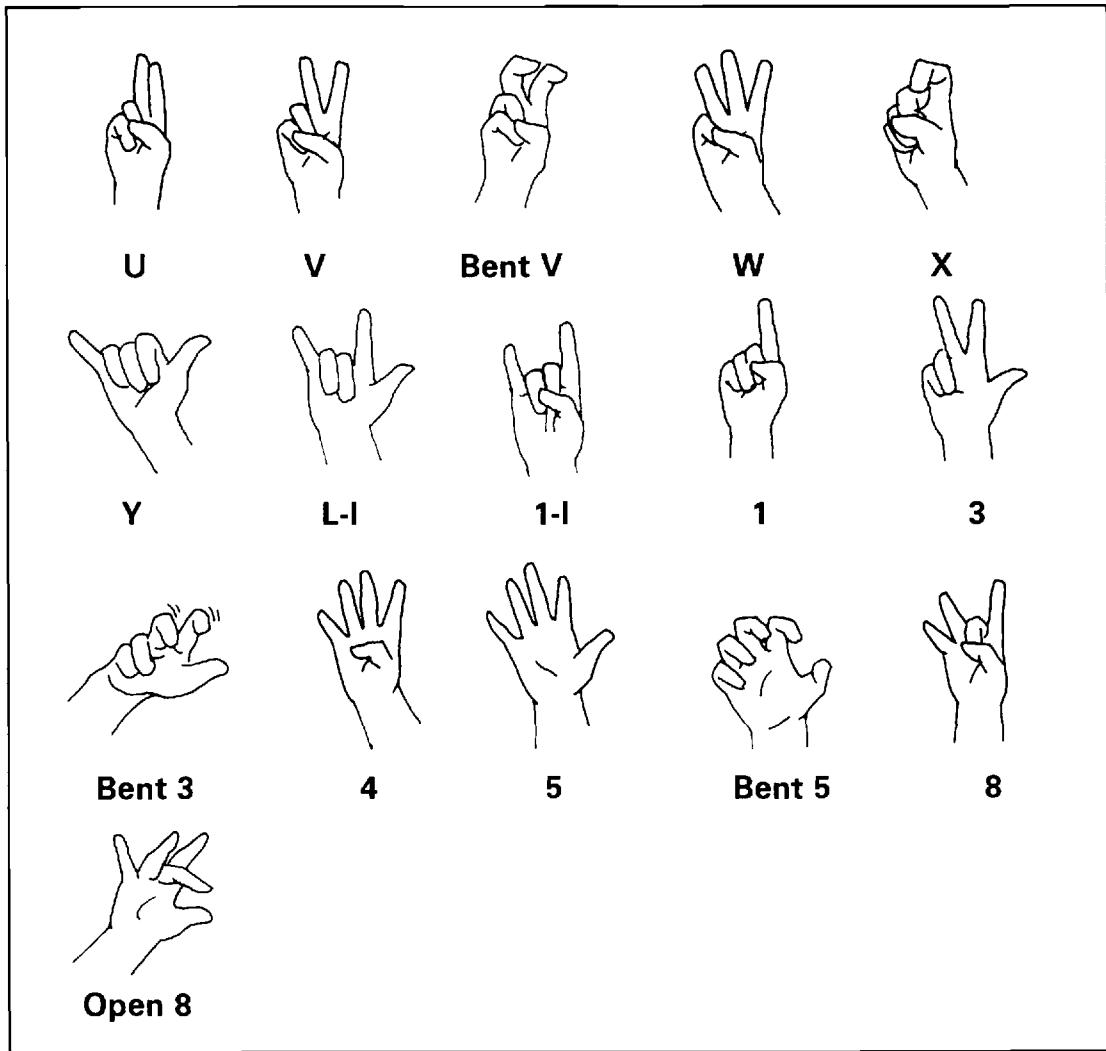


Figure 11—continued

touch the body. Within the group of signs that touch the body, the ones that are formed on the head or neck precede those that touch the torso. Although this arrangement may not be important for small handshape categories, it will be very useful for quickly locating a particular sign in the handshape categories that contain many illustrations.

Two-Hand Signs

The section containing illustrations of signs in which two hands are used follows the one-hand signs section. The signs in the two-hand section follow the same morphologic order of handshapes as the one-hand signs. Remember that for two-hand signs, the order is determined by the initial

handshape of the dominant hand. The dominant hand is assumed to be the right hand in this book.

As with one-hand signs, two-hand signs are presented within each handshape category in a specific sequence. Signs in which both hands have identical handshapes and both hands move appear first. These signs are identified by listing the handshape for each hand separated by a colon (A : A, the first A being the handshape for the dominant hand and the second A being the handshape for the passive hand). These signs are further ordered to assist the user, so that signs in which the movement occurs simultaneously are presented before signs in which the movement is alternating (first one hand moves and then the other hand makes an identical movement).

These signs are followed by two-hand signs that have identical handshapes, but only the *dominant* hand moves. Again, the handshapes for these signs are listed by the dominant handshape first, followed by a colon and the handshape of the passive hand (for example, Open B : Open B for the sign PIE; see figure 12).

For most two-hand signs the dominant hand is a different handshape from the passive hand. These signs appear after the signs with identical handshapes. Ordered first by the handshape of the dominant hand, the signs are further arranged in the morphologic order of the passive hand, so that A : Open B comes before A : L, which comes before A : 1.

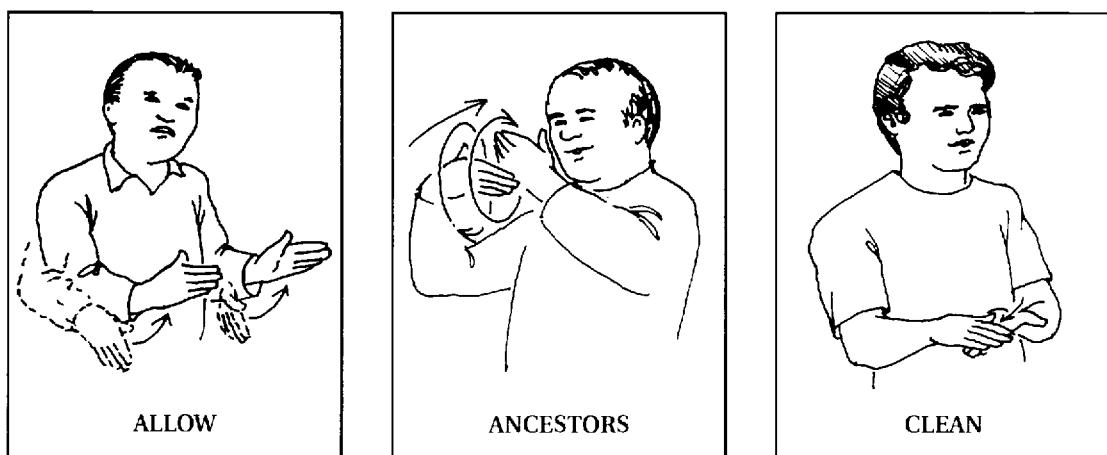


Figure 12. The two-hand signs are ordered so that signs with identical hand movement are followed by signs with alternating hand movement, which are then followed by signs in which only the dominant hand moves.

As with the signs in the one-hand sign section, two-hand signs sometimes change handshapes while the sign is being produced. The change may take place only in the dominant hand or in both hands; however, the handshape of the passive hand never changes alone. These signs in which the handshape changes follow the signs with no handshape changes.

In summary, the two-hand signs are presented in the following sequence:

1. Hands have the same handshapes and move simultaneously;
2. Hands have the same handshapes and move alternatingly;
3. Hands have the same handshapes, but only the dominant hand moves;
4. Hands have different handshapes, and the hands are ordered first by the handshape and movement of the dominant hand and second by the handshape of the passive hand.

This order is important for locating signs in very large handshape categories.

Additional Role of the Passive Hand

There are some signs in which the passive hand or arm serves only as a base for the dominant hand's movement. For example, the signs used for periods of time in a day use the passive arm to represent the horizon, whereas the dominant hand represents the sun's movement in relation to the horizon. The handshape of the passive hand is immaterial and does not contribute to the meaning of the sign. In forming these signs, the passive hand may assume one of a number of handshapes, usually an Open B, B, S, or a loose unformed handshape. In this dictionary, the signs formed in this manner are ordered under the passive handshape shown in the artist's illustration.

Compounds

One additional group of signs may be presented at the end of a handshape category. These are signs classified as *compounds*. Compound signs are created by combining two basic signs into one new sign with a distinct meaning of its own. For example, the sign WIFE is made up of the signs FEMALE (a one-hand sign with an A handshape) and MARRY—two separate

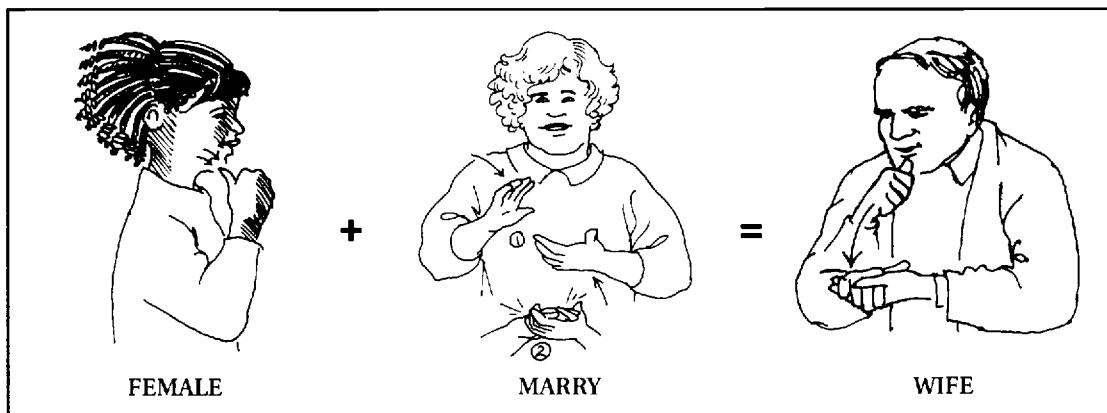


Figure 13. *WIFE* is a compound sign made from *FEMALE* + *MARRY*.

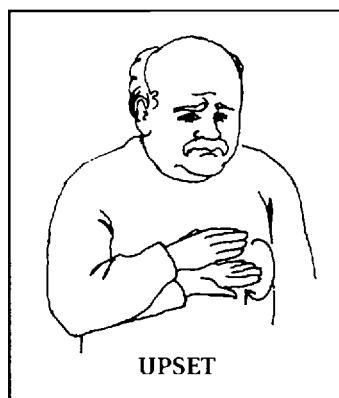
signs that have merged to become *WIFE* (see figure 13). In compound signs, the changes in handshapes are usually more complicated than regular signs, so they are presented at the end of the handshape category designated by the initial handshape of the first of the two signs being combined. In the case of *WIFE*, the sign is located at the end of all of the A signs in the one-hand section of the dictionary, even though two hands are used in the second part of the sign.

Techniques for Using the Handshape Sections

The following examples provide step-by-step guidelines for using the one-hand and two-hand sections of the dictionary. To get the greatest benefit from these examples, follow the instructions below and locate each sign as directed.

Example 1

Suppose you saw this sign and wanted to locate it in the dictionary. Your thinking should be as follows:



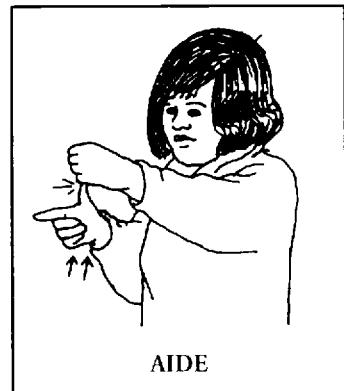
- The sign is a one-hand sign. (*Go to the one-hand signs in the first section of the dictionary.*)
- The sign has an Open B handshape. (*Go to the Open B category, which is located after B.*)

- c. You observed that the hand touched the torso, so you would skip through the Open B category past the signs produced in space, past the signs that touch the head, until you reach those signs that touch the torso. (*Go through Open B until you come to those signs that touch the body.*) With quick perusal of the signs that touch the torso, you will easily find the illustration and learn that the English gloss for that sign is “upset.”

Example 2

Suppose you had seen the following sign:

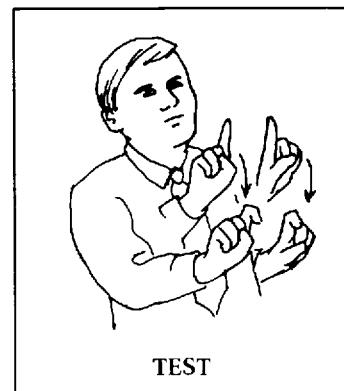
- The sign uses two hands. (*Go to the two-hand sign section of the dictionary.*)
- The dominant hand has an L handshape and the passive hand has an S handshape. (*Go to the handshape category of the dominant hand—L.*) Observe that the two-hand signs in each category begin with those signs in which both hands have the same shape (in this category, it is L : L).
- After the signs having identical handshapes, the signs are arranged in the morphological order of the shape of the passive hand (for example, S). (*Go through the L category until you come to L : S.*) In this case, AIDE is the only sign with L : S handshapes.



Example 3

Try to find a sign in which the handshape changes.

- You observe that both hands begin with a 1 handshape and then both change to an X handshape. (*Go to the 1 handshape category in the two-hand section.*)
- The 1 handshape category begins with all of the signs having identical handshapes on both hands (1 : 1). These are followed by

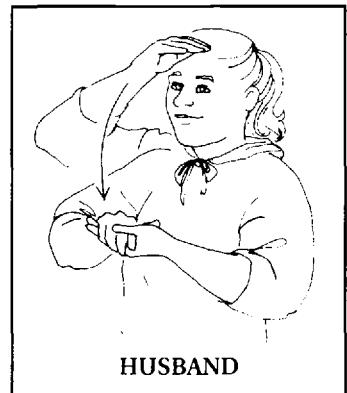


the signs that begin 1 : 1 and then change handshapes. The signs are listed in the morphological order of the handshape formed after the change, in this case X. (*Skip through the 1 : 1 signs; then page through the signs that have a change in handshape until you come to 1 > X : 1 > X. If you come to the signs whose passive handshape is no longer 1, you have gone too far.*) You should easily locate the illustration of the sign for which you were looking and discover that its English gloss is “test.”

Example 4

Suppose you see a sign that begins as a one-hand sign and then changes to a two-hand sign. You guess that it is a compound sign.

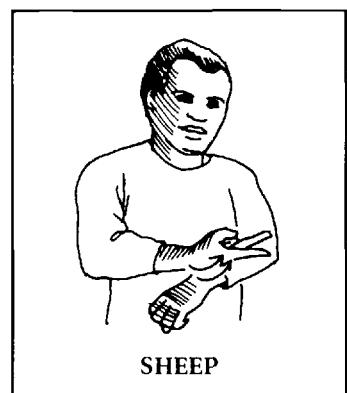
- To find compound signs in this dictionary, you must pay attention only to the handshapes used at the beginning of the sign. You can see that this sign begins as a one-hand sign. (*Go to the one-hand sign section.*)
- The first handshape in the sign is a Flattened O. (*Go to the Flattened O handshape category.*)
- The compound signs are at the end of a handshape category. (*Go to the end of the Flattened O handshape category.*) You find that the first sign in the compound is MALE and that the second sign is MARRIAGE. Together, these signs form the sign HUSBAND.



Example 5

You see a two-hand sign in which the passive hand or arm merely serves as a base for the dominant hand. How do you find the sign?

- The dominant hand has a V handshape, and you think that the passive hand has an Open B handshape. The passive hand could also be a B or S or relaxed hand without changing the meaning of the sign. (*Go to the two-hand section of the book. Then find the V : Open B signs.*)



- b. The passive signs are at the end of the V : Open B signs, but before the compound signs, if there are any. The word *passive* is given after the handshape to indicate that it doesn't matter what shape the passive hand uses. (*Go to the end of the V : Open B handshape category until you come to signs designated as passive.*)
- c. You should easily find the illustration for the sign SHEEP. If you cannot find the correct illustration, then you should proceed to look under B or S. (There are no relaxed hand handshape categories in this dictionary.)

Additional Clues

Sometimes you may look for a sign and not find it under the handshape category where you think it should be. The following list contains possible reasons why this might happen.

- 1. This dictionary contains about one-fourth of all the possible handshapes. Each sign has been categorized by the handshape it most closely resembles in its initial position.
- 2. This book is arranged by the initial handshape(s); sometimes it may be the final position of the sign that you remember.
- 3. The book contains only a few of the multitude of regional variations for signs.
- 4. Deaf people and other skilled signers often truncate their signs for more efficient and rapid communication.
- 5. You may have looked under the two-hand section for a sign that can be signed with one hand, or vice versa (for example, COW).
- 6. With compound signs, each part of the sign is typically signed rapidly and with less complete articulation (BROTHER is a compound of BOY and SAME, yet when signed together, SAME looks different than when it is signed alone).
- 7. Some handshapes are quite similar to others, especially when you observe someone signing rapidly. Figure 14 shows handshape "look-alikes." This information may help you find a sign under a different handshape than you expected.

A/S/T	8/F/W
B/Open B/5	A/Open A
I/Y	G/H
O/E/C	L-I/I-I
C/Bent 5/Bent B	5/Open 8/Bent 5

Figure 14. Handshape Look-alikes

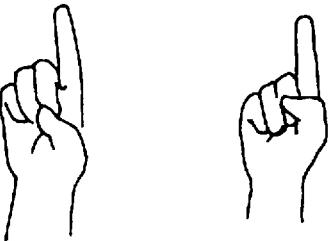
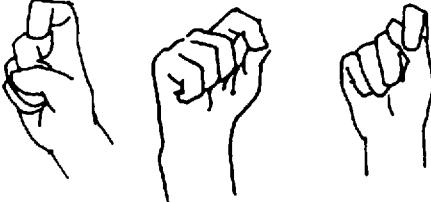
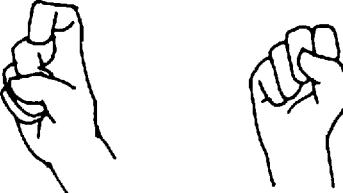
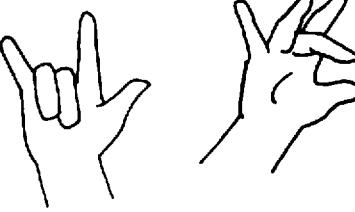
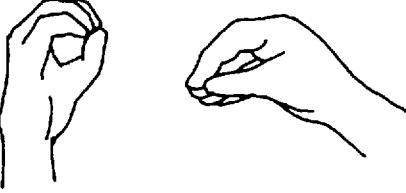
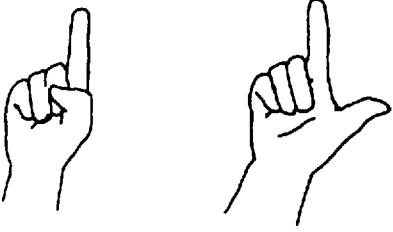
D/1		X/Baby O/T	
X/S		L-I/Open 8	
O/Flattened O		1/L	

Figure 14 —continued

Organization of the Index of English Glosses

The Index of English Glosses section of this dictionary is an alphabetical listing of English words and phrases that appear as glosses with the sign illustrations in the handshape sections. Some words list more than one entry. These entries lead to several signs that can be used to express either the same or various meanings of those words. These entries usually have additional information (part of speech, synonym, meaning) to assist in identifying which entry may be the appropriate choice for the usage needed.

Information about the handshape for each sign is also given for each gloss entry. The handshape(s) of the sign may help the user further identify which of the identical entries is the one being sought.

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One-Hand Signs





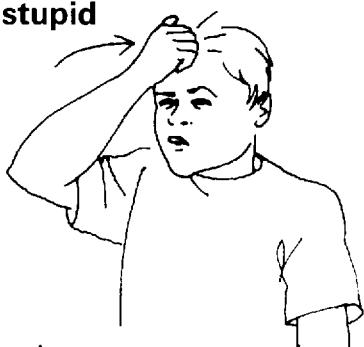
A 1-Hand SIGNS

purse

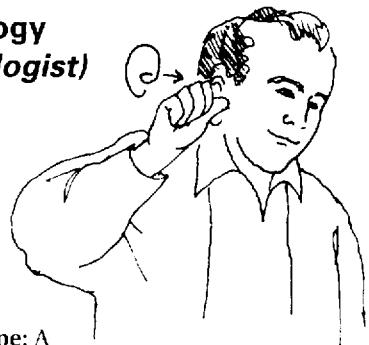
Handshape: A
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hand down
Note: This sign is similar to SUITCASE, which is made with an S handshape.

Africa, African

Handshape: A
Orientation: palm left
Location: in front of face
Movement: circle thumb around face
Note: This sign is disparaging to African Americans. See page 139 for the preferred sign.

dumb, stupid

Handshape: A
Orientation: palm in
Location: near forehead
Movement: move hand in and hit forehead

**audiology
(audiologist)**

Handshape: A
Orientation: palm out
Location: near right ear
Movement: move thumb forward and make small circles around the ear

**menstruate,
period**

Handshape: A
Orientation: palm left
Location: right cheek
Movement: double bounce fingers against cheek
Nonmanual signal: puff air into right cheek

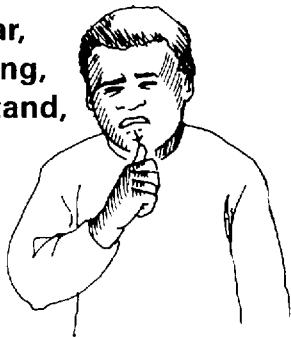
aunt

Handshape: A
Orientation: palm out
Location: right cheek
Movement: move thumb down cheek in two short movements
Note: Movement may be circular.

1-Hand SIGNS • A



**patient, bear,
long-suffering,
patience, stand,
tolerance,
withstand**



Handshape: A
Orientation: palm left
Location: lips
Movement: move thumb down to chin

**private,
confidential,
privacy, secret,
top-secret**



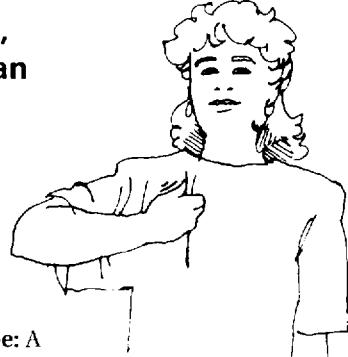
Handshape: A
Orientation: palm left
Location: near chin
Movement: gently tap chin twice

am



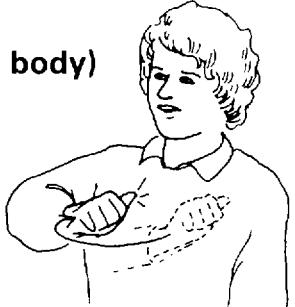
Handshape: A
Orientation: palm left
Location: mouth
Movement: move thumb straight out from mouth
Note: Use this sign only when signing manual English.

**Canada,
Canadian**



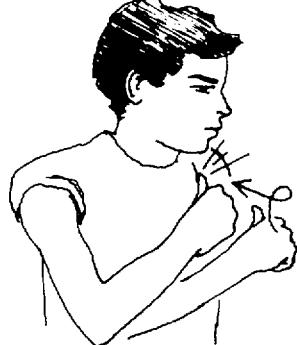
Handshape: A
Orientation: palm in
Location: below right shoulder
Movement: double bounce hand off chest
Note: The hand grasps clothing.

**assembly
(legislative body)**



Handshape: A
Orientation: palm left, back of thumb against chest
Location: left side of chest
Movement: arc hand from left side of chest to right side of chest

attitude



Handshape: A
Orientation: palm left
Location: below left shoulder
Movement: make small circular movement, ending with thumb on chest



A 1-Hand SIGNS

**zip (SM),
zipper (DM)**



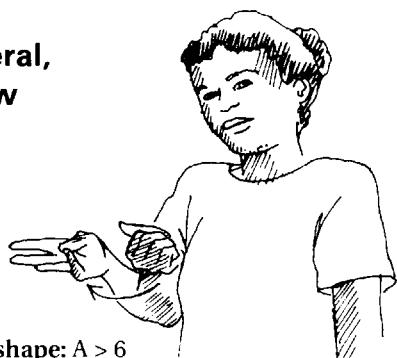
Handshape: A
Orientation: palm in
Location: waist
Movement: move hand up the chest

**sorry,
apologize,
regret,
remorse,
repent**



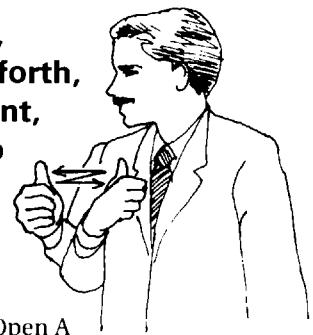
Handshape: A
Orientation: palm in
Location: center of chest
Movement: circle hand on chest
Nonmanual signal: head and eyes lowered; "sad" expression

**several,
a few**



Handshape: A > 6
Orientation: palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: sweep thumb across fingertips from index finger to little finger

**commute,
back and forth,
day student,
round-trip**



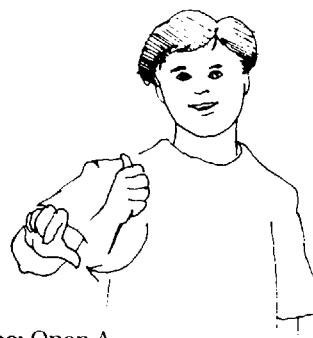
Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand forward and back twice

**another, else,
elsewhere,
other**



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: turn hand up, ending with palm up

any



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: turn hand down, ending with palm down

1-Hand SIGNS • OPEN A



**turn down,
deny, reject**



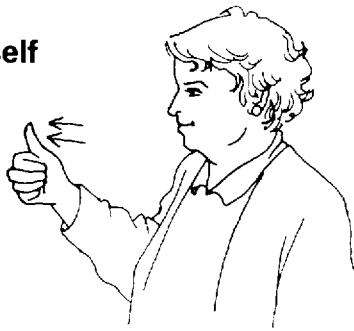
Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist wrist, ending with thumb pointing down

**herself, himself,
itself**



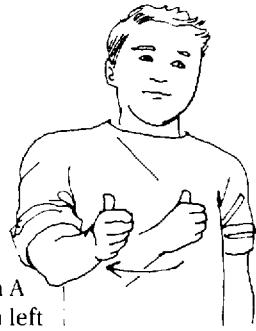
Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce toward referent
Nonmanual signal: eyes on the person to whom you are speaking

yourself



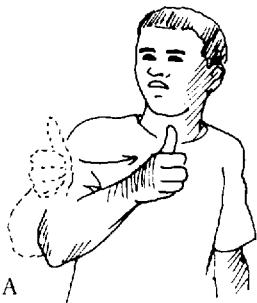
Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce toward referent
Nonmanual signal: eyes on referent

yourselves



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc thumb from left to right in front of chest
Nonmanual signal: eyes on people to whom you are speaking

themselves



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc thumb right to left toward referents
Nonmanual signal: eyes on person to whom you are speaking

**bye, good luck,
take care**

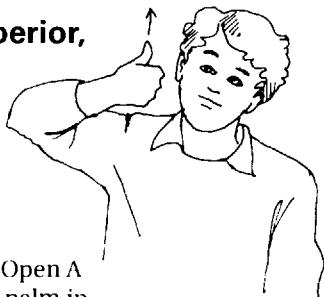


Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hand forward toward referent



OPEN A 1-Hand SIGNS

**chief, superior,
-er, -est**



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm in
Location: above right shoulder
Movement: jerk thumb upward above shoulder
Note: The hand makes a larger movement upward to indicate a higher status.

refuse, won't



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: in front of right shoulder
Movement: jerk thumb sharply toward right shoulder
Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no"

**daily, common,
everyday,
ordinary,
usual**



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: right cheek
Movement: brush knuckles down cheek twice

yesterday



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm out
Location: near mouth
Movement: arc thumb back to touch cheek
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder lifts up; head tilts right; "cz" mouth movement

tomorrow



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: right cheek
Movement: twist wrist forward
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder lifts up; head tilts right; "cz" mouth movement

nut, peanut



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb under front teeth
Movement: flick thumb forward with short double movement

1-Hand SIGNS • OPEN A



**drink
(alcoholic
beverage)**



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: near mouth
Movement: move thumb in toward mouth twice

India



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: forehead
Movement: twist thumb back and forth on forehead in small, quick movements

girl



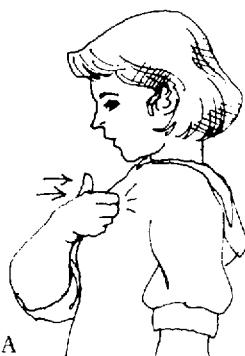
Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on cheek
Movement: brush thumb forward on cheek twice

not, don't



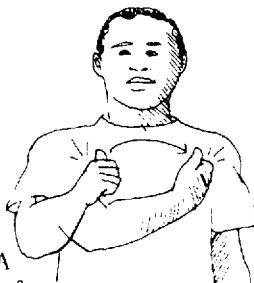
Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: under chin
Movement: thrust hand forward
Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no"

myself, self



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm right
Location: chest
Movement: double bounce hand on chest

ourselves

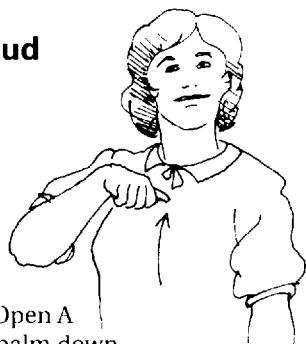


Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb below right shoulder
Movement: arc hand across chest, ending with knuckles on left chest area, palm right
Nonmanual signal: eyes on persons to whom you are speaking



OPEN A ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

pride, proud



Handshape: Open A
Orientation: palm down
Location: lower chest
Movement: slide thumb up chest
Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back; erect posture

**she, her
(not possessive)**



Handshape: Open A > 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on cheek
Movement: brush thumb down cheek; point to referent
Nonmanual signal: eyes on person to whom you are speaking

a few days ago



Handshape: Open A > 3
Orientation: palm down
Location: thumb on cheek
Movement: flip hand back while changing to 3 handshape

**lady, female,
woman**



Handshape: Open A > 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on cheek
Movement: move thumb down cheek, then open hand to 5 handshape and bounce thumb down on chest

**anything
(compound:
any + thing)**



Handshape: Open A > Open B
Orientation: palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist wrist down, then change to Open B handshape and flip hand up

**anyone, anybody
(compound:
any + one)**



Handshape: Open A > 1
Orientation: palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist wrist down and change hand to 1 handshape, palm forward

1-Hand SIGNS • B



daughter
(compound:
girl + baby)



Handshape: Open A > Open B : passive
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on cheek
Movement: brush thumb down cheek, then change hand to Open B handshape and move arm down, ending with back of right arm on top of left arm

wife
(compound:
girl + marry)



Handshape: Open A > C : C
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on cheek
Movement: brush thumb down cheek, then change to C handshape and clasp left hand

sister
(compound:
girl + same)



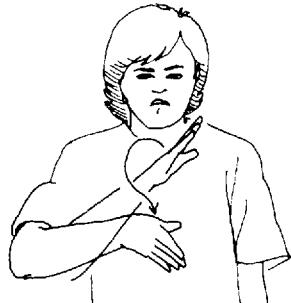
Handshape: Open A > L : L
Orientation: right palm left, left palm right
Location: right thumb on cheek
Movement: move thumb down cheek, then change hand to L handshape and bring hand down on top of left hand

blue



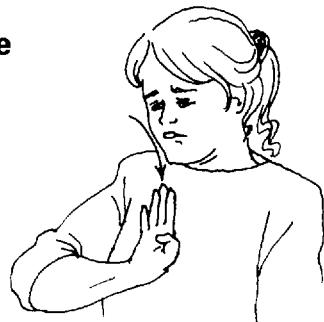
Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist wrist back and forth twice

never



Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: in front of face
Movement: move hand down with large wavy motion
Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no"

humble



Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: in front of face
Movement: arc hand down
Nonmanual signal: head lowered



B ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

hospital

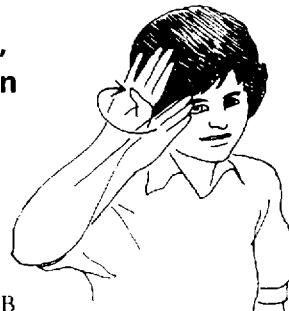
Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: forehead
Movement: arc hand from right to left side of forehead

**firefighter,
fireman**

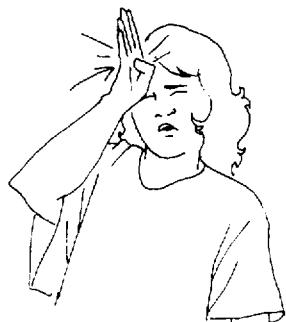
Handshape: B
Orientation: palm out
Location: middle of forehead
Movement: tap forehead twice

fever

Handshape: B
Orientation: palm out
Location: near forehead
Movement: lay back of hand lightly on forehead
Nonmanual signal: "sick" expression

**Australia,
Australian**

Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: index finger on forehead
Movement: flip hand back, ending with palm out
Note: See page 363 for the preferred sign.

bastard

Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: near forehead
Movement: hit forehead sharply with edge of hand

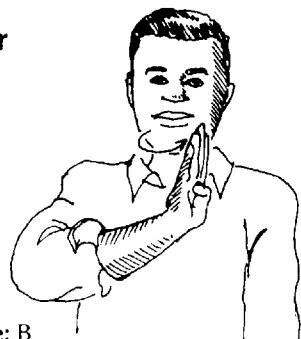
**hello, hi,
greet**

Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: forehead
Movement: move hand forward and tilt fingers forward
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back; smile

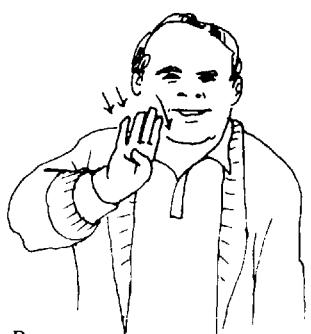
1-Hand SIGNS ➡ B

**be**

Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: mouth
Movement: move hand straight out, away from mouth
Note: Use this sign only when signing manual English.

bachelor

Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: right side of chin
Movement: arc hand from right to left side of chin

beer

Handshape: B
Orientation: palm out
Location: cheek
Movement: brush index finger down cheek twice

brown

Handshape: B
Orientation: palm out
Location: cheek
Movement: slide index finger down cheek

**bullshit,
brownnose**

Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: nose
Movement: slide index finger up and down nose twice

**lie (*liar*),
slander**

Handshape: B
Orientation: palm down
Location: chin
Movement: move hand right to left across chin



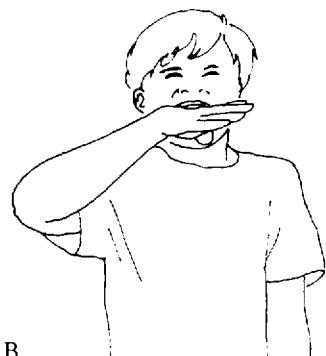
B ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

**full, fed up,
up to here**



Handshape: B
Orientation: palm down
Location: under chin
Movement: bring back of hand up sharply and hit chin
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back

bite



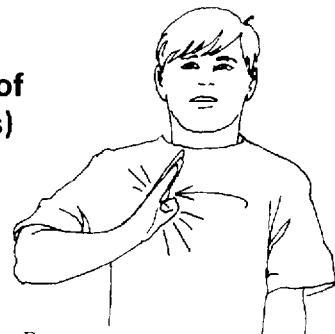
Handshape: B
Orientation: palm down
Location: mouth
Movement: put edge of hand between teeth

bitch



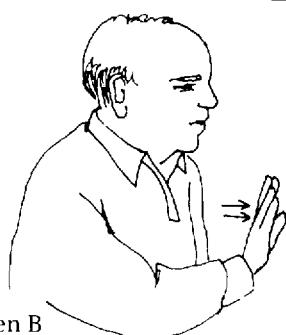
Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: near mouth
Movement: hit mouth sharply with index finger

**board
(group of persons)**



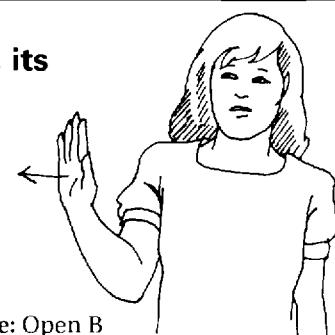
Handshape: B
Orientation: palm left
Location: chest
Movement: arc hand from left to right side of chest

**your, yours
(singular)**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hand forward toward referent
Nonmanual signal: eyes on referent

his, her, its

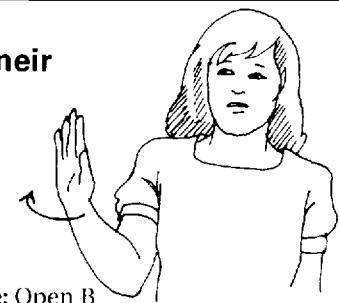


Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand toward referent
Nonmanual signal: eyes on person to whom you are speaking

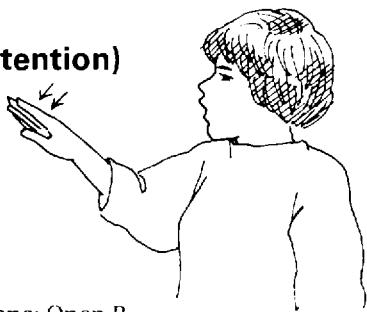
1-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B

**yours (plural)**

Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in arc from left to right
Nonmanual signal: eyes on people to whom you are speaking

theirs, their

Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: point hand toward referents and make a small arc from left to right
Nonmanual signal: eyes on person to whom you are speaking

**call
(for attention)**

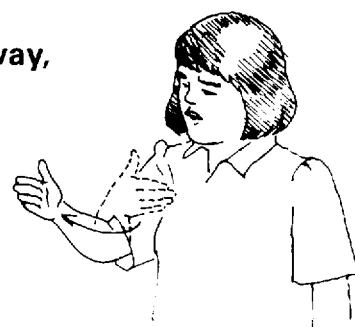
Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm angled out
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hand down
Nonmanual signal: "earnest" expression

**thing,
object**

Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce hand to the right
Note: This sign can also be made with a double bounce to the right.

**welcome,
employ, hire**

Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hand down and in toward chest, ending palm up

**get away,
away**

Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: flip hand out sharply
Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression



OPEN B • 1-Hand SIGNS

come here



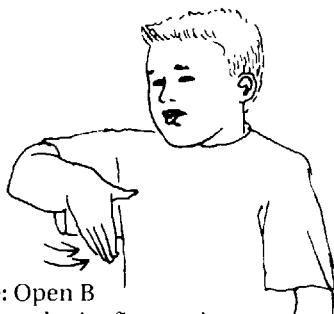
Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in, fingers angled up
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrist in toward chest

**grow up,
all my life,
childhood,
raised,
reared,
upbringing**



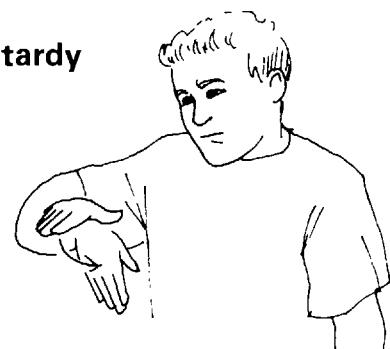
Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand up to eye level
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back; eyes watch hand movement

**not yet,
haven't**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in, fingers down
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing fingers back toward body twice
Nonmanual signal: mouth open; tongue protruding

late, tardy



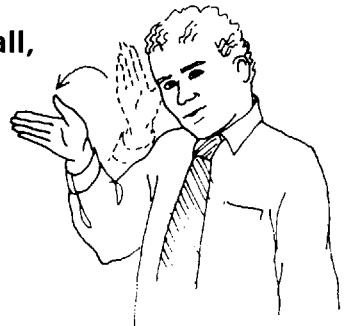
Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing fingers back

**hello, hi (SM);
good-bye,
so long (DM)**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm out
Location: near right shoulder
Movement: wave hand from side to side

**will, shall,
would**

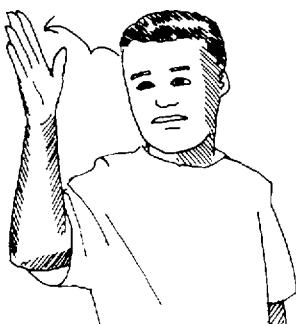


Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: near head
Movement: move hand forward while tipping fingers forward

1-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B

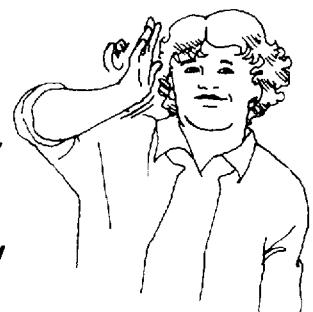


**future,
later on,
someday**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: near head
Movement: move hand forward in double arc

**formerly,
ages ago,
ancestors,
ancient,
former,
previously**



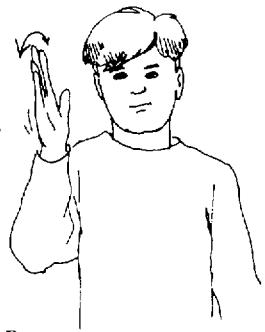
Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: near head
Movement: circle hand back twice
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder up

God



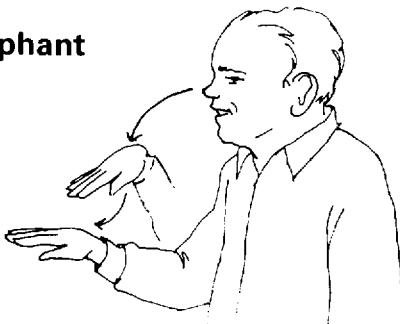
Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: above head
Movement: arc hand down in front of face
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back; eyes gaze up and follow hand movement

**lecture,
oration,
presentation,
speech,
testimony**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: near head
Movement: shake hand forward and back from wrist several times

elephant



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm down
Location: near nose
Movement: move hand down and forward, tracing the shape of a trunk

mirror



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: near face
Movement: rotate palm forward and back twice
Nonmanual signal: eyes watch hand movement



OPEN B • 1-Hand SIGNS

**apparent, appear,
seem**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm out
Location: near face
Movement: twist palm slightly in

**smell,
fragrant,
odor**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: in front of face
Movement: circle hand up toward nose
Nonmanual signal: wrinkle nose; purse lips

**in front of,
front**



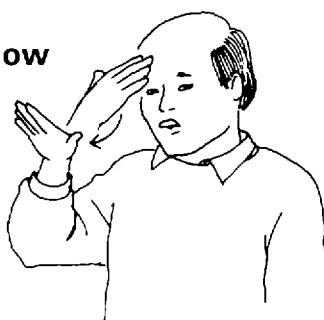
Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: in front of face
Movement: double bounce hand toward face

**overlook,
incognito,
invisible**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: in front of right eye
Movement: move hand down across face

don't know



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in, fingers up
Location: forehead
Movement: flip hand out and down
Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no"

hat



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm down
Location: top of head
Movement: tap top of head twice

1-Hand SIGNS OPEN B



**cabbage,
lettuce**



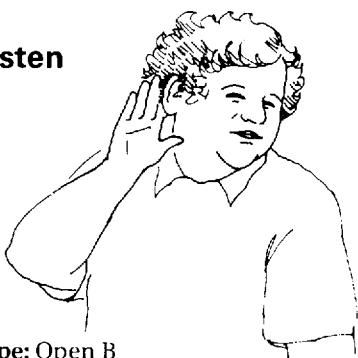
Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: temple
Movement: hit temple with heel of hand twice

bed, sleep



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: cheek
Movement: rest cheek on palm
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right

hear, listen



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: near ear
Movement: bring hand back behind ear
Nonmanual signal: head tilts left

**call (to get
attention)**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: near mouth
Movement: move hand back to right side of mouth
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back, mouth opens

**whisper
(hearing
people)**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: in front of mouth
Movement: move hand back to left side of mouth
Nonmanual signal: head and body tilt to the right

frustrated



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm out
Location: near mouth
Movement: smack back of hand against mouth
Nonmanual signal: "frustrated" expression



OPEN B ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

**thank you,
thanks**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: mouth
Movement: move hand forward
Nonmanual signal: head bows; smile

napkin



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: mouth
Movement: brush hand across mouth twice

ice cream



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: mouth
Movement: brush hand down lips twice

**sweet,
adorable**



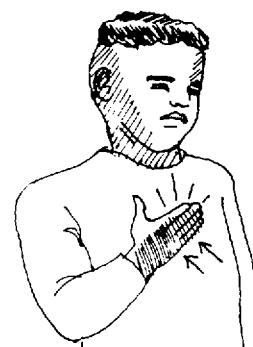
Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: brush fingertips down chin twice

**bad, evil,
wicked**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in, fingers angled up
Location: mouth
Movement: move hand out, then turn hand over and sharply bend wrist down

**my (SM);
mine (DM)**



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: chest
Movement: pat chest with palm

1-Hand SIGNS ➡ OPEN B

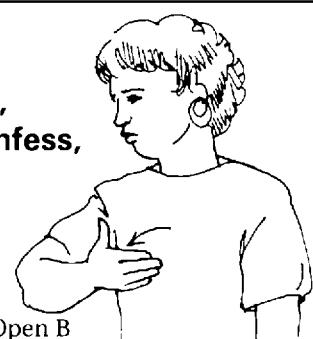


our, ours



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb near right shoulder
Movement: arc hand across chest,
 ending with palm right
Nonmanual signal: eyes pan the eyes
 of all the referents

willing,
acquiesce,
admit, **confess,**
consent,
give in,
yield



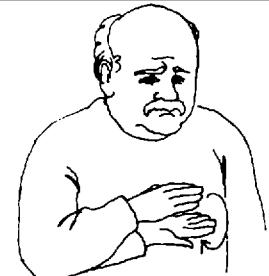
Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: palm on chest
Movement: move hand out a short
 distance
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward

happy, delight,
glad, joy,
merry



Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: chest
Movement: brush hand up in a circular
 motion twice
Nonmanual signal: smile

upset



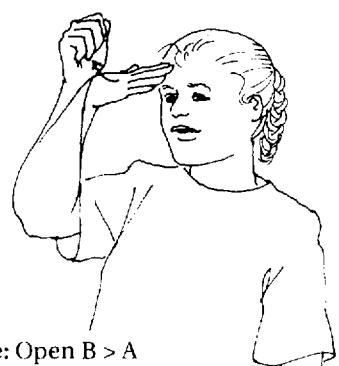
Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm down
Location: index finger on chest
Movement: flip hand over, ending with
 palm up
Nonmanual signal: "angry" or "sad"
 expression

please,
appreciate,
enjoy

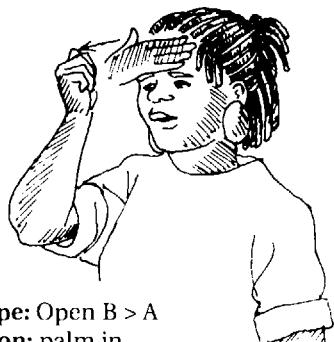


Handshape: Open B
Orientation: palm in
Location: palm on chest
Movement: make small circles on chest
Nonmanual signal: smile

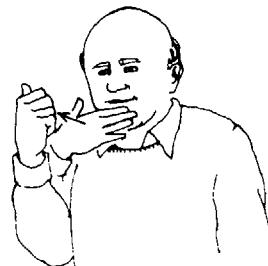
because



Handshape: Open B > A
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on forehead
Movement: arc hand up, closing to A
 handshape


OPEN B ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS
forget

Handshape: Open B > A
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on forehead
Movement: slide fingers across and off forehead, closing to A handshape
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back

better

Handshape: Open B > A
Orientation: palm in
Location: mouth
Movement: move hand out to the right, closing to A handshape
Note: Exaggerate movement upward to form the superlative form, "best."

**prefer,
rather**

Handshape: Open B > A
Orientation: palm in
Location: chest
Movement: arc hand up to the right, closing to A handshape

dog

Handshape: Open B > A
Orientation: palm left
Location: right thigh
Movement: smack thigh, then move hand up and snap fingers twice
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

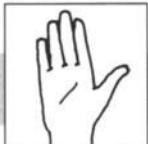
**stubborn,
obstinate,
persistent**

Handshape: Open B > Bent B
Orientation: palm out
Location: thumb on right temple
Movement: bend fingers down sharply
Nonmanual signal: eyebrows knit, frown

sleepy

Handshape: Open B > Bent B
Orientation: palm in, fingers up
Location: in front of face
Movement: bend fingers down twice
Nonmanual signal: droopy eyes

1-HAND SIGNS • OPEN B

**pig**

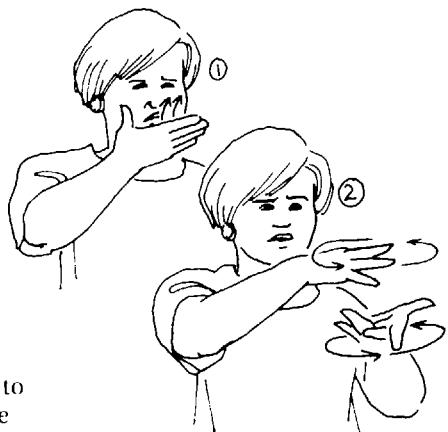
Handshape: Open B > Bent B
Orientation: palm down
Location: under chin
Movement: bend fingers down and up twice

**dweeb,
jerk, nerd**

Handshape: Open B > Y
Orientation: palm out
Location: near forehead
Movement: bring hand back against forehead while changing to Y handshape
Nonmanual signal: tongue protrudes

why

Handshape: Open B > Y
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on forehead
Movement: move hand forward and down while changing to Y handshape
Nonmanual signal: "questioning" expression
Note: See page 115 for a variation of this sign.

pollution
(compound: smell + mix)

Handshape: Open B > 5 : 5
Orientation: right palm in; left palm up
Location: right hand in front of mouth; left hand in neutral space
Movement: brush hand up toward nose, then change to 5 handshape, palm down above left palm, and move hands in circular motion



BENT B ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

**short, small
(height)**



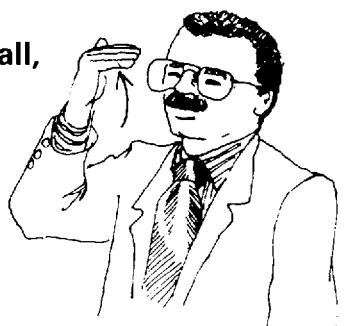
Handshape: Bent B
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand down
Nonmanual signal: eyes follow hand

child



Handshape: Bent B
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand down a short distance

**adult, tall,
big**



Handshape: Bent B
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand up
Nonmanual signal: eyes follow hand

**back,
behind,
rear**



Handshape: Bent B
Orientation: palm in
Location: above right shoulder
Movement: double bounce hand back over right shoulder

**past, ago, ex-,
last, previous,
was**



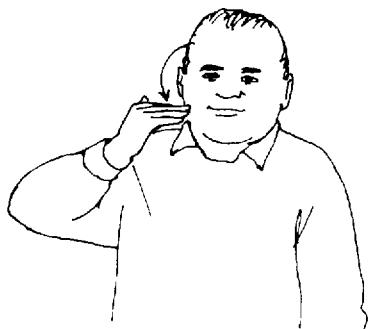
Handshape: Bent B
Orientation: palm in
Location: in front of right shoulder
Movement: move hand back over right shoulder

**know (SM);
aware,
conscious,
familiar,
knowledge,
mental,
recognize (DM)**



Handshape: Bent B
Orientation: palm in
Location: near temple
Movement: tap temple with fingertips

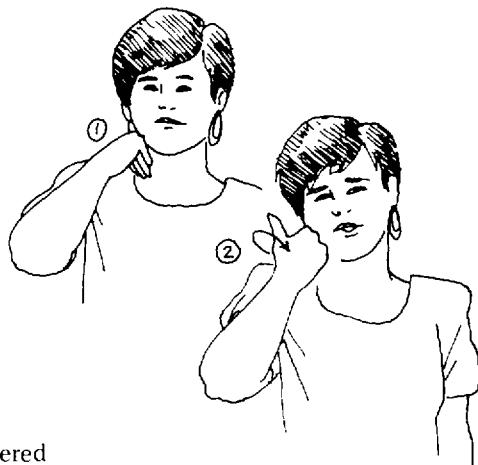
1-Hand SIGNS • BENT B

**head**

Handshape: Bent B
Orientation: palm down
Location: temple
Movement: move fingertips from right temple to right cheek

**broke,
penniless**

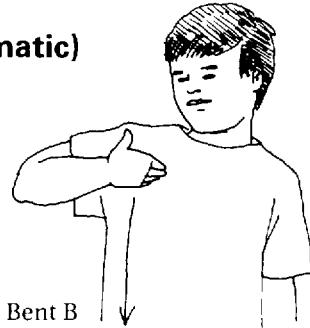
Handshape: Bent B
Orientation: palm down
Location: near neck
Movement: strike side of neck with side of hand
Nonmanual signal: head tilts left

**ashamed, bashful,
shame, shy**

Handshape: Bent B
Orientation: palm down
Location: knuckles on cheek
Movement: twist hand up
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right; eyes lowered

blouse

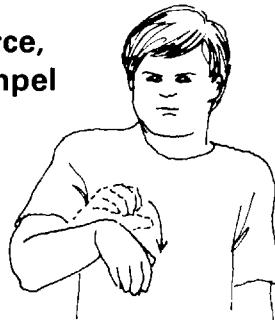
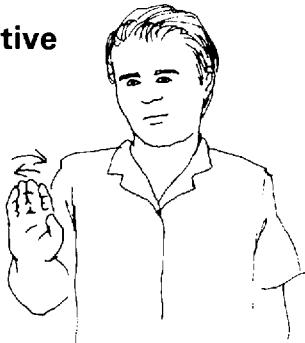
Handshape: Bent B
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on chest
Movement: arc hand down to waist, ending with palm up

me (dramatic)

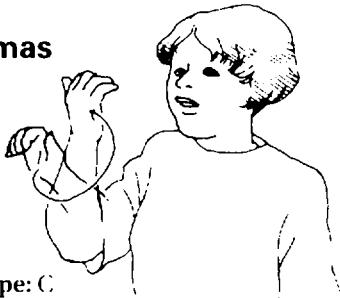
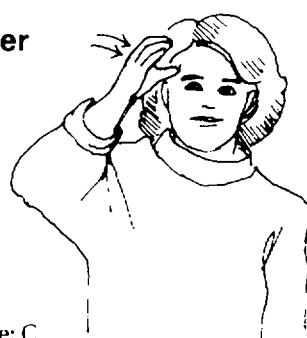
Handshape: Bent B
Orientation: palm up
Location: fingertips on chest
Movement: slide hand down chest to waist
Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back; erect posture



BENT B • 1-Hand SIGNS

member**Handshape:** Bent B**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** fingertips on left side of chest**Movement:** arc hand across to right side of chest**breasts****Handshape:** Bent B**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** fingertips on left breast**Movement:** arc hand across to right breast**pig (insult)****Handshape:** Bent B > Open B**Orientation:** palm down**Location:** under chin**Movement:** smack hand up sharply to hit chin while straightening fingers**Nonmanual signal:** "disgusted" expression**force, coerce,
compel, impel****Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hand forward and bend wrist down**conservative****Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** shake hand gently side to side**Chicago****Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hand to the right and down

1-Hand SIGNS • C

**Christmas****Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** swing hand in a semicircle, ending with palm in**Note:** See page 64 for a variation of this sign**strange,
curious, odd,
queer, weird****Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** near right eye**Movement:** bend wrist down, ending with palm down in front of chin**Nonmanual signal:** head tilts right; frown with "puzzled" expression**examine, investigate, look for,
probe, search, seek****Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** near face**Movement:** circle hand to the left in front of face at least twice**Nonmanual signal:** head and body move slightly left with each circular movement; eyes scan room**Note:** When referring to a more thorough examination, use both hands in an alternating movement.**cousin (male)****Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** near temple**Movement:** twist wrist back and forth**Note:** The sign for a female cousin is made near the chin.**computer****Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** right temple**Movement:** double bounce thumb against temple



C ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

sun

Handshape: C
Orientation: palm left
Location: near right temple
Movement: double bounce fingertips against temple
Nonmanual signal: head tilts left

genius

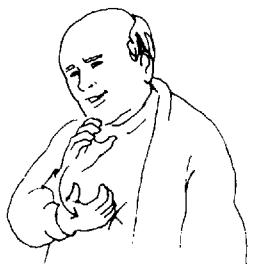
Handshape: C
Orientation: palm left
Location: near forehead
Movement: move hand back, ending with thumb on forehead
Nonmanual signal: puffed cheeks

**concept,
cognitive**

Handshape: C
Orientation: palm in
Location: thumb on forehead
Movement: move hand out

choke, gag

Handshape: C
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on neck
Movement: shake hand slightly from side to side
Nonmanual signal: "choking" expression

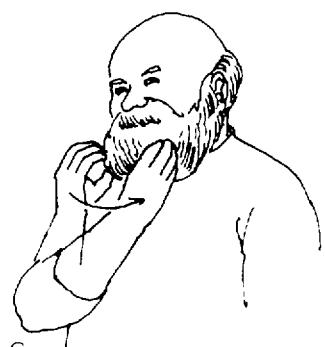
**Christmas,
Santa Claus**

Handshape: C
Orientation: palm left
Location: chin
Movement: arc hand down to chest, ending with palm up
Note: See page 63 for a variation of this sign.

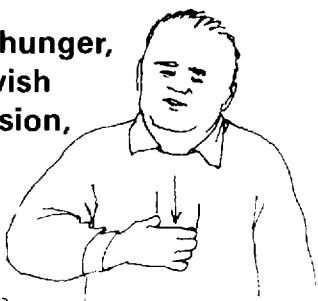
**drink,
beverage**

Handshape: C
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on mouth
Movement: tilt hand up

1-Hand SIGNS • C

**cafeteria****Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** index finger on left side of chin**Movement:** slide index finger down left side of chin, then down right side of chin**beard****Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** fingertips on right side of chin**Movement:** slide fingers across to left side of chin

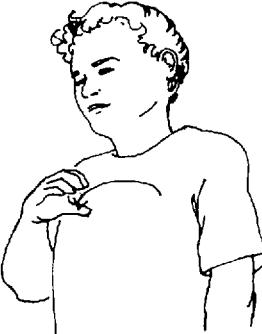
**appetite, hunger,
hungry, wish
(SM); passion,
lust (DM)**

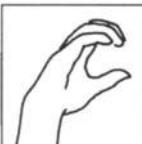
**Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** fingertips on chest**Movement:** slide fingertips slowly down chest; for "passion" and "lust," make shorter, faster movements

**cop, guard,
patrol, police,
security**

**Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** chest**Movement:** double bounce side of hand on chest**character****Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** near chest**Movement:** move hand in a small circle, then drop hand on chest

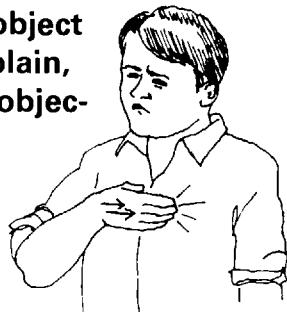
**Congress,
committee,
council**

**Handshape:** C**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** left side of chest**Movement:** arc hand across to right side of chest



C ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

complain, object (SM); complain, grievance, objection (DM)



Handshape: C
Orientation: palm in
Location: chest
Movement: double bounce fingertips against chest

Christ (Christian)



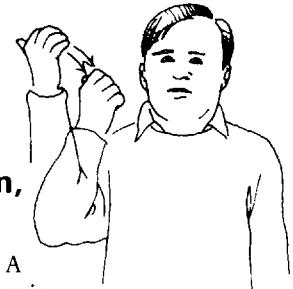
Handshape: C
Orientation: palm left
Location: below left shoulder
Movement: move hand across body down to right side of waist

cough



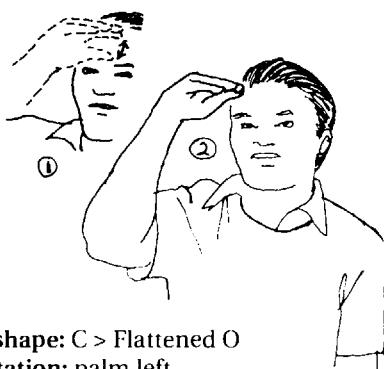
Handshape: C
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on chest
Movement: rock hand up and down
Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; "sick" expression

pension, allowance, dividend, royalty, subscription, welfare



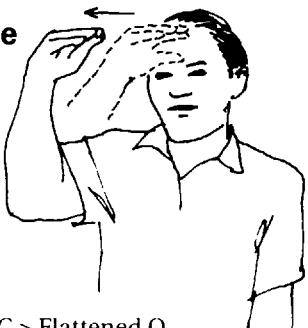
Handshape: C > A
Orientation: palm in
Location: near head
Movement: bring hand down in short, quick double motion while changing to A handshape
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

boy



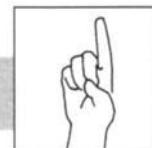
Handshape: C > Flattened O
Orientation: palm left
Location: near forehead
Movement: close fingertips and thumb together twice

man, male



Handshape: C > Flattened O
Orientation: palm left
Location: near forehead
Movement: move hand forward, closing fingertips and thumb

1-Hand SIGNS & D

**milk, dairy**

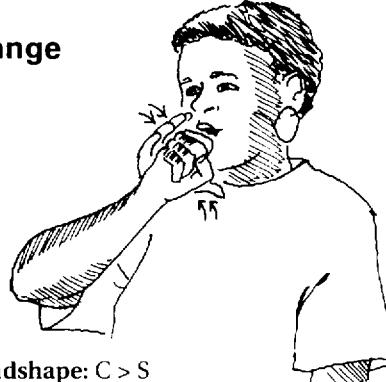
Handshape: C > S
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: open and close fist twice

**guess, assume,
estimate, miss**

Handshape: C > S
Orientation: palm left
Location: right side of face
Movement: arc hand across face, closing to S handshape

**old, age,
antique**

Handshape: C > S
Orientation: palm left
Location: index finger on chin
Movement: move hand down while changing to S handshape

orange

Handshape: C > S
Orientation: palm left
Location: near mouth
Movement: open and close fist twice

democrat

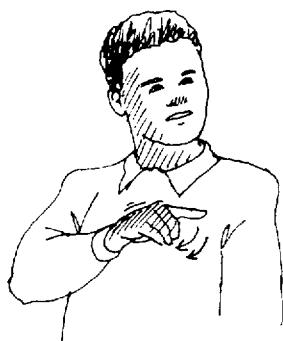
Handshape: D
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hand back and forth, gently

dinner

Handshape: D
Orientation: palm in
Location: near chin
Movement: tap chin twice with fingertips



D ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

detective

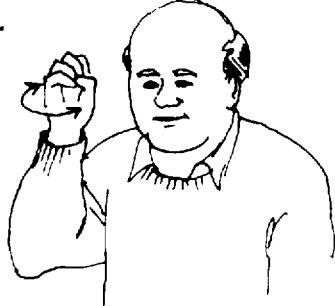
Handshape: D
Orientation: palm down
Location: chest
Movement: brush fingertips down chest twice

east

Handshape: E
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand right

elevator

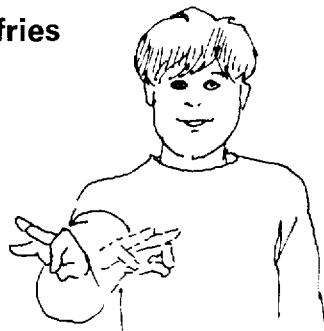
Handshape: E
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand up and down

Easter

Handshape: E
Orientation: palm out
Location: near head
Movement: twist wrist back and forth with small movement

Europe

Handshape: E
Orientation: palm in
Location: near forehead
Movement: move hand in small circle

french fries

Handshape: F
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce hand from left to right

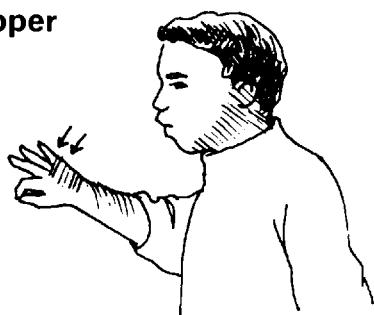
1-Hand SIGNS • F

**Friday**

Handshape: F
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in gentle circular motion

**every Friday,
Fridays**

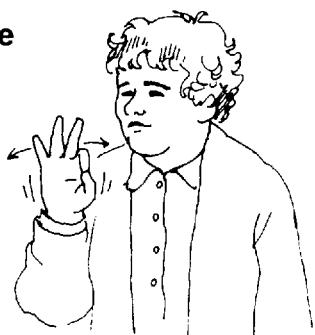
Handshape: F
Orientation: palm in
Location: in front of face
Movement: move hand down

pepper

Handshape: F
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hand down

fine (texture)

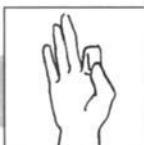
Handshape: F
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: rub index finger and thumb together several times

furniture

Handshape: F
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hand slightly side to side

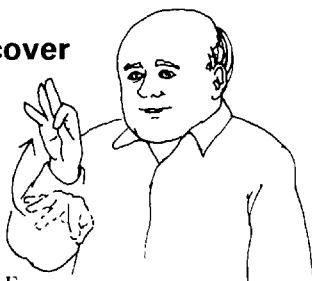
**preach
(minister,
pastor,
preacher),
sermon**

Handshape: F
Orientation: palm out
Location: near right shoulder
Movement: double bounce hand forward
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed



F 1-Hand SIGNS

find, discover



Handshape: F
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrist up, ending with palm out
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back; mouth open

**France,
French**



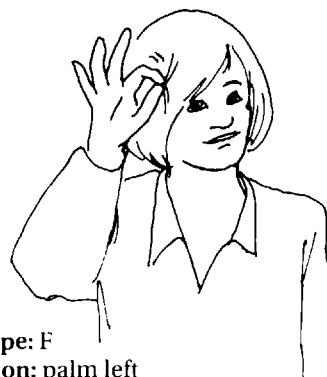
Handshape: F
Orientation: palm out
Location: near head
Movement: swing hand in a semicircle, ending with palm in

**in the nick
of time**



Handshape: F
Orientation: palm in
Location: thumb and index fingertips on right eyebrow
Movement: move hand out in a short, quick motion
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder lifts up; head tilts right; "cz" mouth movement

hair



Handshape: F
Orientation: palm left
Location: head
Movement: grasp hair and pull up twice, using short, quick motions

**Native
American,
American
Indian,
Indian**



Handshape: F
Orientation: palm left
Location: near chin
Movement: bounce thumb and index fingertips back along cheek toward ear

earring



Handshape: F
Orientation: palm left
Location: right earlobe
Movement: wiggle earlobe several times

1-Hand SIGNS • F



**very close,
nearby**



Handshape: F

Orientation: palm in

Location: thumb and index fingertips
on nose

Movement: twist hand sharply out and
bend wrist down

Nonmanual signal: right shoulder lifts up;
head tilts right; "cz" mouth movement

fox



Handshape: F

Orientation: palm left

Location: thumb and index fingertips
on nose

Movement: twist wrist back and forth

fruit



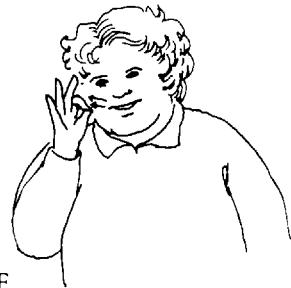
Handshape: F

Orientation: palm left

Location: thumb and index fingertips
on cheek

Movement: twist hand forward twice

cat



Handshape: F

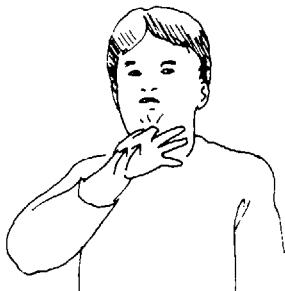
Orientation: palm left

Location: cheek

Movement: brush index finger and
thumb back toward ear twice

Note: See page 223 for a two-hand
variation of this sign.

soon



Handshape: F

Orientation: palm in

Location: chin

Movement: tap chin twice

Nonmanual signal: right shoulder lifts up;
head tilts right; "cz" mouth movement

**knack,
expert**



Handshape: F

Orientation: palm in

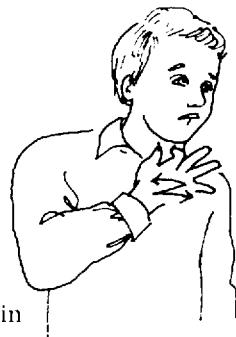
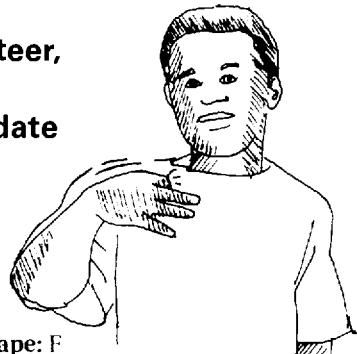
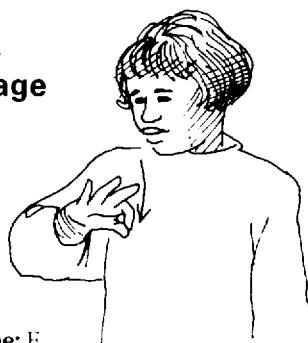
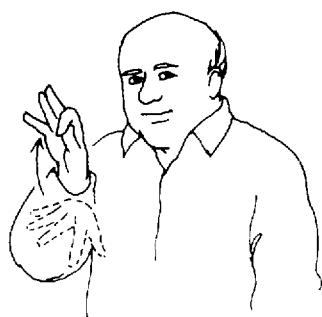
Location: near chin

Movement: bring hand in to hit chin

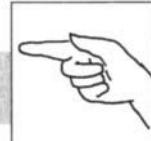
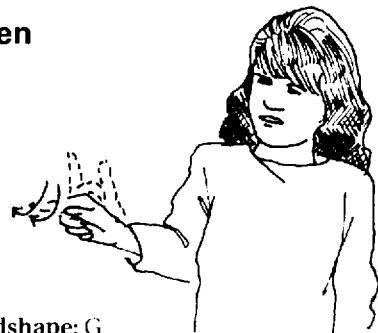
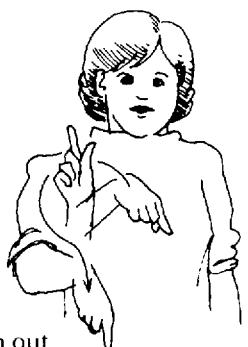
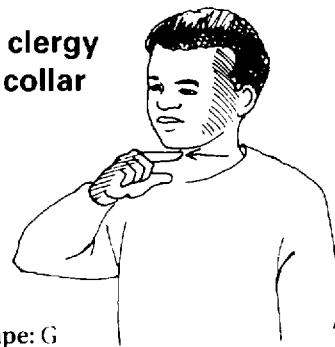
Nonmanual signal: lips taut

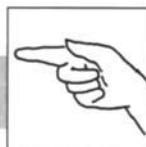


F 1-Hand SIGNS

curious**Handshape:** F**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** neck**Movement:** grasp skin of neck and pull side to side**Nonmanual signal:** body leans forward; head tilts right; eyebrows knit**volunteer,
apply,
candidate****Handshape:** F**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** chest**Movement:** grasp shirt fabric and tug twice**Nonmanual signal:** right shoulder raised**benefit,
advantage****Handshape:** F**Orientation:** palm down**Location:** on chest**Movement:** brush thumb and index fingertips down chest**profit,
commission,
gain****Handshape:** F**Orientation:** palm down**Location:** ribs**Movement:** brush thumb and index fingertips down body**Nonmanual signal:** right shoulder raised**pill, capsule,
take a pill****Handshape:** F > Open F**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** near mouth**Movement:** move hand toward mouth and flick open index finger and thumb twice**Nonmanual signal:** mouth open**appoint,
choose,
select****Handshape:** Open F > F**Orientation:** palm down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend wrist back, closing to F handshape

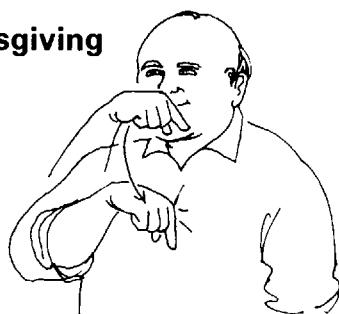
1-Hand SIGNS • G

**skunk****Handshape:** Open F > G**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** nose**Movement:** press nostrils together, then change to G handshape and move hand up head, ending with hand on top of head, palm out**green****Handshape:** G**Orientation:** palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** twist hand up and down several times**quiz****Handshape:** G**Orientation:** palm out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** trace the shape of a question mark with fingers, ending with palm down**small, little bit,
slight, tiny****Handshape:** G**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** near face**Movement:** bring hand back slightly toward face**Nonmanual signal:** "cz" mouth movement; right shoulder and head tilt to right side**turkey****Handshape:** G**Orientation:** palm down**Location:** chin**Movement:** swing fingers back and forth twice**priest, clergy
(SM); collar
(DM)****Handshape:** G**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** neck**Movement:** move hand left to right across neck



G 1-Hand SIGNS

Thanksgiving



Handshape: G
Orientation: palm down
Location: index finger on mouth
Movement: move hand down to center of chest

queen



Handshape: G
Orientation: palm down
Location: index finger and thumb on chest
Movement: move hand diagonally across body, ending at right side of waist

**guilt,
conscience,
guilty**



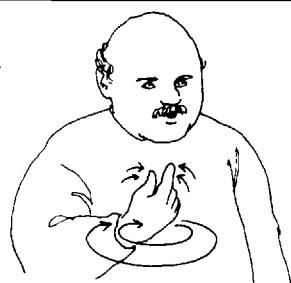
Handshape: G
Orientation: palm left
Location: below left shoulder
Movement: tap index finger and thumb against chest

**what-to-do,
what**



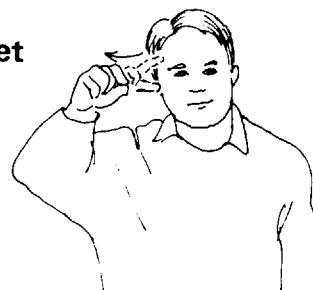
Handshape: G > Baby O
Orientation: palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring index finger and thumb together twice
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward, head tilts right, "puzzled" expression

**lots to do,
busy**



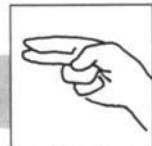
Handshape: G > Baby O
Orientation: palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in small circles while opening and closing index finger and thumb
Nonmanual signal: trill lips

Gallaudet



Handshape: G > Baby O
Orientation: palm right
Location: thumb and index fingertips near right eye
Movement: move hand back and close index finger and thumb

1-Hand SIGNS • H

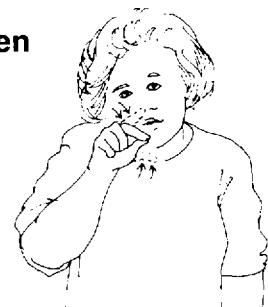


**glasses,
eyeglasses**



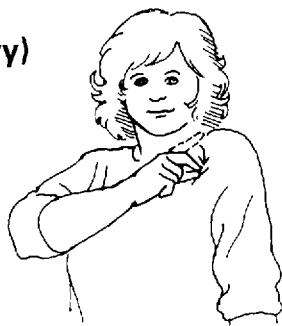
Handshape: G > Baby O
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb and index fingertips near right eye
Movement: move hand right, closing index finger and thumb twice

bird, chicken



Handshape: G > Baby O
Orientation: palm out
Location: index finger against cheek
Movement: close and open index finger and thumb twice

pin (jewelry)



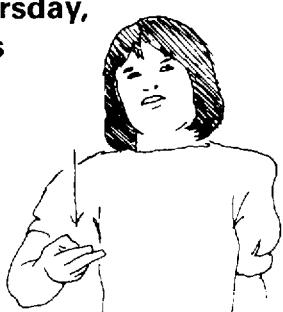
Handshape: G > Baby O
Orientation: palm in
Location: thumb on chest
Movement: close index finger against thumb

Thursday



Handshape: H
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in gentle circular motion

**every Thursday,
Thursdays**

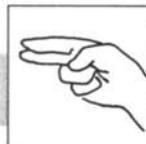


Handshape: H
Orientation: palm in
Location: in front of face
Movement: move hand down

**zap, got ya!
(slang)**



Handshape: H
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend hand forward and back quickly



H ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

hard of hearing



Handshape: H
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce hand down from left to right

history



Handshape: H
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hand up and down twice

**use, utilize,
wear**



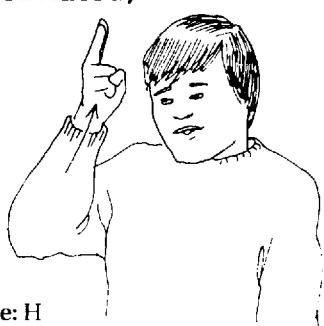
Handshape: H
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in a circle
Note: See page 237 for a two-hand variation of this sign.

hell



Handshape: H
Orientation: palm in
Location: below left shoulder
Movement: make sharp movement down across body, ending in front of right side of waist

**high, inebriated,
stoned**



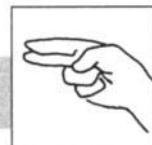
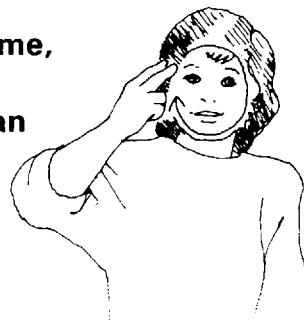
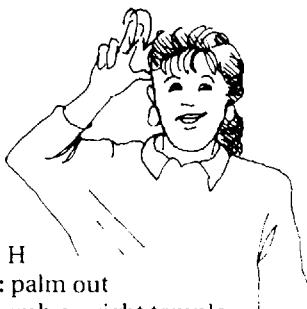
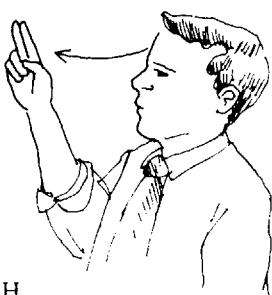
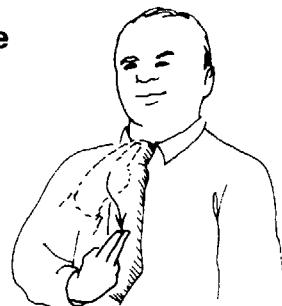
Handshape: H
Orientation: palm left
Location: near forehead
Movement: move hand up

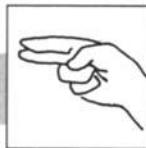
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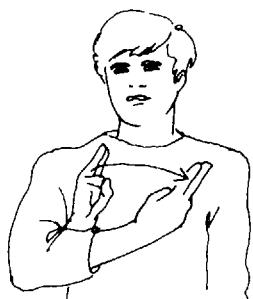
Handshape: H
Orientation: palm in
Location: near forehead
Movement: trace shape of cross near forehead

1-Hand SIGNS • H

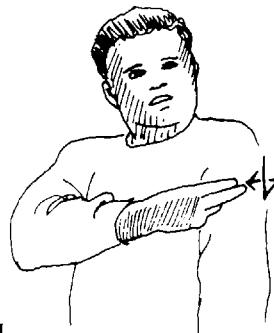
**uncle****Handshape:** H**Orientation:** palm out**Location:** near temple**Movement:** brush hands down temple twice**Note:** Movement may be circular.**handsome,
Hawaii,
Hawaiian****Handshape:** H**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** near face**Movement:** circle fingers counterclockwise around face**horse****Handshape:** H**Orientation:** palm out**Location:** thumb on right temple**Movement:** bend index and middle fingers twice**Note:** This may be signed with both hands, using the same handshape and movement.**Latin****Handshape:** H**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** fingertips on forehead**Movement:** move hand down to tip of nose**Note:** See page 84 for a variation of this sign.**honor****Handshape:** H**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** index finger on forehead**Movement:** arc hand forward**Nonmanual signal:** head slowly moves up in reverence**necktie, tie****Handshape:** H**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** neck**Movement:** arc hand down to center of chest



H 1-Hand SIGNS

us

Handshape: H
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on right side of chest
Movement: arc hand across to left side of chest, ending palm in
Note: Use this sign only when signing manual English.

hospital

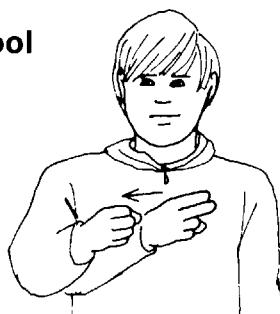
Handshape: H
Orientation: palm in
Location: left upper arm
Movement: use fingertips to trace shape of cross on arm

candy, cute, sugar

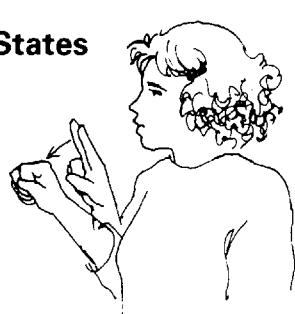
Handshape: H > N
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: brush fingers down chin twice, ending in N handshape

funny, amusing, comical, humorous

Handshape: H > N
Orientation: palm in
Location: nose
Movement: brush fingers down nose twice while bending them
Nonmanual signal: smile

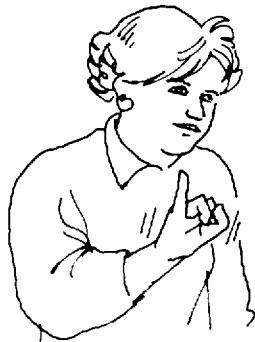
high school

Handshape: H > S
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand right, closing to S handshape

United States

Handshape: H > S
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand forward, closing to S handshape

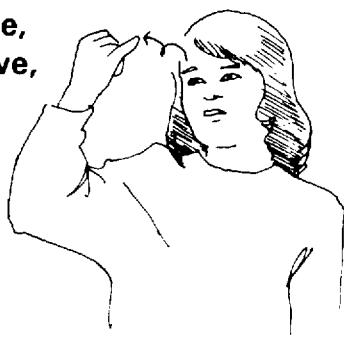
1-Hand SIGNS I

**insurance**

Handshape: I
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hand slightly side to side

**Italy, Italian,
Pepsi**

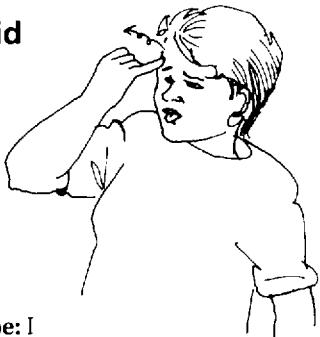
Handshape: I
Orientation: palm in
Location: near forehead
Movement: trace a cross near center of forehead
Note: See page 86 for the preferred sign for Italy.

**imagine,
conceive,
theory**

Handshape: I
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertip on forehead
Movement: spiral hand forward and up

idea

Handshape: I
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertip on forehead
Movement: move hand up and out

paranoid

Handshape: I
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertip on forehead
Movement: move hand out in small spirals
Nonmanual signal: tongue protruding

**if, suppose,
what if**

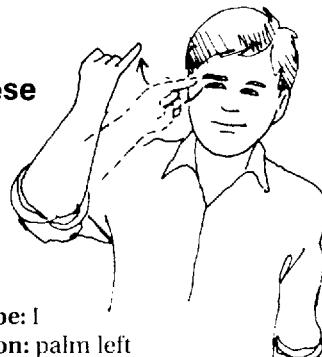
Handshape: I
Orientation: palm in
Location: below eye
Movement: tap little finger against face twice
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right, "frowning" expression



I 1-Hand SIGNS

jealous, envy

Handshape: I
Orientation: palm out
Location: fingertip near right corner of mouth
Movement: twist hand back, ending with palm in
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right, "angry" expression

Japan, Japanese

Handshape: I
Orientation: palm left
Location: eye
Movement: twist hand back, ending with palm in
Note: See page 249 for the preferred sign.

Israel, Israeli

Handshape: I
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: slide index finger down left side of chin, then down right side of chin

I



Handshape: I
Orientation: palm left
Location: chest
Movement: hit thumb side of hand against chest

kitchen

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hand slightly side to side

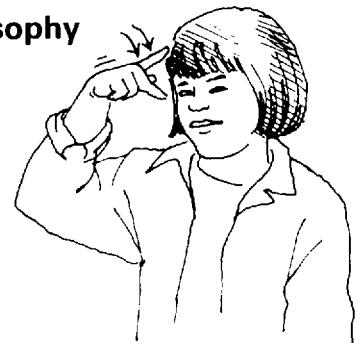
Philadelphia

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand to the right and down

1-Hand SIGNS & K

**purple**

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist hand side to side twice

philosophy

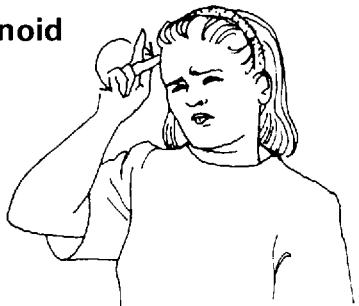
Handshape: K
Orientation: palm down
Location: near forehead
Movement: bend wrist down slightly twice

**two of us,
we (two)**

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrist forward and back between self and referent

politics

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm left
Location: near temple
Movement: circle hand near the head; then touch right temple with middle finger

paranoid

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm left
Location: middle finger on temple
Movement: twist wrist forward and back twice

poison

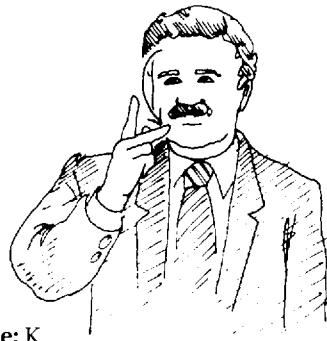
Handshape: K
Orientation: palm in
Location: middle finger on chin
Movement: twist hand slightly twice



K 1-Hand SIGNS

pink

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: brush middle finger down chin twice

parents

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm left
Location: middle finger on right temple
Movement: move middle finger down to right side of mouth

peach

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm down
Location: index finger on cheek
Movement: circle hand forward on cheek

cake

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm in
Location: cheek
Movement: brush cheek twice with middle finger

**penis, pee,
urine**

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm in
Location: nose
Movement: tap nose twice with middle finger

king

Handshape: K
Orientation: palm down
Location: index finger on chest
Movement: move hand down across body, ending on right side of waist
Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back, erect posture

1-Hand SIGNS ↗ L

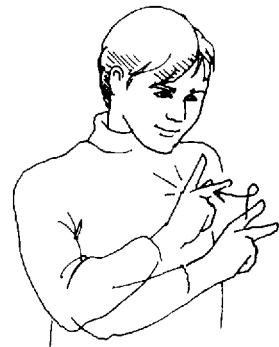


**patient
(ill person)**



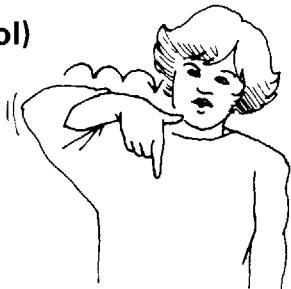
Handshape: K
Orientation: palm in
Location: left upper arm
Movement: trace shape of a cross with middle finger

personality



Handshape: K
Orientation: palm down
Location: chest
Movement: move hand in small circle, then drop thumb on chest

drill (tool)



Handshape: I
Orientation: palm in, index finger pointing down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce hand up and down several times while moving hand left

landlord



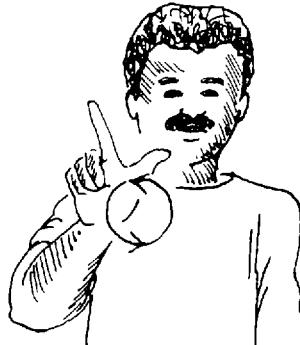
Handshape: I
Orientation: palm down, index finger pointing forward
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hand from left to right

left (direction)



Handshape: I
Orientation: palm down, index finger pointing forward
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand left

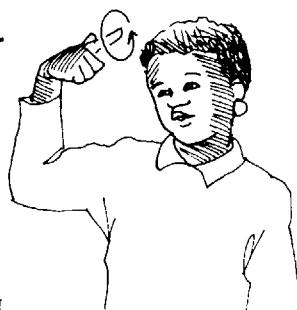
library

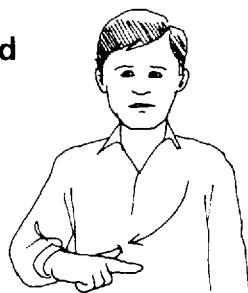
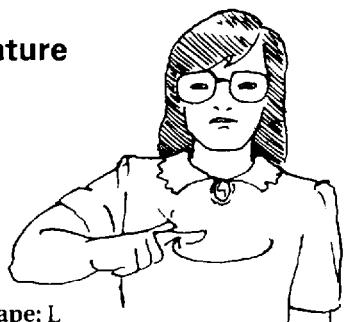


Handshape: I
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in a circle



L 1-Hand SIGNS

hair dryer**Handshape:** L**Orientation:** palm down, index finger pointing at head**Location:** near head**Movement:** move hand in a circle**Nonmanual signal:** head tilts left**second,
endorse****Handshape:** L**Orientation:** palm left, index finger pointing up**Location:** above right shoulder**Movement:** twist wrist forward, ending with index finger pointing forward**Latin****Handshape:** L**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** thumb on forehead**Movement:** move thumb down to nose**Note:** See page 77 for a variation of this sign.**Lincoln****Handshape:** L**Orientation:** palm out**Location:** right side of forehead**Movement:** tap forehead twice with thumb**lemon****Handshape:** L**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** chin**Movement:** twist wrist and brush thumb down chin twice**lunch****Handshape:** L**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** chin**Movement:** tap chin twice with thumb

1-Hand SIGNS  L**Lord, landlord****Handshape:** L**Orientation:** palm down,
index finger pointing left**Location:** thumb below left shoulder**Movement:** move hand down across
body, ending with thumb on right
side of waist**lazy****Handshape:** L**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** below left shoulder**Movement:** tap chest twice**Nonmanual signal:** mouth open,
tongue protruding**legislature****Handshape:** L**Orientation:** palm down, index finger
pointing left**Location:** thumb on chest**Movement:** arc hand across to right
side of chest**shoot****Handshape:** L > Bent L**Orientation:** palm left, index finger
points at referent**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend thumb down twice**laugh****Handshape:** L > Bent L**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** cheek**Movement:** bend index finger down,
brushing cheek twice**who, whom****Handshape:** L > Bent L**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** thumb on chin**Movement:** bend index finger down twice



L • 1-Hand SIGNS

because

Handshape: L > Bent L
Orientation: palm in
Location: index finger on forehead
Movement: wipe index finger across forehead to the right, then bend finger

**Coke,
Coca-Cola**

Handshape: L > Bent L
Orientation: palm in
Location: index finger on left arm
Movement: bend thumb down twice

**drink (liquor),
shot (liquor)**

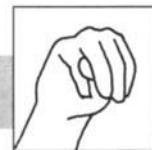
Handshape: Bent L
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: tip hand back toward mouth
Nonmanual signal: head tips back

moon

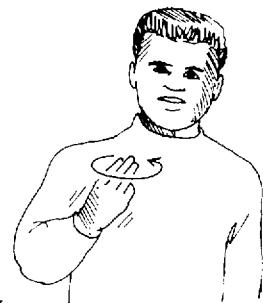
Handshape: Bent L
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on forehead
Movement: arc hand up and to right

Italy

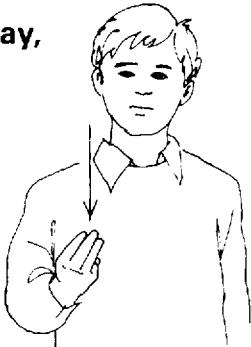
Handshape: Bent L > Baby O
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand down in wavy motion, closing thumb and index finger
Note: This is the preferred sign for Italy, used by Italians.

1-Hand SIGNS  M**interest**

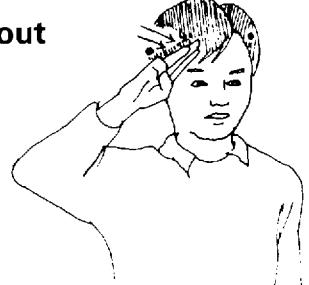
Handshape: Bent L > A
Orientation: palm in
Location: near nose
Movement: move hand out, closing to A handshape
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward

Monday

Handshape: M
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in gentle circular motion
Note: The palm may face forward.

**every Monday,
Mondays**

Handshape: M
Orientation: palm in
Location: in front of face
Movement: move hand down

Boy Scout

Handshape: M
Orientation: palm out, fingertips angled up
Location: near forehead
Movement: tap forehead twice with index finger

Mormon

Handshape: M
Orientation: palm left
Location: cheek
Movement: brush fingertips down cheek twice

member

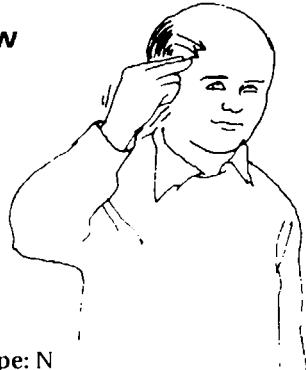
Handshape: M
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips below left shoulder chest
Movement: arc hand across to right side of chest



N 1-Hand SIGNS

north

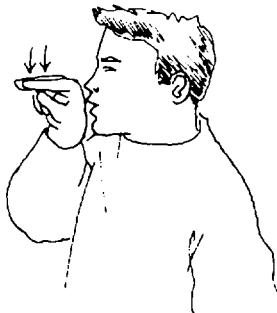
Handshape: N
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand up

nephew

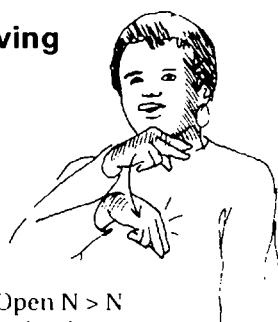
Handshape: N
Orientation: palm left
Location: temple
Movement: twist wrist forward twice

niece

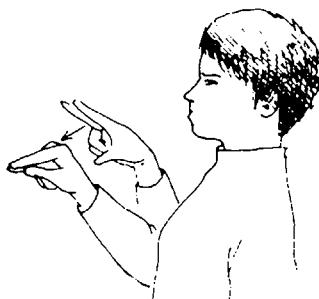
Handshape: N
Orientation: palm left
Location: cheek
Movement: twist wrist forward twice

duck

Handshape: Open N > N
Orientation: palm out
Location: cheek
Movement: close fingers to thumb twice

Thanksgiving

Handshape: Open N > N
Orientation: palm down
Location: chin
Movement: move hand down to touch chest, ending with fingers pointing down

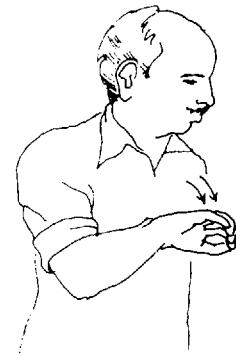
no

Handshape: Open N > Flattened O
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: close fingers sharply to thumb
Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no"

1-Hand SIGNS • O

**gray**

Handshape: O
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist hand around, ending with palm in

**seasoning,
spice**

Handshape: O
Orientation: palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce hand down twice

none, zip

Handshape: O
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand forward

zero

Handshape: O
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hand side to side

percent

Handshape: O
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand right and then down

opinion

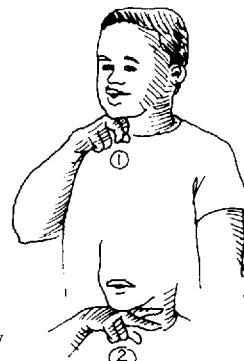
Handshape: O
Orientation: palm left
Location: forehead
Movement: circle hand out from forehead twice



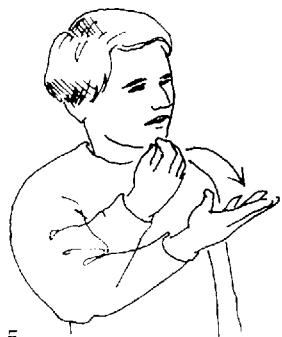
O ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

orphan

Handshape: O
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb and index finger on forehead
Movement: move hand down to chin

frog

Handshape: O > V
Orientation: palm down
Location: under chin
Movement: flick fingers out into V handshape

warm

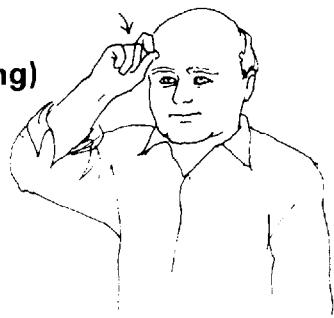
Handshape: O > 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on chin
Movement: move hand out, opening to 5 handshape, palm up

**point,
period**

Handshape: Baby O
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply bend wrist forward

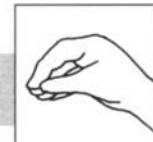
**thus,
therefore**

Handshape: Baby O
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: draw top part of a triangle

**cap
(clothing)**

Handshape: Baby O
Orientation: palm left
Location: forehead
Movement: move hand down slightly

1-Hand SIGNS • FLATTENED O

**cold (virus)**

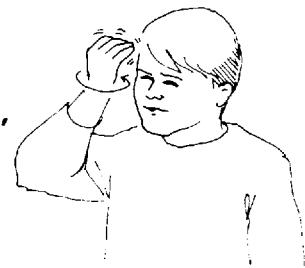
Handshape: Baby O
Orientation: palm in
Location: nose
Movement: brush fingers down each side of nose twice
Nonmanual signal: droopy eyes

**a little,
slightly**

Handshape: Baby O > A
Orientation: palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: flick thumb off index finger twice
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder raised

tattle

Handshape: Baby O > 1
Orientation: palm down
Location: mouth
Movement: move hand out, flicking index finger out

**ponder,
cogitate,
deliberate,
mull over**

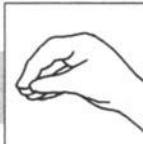
Handshape: Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: near forehead
Movement: circle hand while randomly tapping fingertips on thumb
Nonmanual signal: "pensive" expression

flower

Handshape: Flattened O
Orientation: palm left
Location: right side of nose
Movement: arc hand around to left side of nose

home

Handshape: Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: bounce hand up right cheek



FLATTENED O 1-Hand SIGNS

kiss

Handshape: Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: mouth
Movement: twist the wrist out and move hand toward referent

eat (SM); food (DM)

Handshape: Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: mouth
Movement: double bounce hand against mouth

give, supply

Handshape: Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: chest
Movement: bend wrist out, ending with palm up
Note: See page 258 for a two-hand variation of this sign.

own

Handshape: Flattened O
Orientation: palm left
Location: chest
Movement: hit hand against chest

send, dispatch, mail to

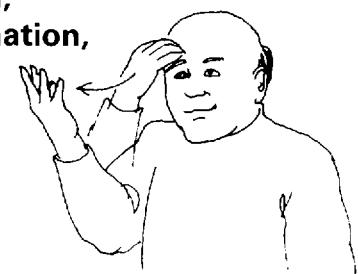
Handshape: Flattened O > 5
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand out while opening to 5 handshape

lamp, light

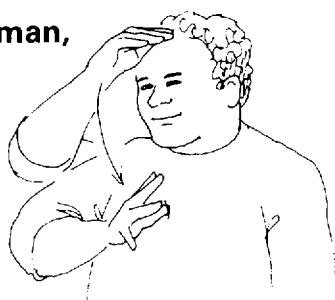
Handshape: Flattened O > 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: near head
Movement: drop hand down toward face while opening to 5 handshape

1-Hand SIGNS • FLATTENED O
**shower**

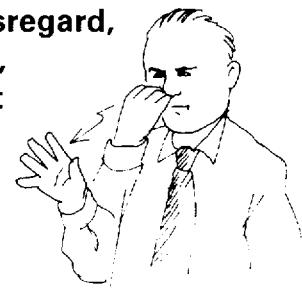
Handshape: Flattened O > 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: near head
Movement: bend hand down toward face while flicking fingers open twice
Nonmanual signal: head tilts left

**inform,
information,
news,
notify**

Handshape: Flattened O > 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: forehead
Movement: drop hand down and out while opening to 5 handshape

**gentleman,
man**

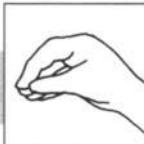
Handshape: Flattened O > 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: forehead
Movement: move hand down to chest while opening to 5 handshape

**ignore, disregard,
don't care,
indifferent**

Handshape: Flattened O > 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: nose
Movement: twist hand sharply out while opening to 5 handshape

**white person,
Caucasian,
pale**

Handshape: Flattened O > 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: chest
Movement: snap hand up and open to 5 handshape, ending with palm in front of face



FLATTENED O 1-Hand SIGNS

breakfast (compound: eat + morning)

Handshape: Flattened O > Open B : passive

Orientation: palms in

Location: right hand near mouth; left hand in neutral space

Movement: bring right hand to mouth, then place left hand inside crook of right arm and bring right forearm up



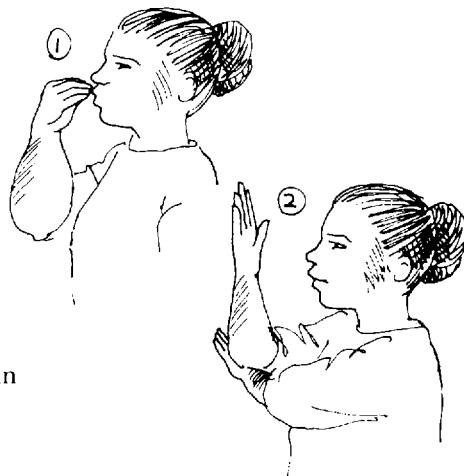
lunch (compound: eat + noon)

Handshape: Flattened O > Open B : passive

Orientation: right palm in; left palm down

Location: right hand near mouth; left hand in neutral space

Movement: bring right hand to mouth, then place right elbow on back of left hand



dinner (compound: eat + night)

Handshape: Flattened O > Open B : passive

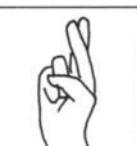
Orientation: right palm in; left palm down

Location: right hand near mouth; left hand in neutral space

Movement: bring right hand to mouth, then open right hand while bringing right arm down over left hand



1-Hand SIGNS R



husband
(compound: man + marry)

Handshape: Flattened O > C : C
Orientation: right palm left; left palm up
Location: right hand on forehead; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move right hand down, opening to C handshape, and clasp hands together



son
(compound: boy + baby)

Handshape: Flattened O > Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left; left palm up
Location: right hand on forehead; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move right hand down, opening to Open B handshape, and lay right arm inside left arm

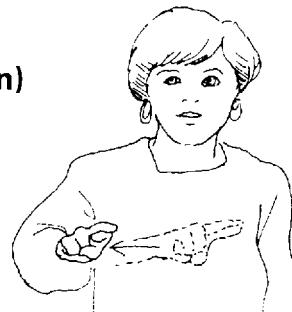


brother
(compound: boy + same)



Handshape: Flattened O > L : L
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right
Location: right hand on forehead; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move right hand down, opening to L handshape, and place hand on top of left hand

right
(direction)



Handshape: R
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand right



R ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

**rest room,
railroad**



Handshape: R
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hand from left to right

**reason,
rational,
rationale,
realize**



Handshape: R
Orientation: palm in
Location: forehead
Movement: move hand in small circles

rat



Handshape: R
Orientation: palm left
Location: nose
Movement: brush fingers across nose twice

respect



Handshape: R
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on forehead
Movement: arc hand out and up
Nonmanual signal: head slowly lifts up

are



Handshape: R
Orientation: palm left
Location: mouth
Movement: move hand straight out
Note: Use this sign only when signing manual English.

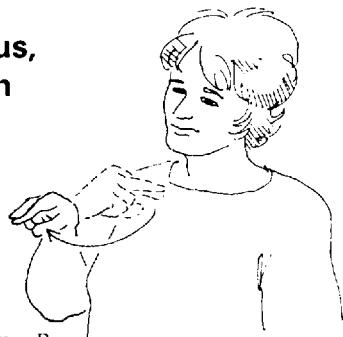
restaurant



Handshape: R
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: brush fingers down right side of chin, then down left side of chin

1-Hand SIGNS  S

**religious,
religion**



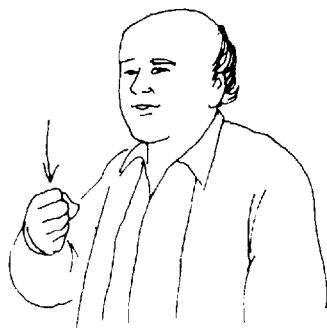
Handshape: R
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on chest
Movement: twist hand out, ending with fingers pointing forward

yes



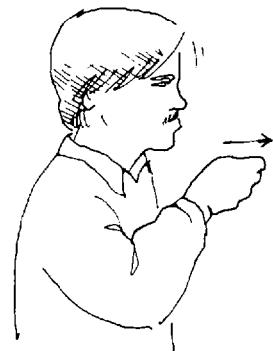
Handshape: S
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrist down twice
Nonmanual signal: slight nod of head up and down

south



Handshape: S
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand down

punch, hit



Handshape: S
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: push hand out sharply

Saturday

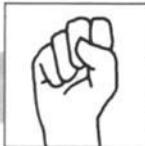


Handshape: S
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in gentle circular motion

**every
Saturday,
Saturdays**

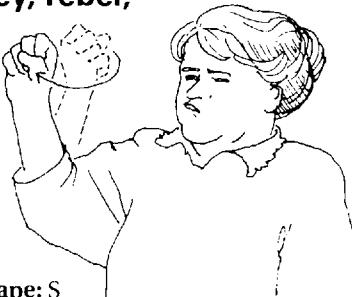


Handshape: S
Orientation: palm in
Location: in front of face
Movement: move hand down



S 1-Hand SIGNS

**disobey, rebel,
strike**



Handshape: S
Orientation: palm in
Location: in front of head
Movement: twist hand around sharply
Nonmanual signal: pursed lips

carrot



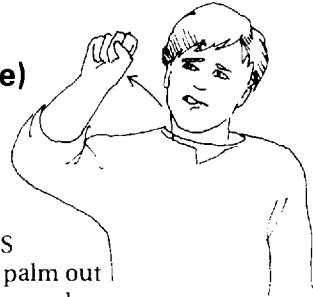
Handshape: S
Orientation: palm down
Location: near mouth
Movement: bring hand in toward mouth in slow bounces
Nonmanual signal: teeth chatter

ice cream



Handshape: S
Orientation: palm left
Location: near mouth
Movement: brush hand down chin twice
Nonmanual signal: mouth open, tongue protruding

**hang
(by a rope)**



Handshape: S
Orientation: palm out
Location: near neck
Movement: pull hand up sharply to the right
Nonmanual signal: head tilts left
Note: See page 114 for a variation of this sign.

**baggage,
luggage,
suitcase**



Handshape: S
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hand down
Note: This sign is similar to PURSE, which is made with an A handshape.

metal



Handshape: S
Orientation: palm left
Location: under chin
Movement: brush index-finger knuckle under chin twice

1-Hand SIGNS S



**baloney, bull (slang),
bullshit**



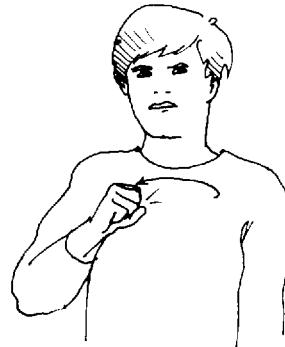
Handshape: S
Orientation: palm left
Location: nose
Movement: twist hand down twice
Nonmanual signal: "disbelieving" expression, head tilts right

cough



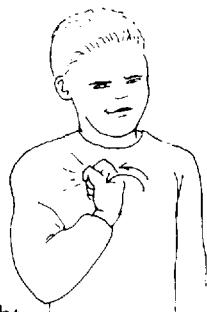
Handshape: S
Orientation: palm left
Location: chest
Movement: bounce hand off chest twice
Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; "sick" expression

Senate



Handshape: S
Orientation: palm left
Location: below left shoulder
Movement: arc hand across to right side of chest

tough, gang



Handshape: S
Orientation: palm right
Location: below right shoulder
Movement: brush hand down against chest twice
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder raises and leans forward; "tough-guy" expression

**throw (away),
discard**

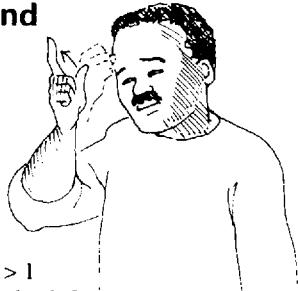


Handshape: S > H
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: flick fingers open to H handshape while moving hand forward



S ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

**understand,
comprehend**



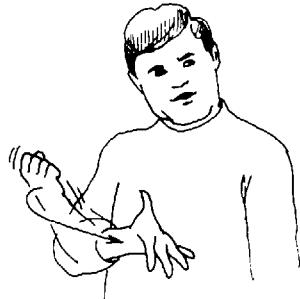
Handshape: S > 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: temple
Movement: flick index finger up as hand moves out slightly

**drop,
forget it**



Handshape: S > 5
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrist down and flick fingers out

gamble



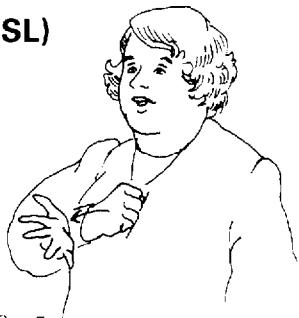
Handshape: S > 5
Orientation: palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hand slightly side to side, then throw it down, flicking fingers out

**nothing, deny
(not true)**



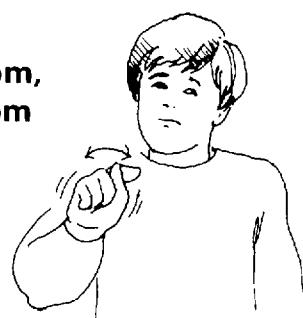
Handshape: S > 5
Orientation: palm down
Location: under chin
Movement: thrust hand out while flicking fingers out
Nonmanual signal: head and shoulders thrust back; head shakes "no"

poetry (ASL)

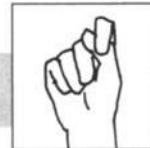


Handshape: S > 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: chest
Movement: arc hand out, opening to 5 handshape

**toilet,
bathroom,
rest room**



Handshape: T
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hand slightly side to side

1-Hand SIGNS  T**Tuesday**

Handshape: T
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in gentle circular motion

**every Tuesday,
Tuesdays**

Handshape: T
Orientation: palm in
Location: in front of face
Movement: move hand down

tan

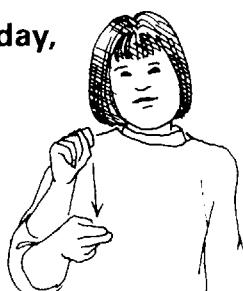
Handshape: T
Orientation: palm out
Location: cheek
Movement: move hand down cheek

twins

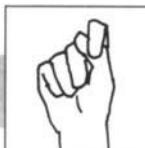
Handshape: T
Orientation: palm left
Location: left side of chin
Movement: bounce hand around to right side of chin

Thursday

Handshape: T > H
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist hand around, changing to H handshape

**every Thursday,
Thursdays**

Handshape: T > H
Orientation: palm left
Location: in front of face
Movement: move hand down while changing into H handshape



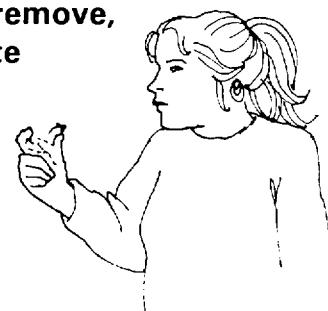
T ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

**fast, immediate,
rapid, right away,
suddenly, swift**



Handshape: T > Bent L
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend hand forward while flicking thumb off index finger

**delete, remove,
eliminate**



Handshape: T > Bent L
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: flick thumb off index finger

**look, gaze,
observe,
watch,
witness,
view**



Handshape: V
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hand toward referent
Nonmanual signal: eyes follow referent

**contempt,
disdain,
disrespect,
look down
on, scorn**



Handshape: V
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrist down, ending with fingers angled down
Nonmanual signal: head and eyes lowered; "patronizing" expression

**vanilla,
vitamin**



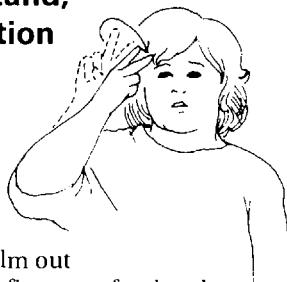
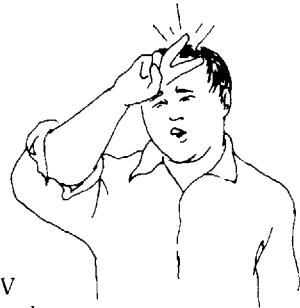
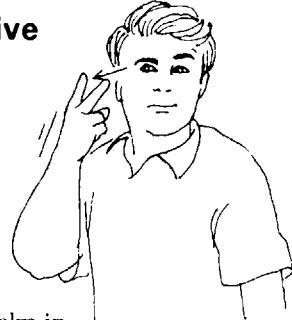
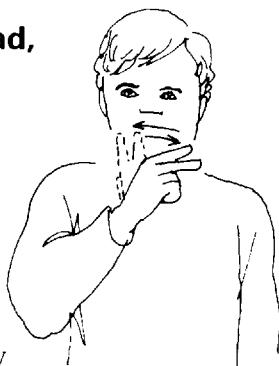
Handshape: V
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hand slightly side to side

**switch,
trade places,
vice-versa**



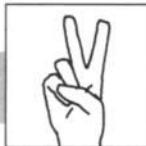
Handshape: V
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: flip hand over, ending with palm up

1-Hand SIGNS ➤ V

**misunderstand,
misconception****Handshape:** V**Orientation:** palm out**Location:** index finger on forehead**Movement:** flip hand over, ending with middle finger on forehead**Nonmanual signal:** head back; mouth open; tongue protruding**ignorant,
dumb,
stupid****Handshape:** V**Orientation:** palm out**Location:** forehead**Movement:** smack hand sharply against forehead**Nonmanual signal:** mouth open; tongue protruding**hindsight****Handshape:** V**Orientation:** palm down**Location:** near eye**Movement:** arc hand back toward ear**see, perceive****Handshape:** V**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** near eye**Movement:** move hand out to the left**Nonmanual signal:** eyes follow fingers toward referent**speechread,
lipread****Handshape:** V**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** near mouth**Movement:** shake hand side to side**careless,
reckless****Handshape:** V**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** near face**Movement:** move hand across face twice**Nonmanual signal:** head tilts back;

mouth open; tongue protruding

Note: Sign may be formed with both hands moving past each other in front of the face.



V 1-Hand SIGNS

smoke (v.)

Handshape: V
Orientation: palm in
Location: mouth
Movement: move hand out and back twice
Nonmanual signal: mouth in sucking position

**stuck,
trapped**

Handshape: V
Orientation: palm in
Location: neck
Movement: poke neck with index and middle fingers
Nonmanual signal: head back; mouth open; tongue protruding

voice

Handshape: V
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on neck
Movement: brush fingers up and off neck

scissors

Handshape: V > H
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: close and open fingers several times

**haircut
(barber,
beautician)**

Handshape: V > H
Orientation: palm left
Location: near head
Movement: close and open fingers while moving hand back along hairline

pizza

Handshape: Bent V
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: zigzag hand down

1-Hand SIGNS • BENT V

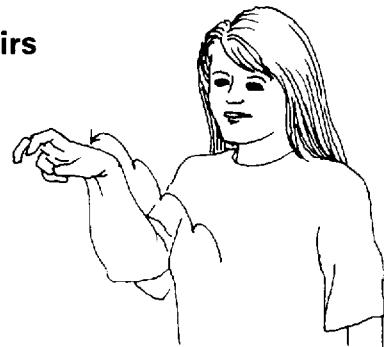


**tour, journey,
travel, trip**



Handshape: Bent V
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in a circle

stairs



Handshape: Bent V
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: spiral hand up in small arcs

snake



Handshape: Bent V
Orientation: palm in
Location: near mouth
Movement: twist hand around and move hand down in a wavy motion

blind



Handshape: Bent V
Orientation: palm in
Location: near eyes
Movement: bring hand in to eyes

speech, oral



Handshape: Bent V
Orientation: palm in
Location: near mouth
Movement: circle mouth with index and middle fingers

**doubt, cynical,
don't believe,
skeptical**



Handshape: Bent V
Orientation: palm in
Location: near eyes
Movement: bend fingers down twice
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right; "disbelieving" expression



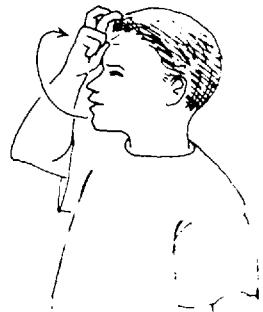
BENT V ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

**nervy, nerve,
rude**



Handshape: Bent V
Orientation: palm out
Location: knuckles on cheek
Movement: swing wrist out and to the left
Nonmanual signal: "annoyed" expression

goat



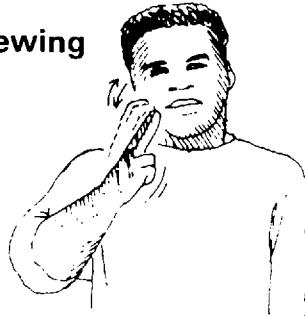
Handshape: Bent V
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on chin
Movement: arc hand up, ending with bent fingertips on forehead

strict, stern



Handshape: Bent V
Orientation: palm left
Location: near nose
Movement: sharply tap index finger against nose
Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back; erect posture; "stern" expression

**gum, chewing
gum**



Handshape: Bent V > V
Orientation: palm left
Location: fingertips on cheek
Movement: straighten and bend fingers twice

west



Handshape: W
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand left

Wednesday

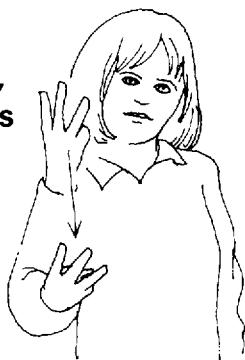


Handshape: W
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in gentle circular motion

1-Hand SIGNS • W

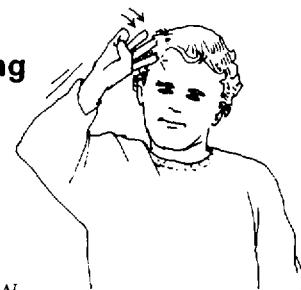


**every
Wednesday,
Wednesdays**



Handshape: W
Orientation: palm in
Location: in front of face
Movement: move hand down

**baptism,
christening**



Handshape: W
Orientation: palm out
Location: forehead
Movement: tap forehead twice with index finger
Nonmanual signal: head tilts left

weird



Handshape: W
Orientation: palm left
Location: right side of face
Movement: bend fingers down and up while moving hand left
Nonmanual signal: "scornful" expression

wine



Handshape: W
Orientation: palm left
Location: cheek
Movement: move hand in small circle

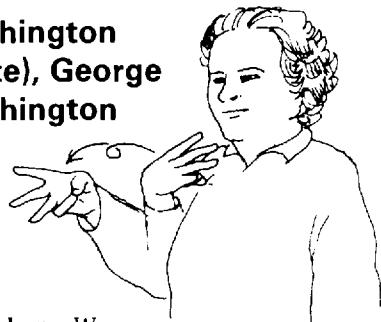
water



Handshape: W
Orientation: palm left
Location: chin
Movement: double bounce index finger against chin



W 1-Hand SIGNS

**Washington
(state), George Washington**

Handshape: W
Orientation: palm in
Location: near shoulder
Movement: spiral hand out, ending with palm left

we

Handshape: W
Orientation: palm left
Location: below right shoulder
Movement: arc hand across to left side of chest, ending with palm in
Note: Use this sign only when signing manual English.

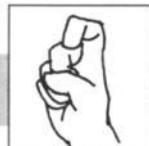
**ocean, river
(compound: water + waves)**

Handshape: W > Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left; left palm down
Location: right index finger on chin; left hand in neutral space
Movement: tap right index finger against chin, then bring hand down, opening to Open B handshape and move both hands forward in wavy motion

**flood
(compound: water + rise)**

Handshape: W > Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left; left palm down
Location: right index finger on chin; left hand in neutral space
Movement: tap right index finger against chin, then bring hand down, opening to Open B handshape, palm down, and raise hands

1-Hand SIGNS X



pond
(compound: water + circular body)

Handshape: W > Bent L : Bent L
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right
Location: right index finger on chin; left hand in neutral space
Movement: tap right index finger against chin, then bring hand down, opening to Bent L handshape, palms facing, and move hands apart to show size of pond



**celebrate,
cheer,
hurray,
triumph,
victory**

Handshape: X
Orientation: palm in
Location: near shoulder
Movement: move hand in a circle
Nonmanual signal: "happy" expression
Note: See page 255 for a two-hand variation of this sign.



**give,
acquiesce,
donate**

Handshape: X
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend arm down



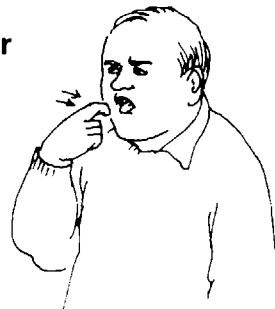
**must, have to,
obligated to,
ought, should
(SM); need,
necessary,
vital (DM)**

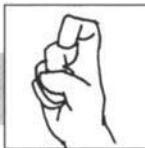
Handshape: X
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrist down



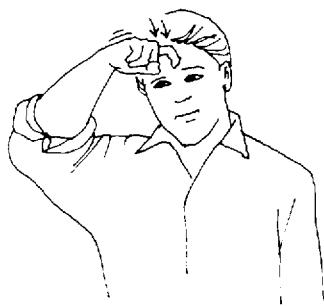
fool, sucker

Handshape: X
Orientation: palm in
Location: near mouth
Movement: double bounce hand in
Nonmanual signal: mouth open; tongue protruding

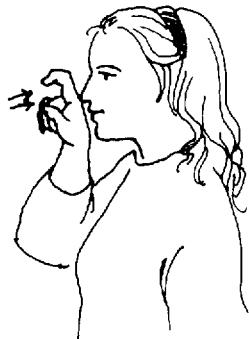




X ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

wise

Handshape: X
Orientation: palm down
Location: forehead
Movement: double bounce hand down

eagle

Handshape: X
Orientation: palm out
Location: nose
Movement: tap nose twice with index finger

Egypt

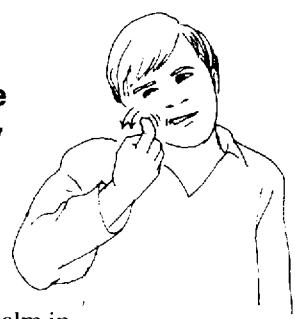
Handshape: X
Orientation: palm out
Location: forehead
Movement: double bounce hand on forehead

doll

Handshape: X
Orientation: palm left
Location: nose
Movement: brush index finger down nose twice

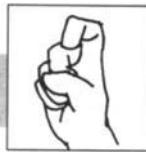
**addiction,
hooked**

Handshape: X
Orientation: palm in
Location: index finger on side of mouth
Movement: pull index finger sharply to right
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right; mouth open; tongue protruding

**recently, a
little while
ago, lately**

Handshape: X
Orientation: palm in
Location: index finger on cheek
Movement: bend index finger slightly against cheek
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder lifts up; head tilts right; "cz" mouth movement

1-Hand SIGNS X



**chewing gum,
gum**



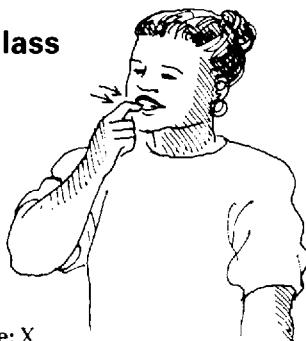
Handshape: X
Orientation: palm out
Location: index finger on cheek
Movement: move index finger in a small circle

envious



Handshape: X
Orientation: palm in
Location: index finger between teeth
Movement: twist hand slightly side to side
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right; right shoulder leans forward; eyes lower

china, glass



Handshape: X
Orientation: palm in
Location: mouth
Movement: tap index finger against front teeth twice

hearing aid



Handshape: X
Orientation: palm out
Location: ear
Movement: double bounce hand against ear

**dry, boring,
dull**

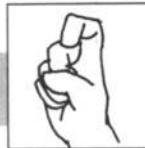


Handshape: X
Orientation: palm left
Location: chin
Movement: wipe index finger across chin to the right
Nonmanual signal: "pained" expression

sex



Handshape: X
Orientation: palm out
Location: index finger on temple
Movement: bounce hand down to lower cheek



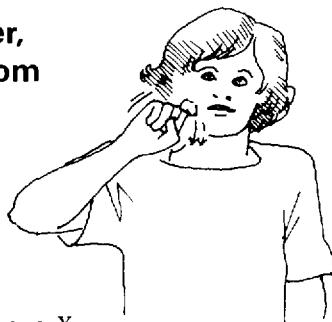
X ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

apple

Handshape: X
Orientation: palm down
Location: index finger against cheek
Movement: twist hand slightly forward twice

onion

Handshape: X
Orientation: palm out
Location: index finger on corner of right eye
Movement: twist hand slightly forward twice

**rubber,
condom**

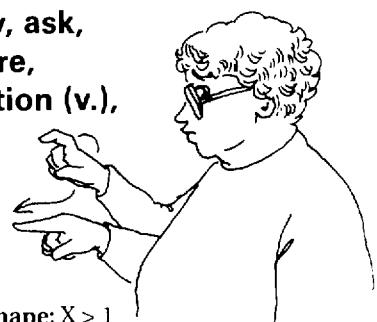
Handshape: X
Orientation: palm out
Location: cheek
Movement: brush side of index finger down cheek twice

metal

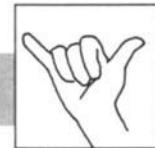
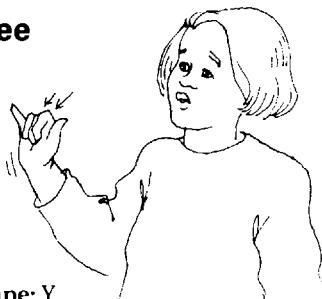
Handshape: X
Orientation: palm left
Location: under chin
Movement: brush index finger off chin twice

detective

Handshape: X
Orientation: palm down
Location: below left shoulder
Movement: brush index finger down chest twice

**query, ask,
inquire,
question (v.),
quiz**

Handshape: X > 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: use index finger to draw a question mark, changing to 1 handshape

1-Hand SIGNS  Y**oh, I see**

Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hand down
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back; mouth open; eyes widen

yellow

Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist wrist back and forth several times

**stay, remain,
still**

Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand down sharply

**me too,
in common,
same**

Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move arm out and back toward referent twice

cow

Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm out
Location: thumb on right temple
Movement: bend wrist down and up twice
Note: See page 302 for a two-hand variation of this sign.

drunk

Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm left
Location: right side of face
Movement: move hand across face, ending with palm down



Y 1-Hand SIGNS

blond



Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm left
Location: right side of head
Movement: turn hand out and to the right

**telephone (n.),
 phone (n.) (SM);
 telephone (v.),
 phone (v.) (DM)**



Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb at ear and little finger at mouth
Movement: double bounce hand on cheek

**Holland,
 Dutch,
 The
 Netherlands**



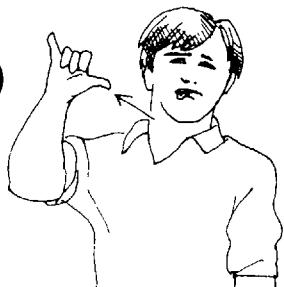
Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb at forehead
Movement: arc thumb down and off nose

**silly, absurd,
 folly, foolish,
 ridiculous**



Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm left
Location: near nose
Movement: brush thumb across nose twice
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right; mouth open; tongue protruding

**hang
 (by a rope)**



Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm out
Location: neck
Movement: pull hand up sharply to right
Nonmanual signal: head tilts left; mouth open; tongue protruding
Note: See page 98 for a variation of this sign.

shave



Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on left cheek
Movement: slide thumb across chin and up right cheek

1-Hand SIGNS L - I



**error, wrong
(SM); mistake,
incorrect (DM)**



Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: hit knuckles against chin
Nonmanual signal: mouth open; tongue protruding

yesterday



Handshape: Y
Orientation: palm out
Location: thumb near mouth
Movement: arc thumb back, touching cheek below ear
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder lifts; head tilts right; "cz" mouth movement

that one



Handshape: Y > 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand forward and down, changing to 1 handshape, palm down
Nonmanual signal: change from "th" mouth to open mouth as head tilts back

I love you



Handshape: L-I
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hand slightly side to side

**fly (SM);
airplane,
airport,
plane (pilot,
flier, aviator)
(DM)**

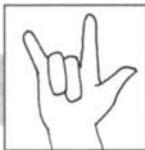


Handshape: L-I
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hand to the right

why



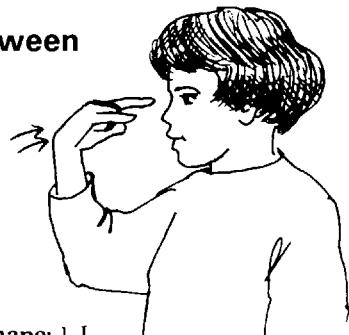
Handshape: L-I
Orientation: palm in
Location: near forehead
Movement: bend middle two fingers down and up several times
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; head tilts right; "curious" expression
Note: See page 59 for a variation of this sign.



L-I 1-Hand SIGNS

**gold,
California**

Handshape: L-I
Orientation: palm left
Location: index finger at ear
Movement: swing hand around, changing to Y handshape, palm down

Halloween

Handshape: L-I
Orientation: palm in
Location: near eyes
Movement: double bounce hand in toward eyes

kid

Handshape: L-I
Orientation: palm down
Location: under nose
Movement: twist wrist down twice

**stuck-up,
conceited,
high society,
snob**

Handshape: L-I
Orientation: palm left
Location: index fingertip under nose
Movement: brush index finger up tip of nose twice
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back

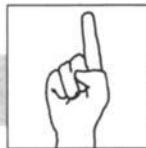
**sophisticated,
prim**

Handshape: L-I
Orientation: palm left
Location: chin
Movement: brush index finger up chin twice
Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back; erect posture

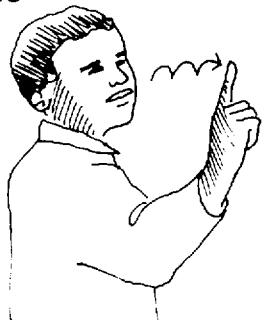
one

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: hold hand out

1-Hand SIGNS 1

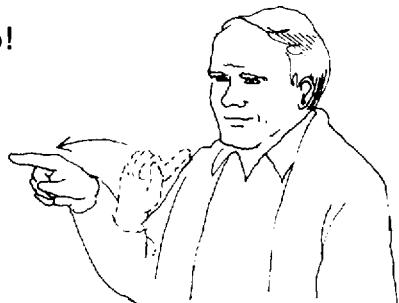


walking (one person)



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce hand forward

go!



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend hand out and down sharply, ending with palm down

**come here,
come, beckon**



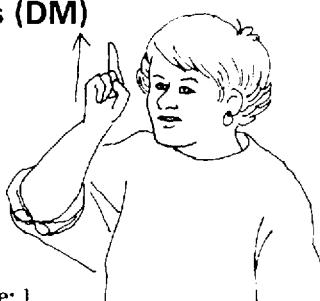
Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrist back, ending with index finger pointing toward chest

roam, wander



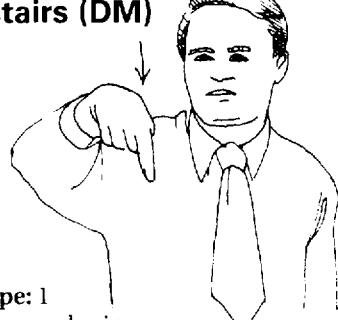
Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: meander hand forward

**up (SM);
upstairs (DM)**

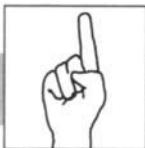


Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: near head
Movement: move hand up

**down (SM);
downstairs (DM)**



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand down



1 1-Hand SIGNS

**there,
over there**



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hand toward referent

far, cannon



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: jab index finger sharply forward and back

where



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hand side to side
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; head tilts right; "questioning" frown

comma



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: trace shape of a comma with index finger

you



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: jab finger toward referent
Nonmanual signal: eyes on referent

they, them



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc index finger from left to right toward referents
Nonmanual signal: eyes on person to whom you are speaking

1-Hand SIGNS 1

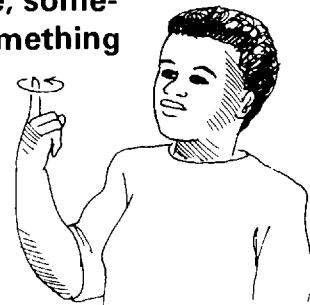


**she, he, her,
him, it**



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: point index finger at referent
Nonmanual signal: eyes on person to whom you are speaking

**someone, some-
body, something**



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in small circle

only one, sole



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hand down and around, ending with palm in

always



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: make two large circles with hand

one dollar



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist hand around, ending with palm in

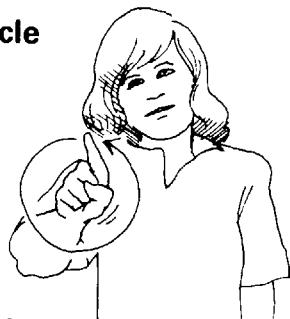
scold, reprimand



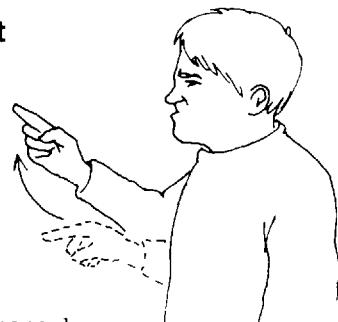
Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: wag hand twice
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; head tilts right; "frowning" expression



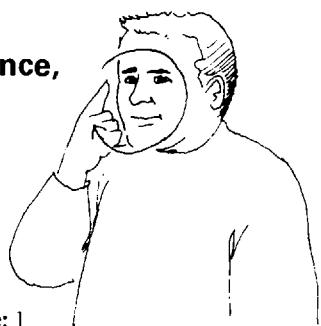
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circle, cycle

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm angled out
Location: neutral space
Movement: draw a large circle with index finger

insult

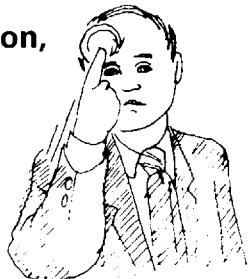
Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist hand right while moving index finger sharply up and forward

**face,
appearance,
looks**

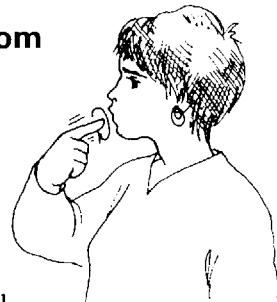
Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm in
Location: near face
Movement: make circle around face with index finger

crazy

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm down
Location: near temple
Movement: circle index finger around temple

**wonder, reckon,
speculate,
thoughtful**

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm in
Location: near forehead
Movement: move hand in small circles
Nonmanual signal: "pensive" expression
Note: See page 314 for a two-hand variation of this sign.

who, whom

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm in
Location: near mouth
Movement: circle mouth with index finger
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; head tilts right; "curious" expression

1-Hand SIGNS 1

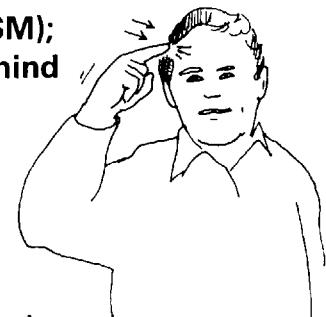


**say, discourse,
hearing person,
public, remark,
speak,
statement**



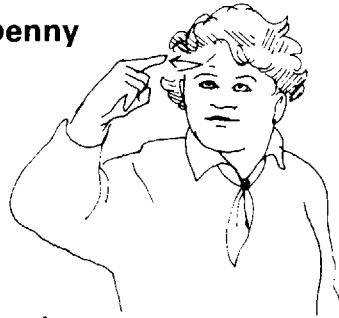
Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: near mouth
Movement: circle hand out twice

**think (SM);
brain, mind
(DM)**



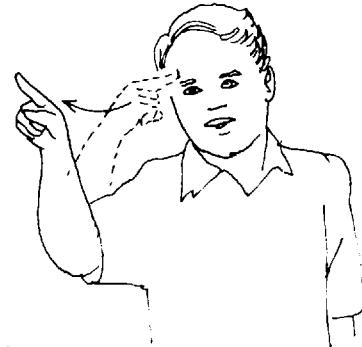
Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: temple
Movement: tap temple twice with index finger

cent, penny



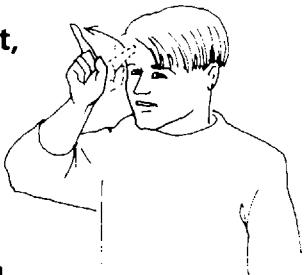
Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: temple
Movement: bounce index finger off right temple

for



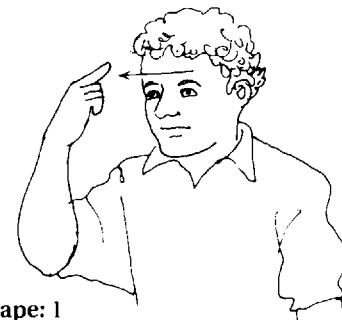
Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: forehead
Movement: swing hand out and around

**intelligent,
smart**

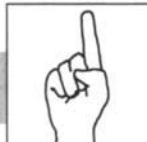


Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: index finger on forehead
Movement: bend wrist forward
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back
Note: See page 147 for a variation of this sign.

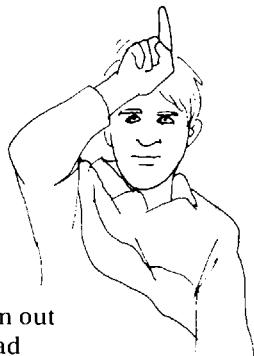
black



Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm down
Location: forehead
Movement: brush side of index finger across forehead, and twist hand back, ending with palm in



1 • 1-Hand SIGNS

Germany

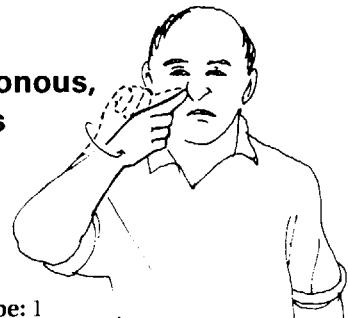
Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: forehead
Movement: tap back of hand against forehead twice
Note: This is the preferred sign for Germany, used by Germans.

deaf

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm in
Location: index finger at corner of mouth
Movement: arc index finger back and tap near ear
Note: This sign can be made ear to chin. See page 129 for a variation of this sign.

**hear (SM);
sound (DM)**

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm in
Location: ear
Movement: tap index finger on ear twice
Nonmanual signal: head tilts left

**boring,
monotonous,
tedious**

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm out
Location: index fingertip on nose
Movement: twist hand in
Nonmanual signal: mouth open; tongue protruding

mouse

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: nose
Movement: brush tip of nose twice with index finger

**don't care,
don't mind**

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm in
Location: index fingertip on nose
Movement: swing hand out and around

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**false,
fake (SM);
artificial,
mock
(adj.) (DM)**



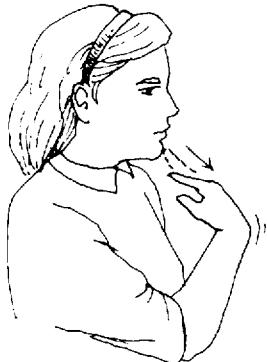
Handshape: I
Orientation: palm left
Location: nose
Movement: bend wrist down so index finger brushes past nose

tooth



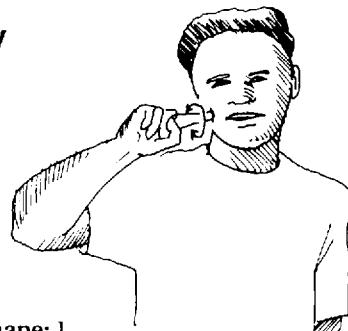
Handshape: I
Orientation: palm in
Location: mouth
Movement: point index finger at front teeth

red



Handshape: I
Orientation: palm down
Location: mouth
Movement: brush index finger down chin

candy



Handshape: I
Orientation: palm down
Location: index finger on cheek
Movement: twist hand forward and back twice

sour, bitter



Handshape: I
Orientation: palm left
Location: index fingertip on chin
Movement: twist wrist left
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed; "sour" expression

**single
(person)**



Handshape: I
Orientation: palm left
Location: chin
Movement: brush index finger down left side of chin, then down right side of chin



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lonely

Handshape: 1

Orientation: palm left

Location: mouth

Movement: brush side of index finger down mouth twice

Nonmanual signal: head and eyes lowered; "sad" expression

miss (regret the loss of), disappoint

Handshape: 1

Orientation: palm in

Location: chin

Movement: hit chin with index fingertip

Nonmanual signal: head tilts back; "sad" expression

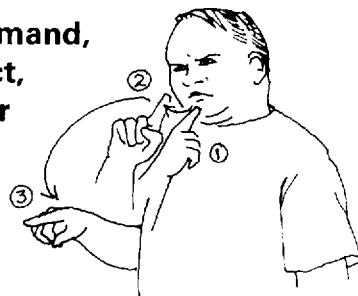
tell

Handshape: 1

Orientation: palm in

Location: mouth

Movement: arc index finger out, ending with palm angled up

command, direct, order

Handshape: 1

Orientation: palm in

Location: index fingertip on lower lip

Movement: move hand right, then bend hand sharply down

didn't mean that, didn't say that

Handshape: 1

Orientation: palm out

Location: near mouth

Movement: smack back of index finger against mouth

Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no"

lie, fib (*liar*)

Handshape: 1

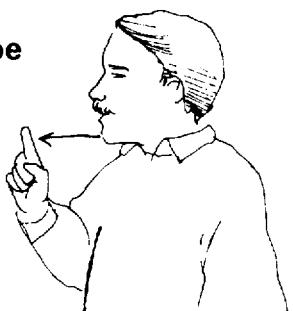
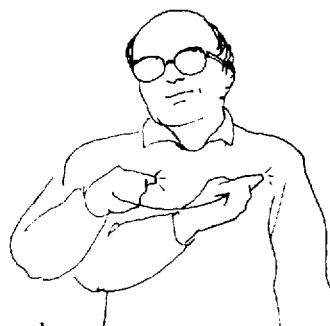
Orientation: palm down

Location: right side of chin

Movement: sharply brush index finger across chin

Nonmanual signal: head tilts back and right

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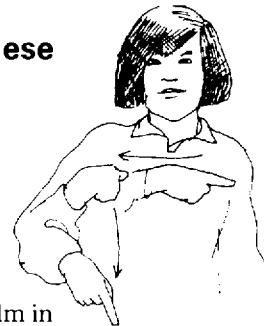
**am, are, be****Handshape:** 1**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** mouth**Movement:** move hand straight out**Note:** Do not use when signing manual English.**really, frankly,
truly****Handshape:** 1**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** chin**Movement:** slide side of index finger up and off chin, ending with index finger pointing forward**Nonmanual signal:** "serious" expression**absolute,
actual, certain,
genuine, indeed,
real, sure,
true****Handshape:** 1**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** chin**Movement:** move hand straight out**thirst, thirsty
(SM); lust (DM)****Handshape:** 1**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** neck**Movement:** slide index finger down neck**Nonmanual signal:** head tilts back;
"thirsty" expression**swallow****Handshape:** 1**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** under chin**Movement:** slide edge of index finger down neck**Nonmanual signal:** head tilts back**Note:** See page 326 for a two-hand variation of this sign.**we, us****Handshape:** 1**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** index finger on right side of chest**Movement:** arc index finger across to left side of chest



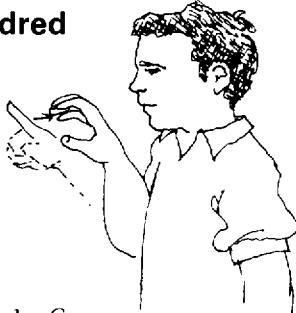
1 1-Hand SIGNS

me, I

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm in
Location: chest
Movement: touch chest with index finger

China, Chinese

Handshape: 1
Orientation: palm in
Location: index finger below left shoulder
Movement: bounce index fingertip across chest, then down to waist
Note: This is the preferred sign for China, used by Chinese people.

one hundred

Handshape: 1 > C
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring hand back and change to C handshape

one-half

Handshape: 1 > V
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand down while changing to V handshape

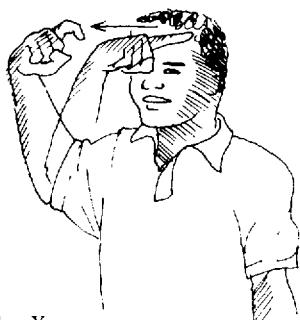
huh?, really?

Handshape: 1 > X
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend index finger into X handshape twice
Nonmanual signal: "questioning" expression

**government,
politics**

Handshape: 1 > X > 1
Orientation: palm left
Location: near head
Movement: circle index finger down, bending finger, then straighten finger and touch forehead

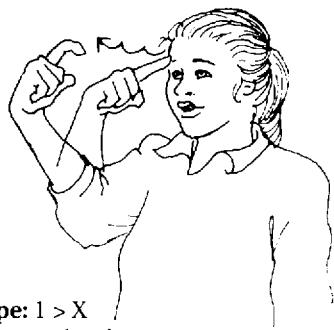
1-Hand SIGNS 1

**summer**

Handshape: 1 > X
Orientation: palm down
Location: forehead
Movement: wipe index finger across forehead, ending in X handshape

**suspect,
superstition**

Handshape: 1 > X
Orientation: palm in
Location: forehead
Movement: bend index finger, scratching forehead twice

dream

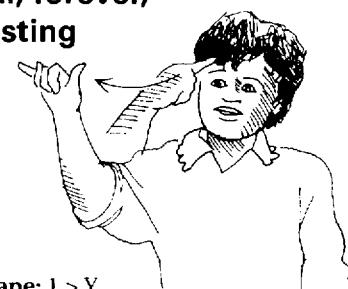
Handshape: 1 > X
Orientation: palm down
Location: forehead
Movement: bend index finger down and up several times while moving hand out to right

**puzzled,
perplexed**

Handshape: 1 > X
Orientation: palm out
Location: back of hand on forehead
Movement: bend index finger to X handshape
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back; mouth open; brows furrowed in puzzlement

ugly, homely

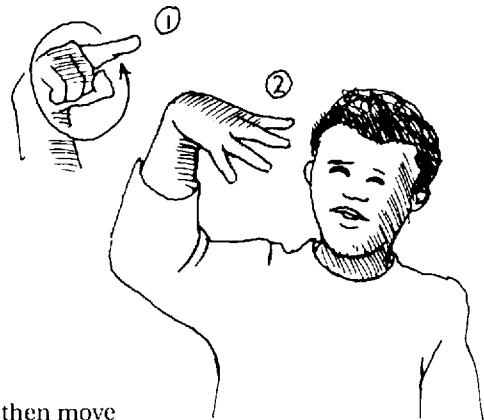
Handshape: 1 > X
Orientation: palm down
Location: under nose
Movement: slide index finger under nose, ending in X handshape
Note: See page 330 for a two-hand variation of this sign.

**eternal, forever,
everlasting**

Handshape: 1 > Y
Orientation: palm down
Location: forehead
Movement: twist wrist forward, changing to Y handshape



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sun, sunshine**Handshape:** 1 > 5**Orientation:** palm out**Location:** above head**Movement:** draw a circle with index finger, then move hand toward head while opening to 5 handshape**broad-minded
(compound: think + general)****Handshape:** 1 > B : B**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm right**Location:** right index fingertip on forehead; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** bring right hand down while changing to B handshape, palms facing, fingers touching, then swing fingers away from each other**Nonmanual signal:** slightly wide eyes**narrow-minded
(compound: think + narrow)****Handshape:** 1 > B : B**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm right**Location:** right index fingertip on forehead; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** bring right hand down while changing to B handshape, palms facing, hands apart, then bend fingers in toward each other**Nonmanual signal:** brows furrowed, "serious" expression



witness, eyewitness
(compound: eye + prove)

Handshape: I > B : B

Orientation: right palm in; left palm up

Location: right hand below eye; left hand in neutral space

Movement: bring right hand down while changing to B handshape, palm up, and slap into left palm

Nonmanual signal: lips taut, "earnest" expression



deaf
(compound: hear + close)

Handshape: I > B : B

Orientation: right palm left; left palm down

Location: right index finger below ear; left hand in neutral space

Movement: bring right hand down while changing to B handshape, and move index fingers together

Note: See page 122 for a variation of this sign.



pledge, commit, guarantee,
promise, vow, swear
(compound)

Handshape: I > Open B : B

Orientation: right palm left; left palm down

Location: right index finger on mouth; left hand in neutral space

Movement: move right hand down, changing to Open B handshape, then bump wrist against left hand

Nonmanual signal: pursed lips

Note: See page 130 for a variation of this sign.





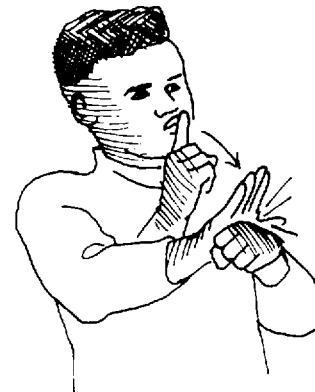
public school
(compound: say + school)

Handshape: 1 > Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm in; left hand in neutral space
Location: near mouth
Movement: circle hand out twice, then move hand down while changing to Open B handshape and clap hands



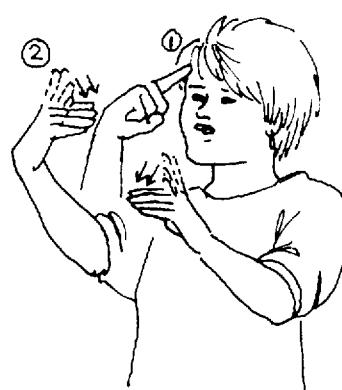
**promise, commit, guarantee,
pledge, vow, swear**
(compound)

Handshape: 1 > Open B : S
Orientation: right palm left; left palm in
Location: right index finger on mouth; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move right hand down, changing to Open B handshape, then slap right palm down on left hand
Nonmanual signal: pursed lips
Note: See page 129 for a variation of this sign.



anticipate, expect, hope
(compound: think + hope)

Handshape: 1 > Open B > Bent B : Open B > Bent B
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right
Location: right index finger on forehead; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move right hand out while changing to Open B handshape, palms facing, and bend both hands down and up twice



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**believe**

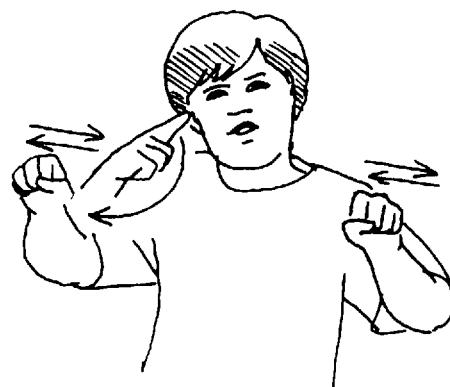
(compound: think + marry)

**Handshape:** 1 > C : C**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm up**Location:** right index finger on forehead; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** bring right hand down while changing to C handshape and clasp hands together**decide, determine,****resolve, verdict**

(compound: think + judge)

**Handshape:** 1 > F : F**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm right**Location:** right index finger on forehead; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** move right hand down while changing to F handshape, palm left, even with left hand, and move both hands down**loud**

(compound: hear + noise)

**Handshape:** 1 > S : S**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm down**Location:** right index finger at ear; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** move right hand down, changing to S handshape, then move hands side to side in unison**Nonmanual signal:** "pained" expression



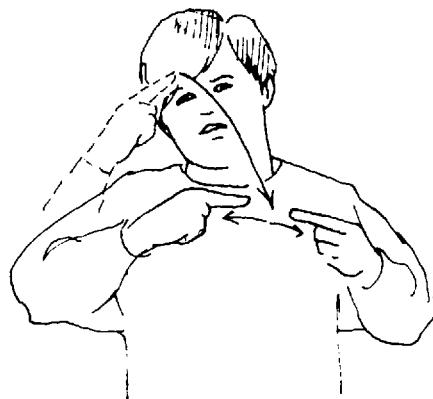
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noise, noisy
(compound: hear + vibrate)



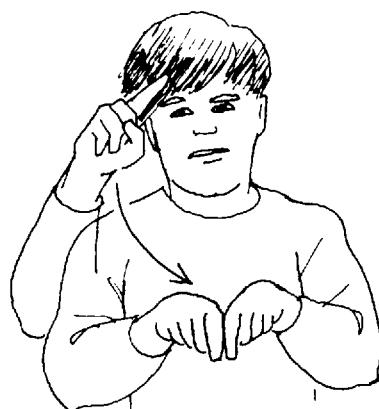
Handshape: 1 > 5 : 5
Orientation: right palm in; left palm down
Location: right index finger on ear; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move right hand down, even with left hand, and shake both hands

disagree, differ
(compound: think + opposite)



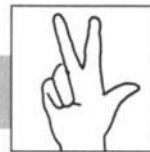
Handshape: 1 > 1 : 1
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right
Location: right index finger on forehead; left hand in neutral space
Movement: bring right hand down so index fingertips touch, then move hands away from each other

agree, concur, correspond
(compound: think + same)



Handshape: 1 > 1 : 1
Orientation: right palm left; left palm down
Location: right index finger on forehead; left hand in neutral space
Movement: bring right hand down so index fingers touch
Nonmanual signal: head nods "yes"

1-Hand SIGNS 3



blush, embarrass, flushed
(compound: red + embarrass)

Handshape: 1 > 5 : 5
Orientation: palms in
Location: right index finger on lower lip
Movement: brush right index finger down chin,
 then change to 5 handshape, both hands
 near jaw, and move hands up in front of cheeks
Nonmanual signal: "embarrassed" expression



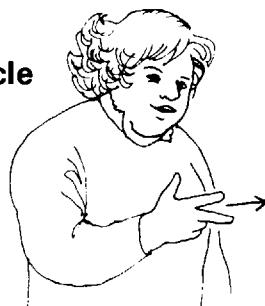
confident, trust
(compound: think + trust)

Handshape: 1 > 5 > S : 5 > S
Orientation: right palm in; left palm right
Location: right index finger near
 forehead; left hand in neutral space
Movement: tap right index finger on forehead, then
 move hand down, changing to 5 handshape, palm left,
 slightly above left hand; bring hands together, closing
 to S handshape, ending with right hand on top of left hand



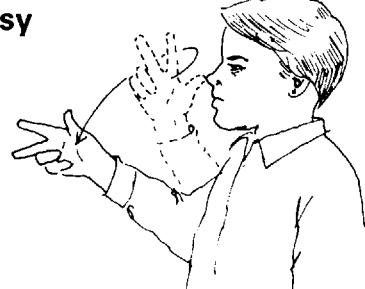
vehicle,
moving vehicle

Handshape: 3
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand forward
Note: The hand moves in the direction and
 way that vehicle under discussion moves.



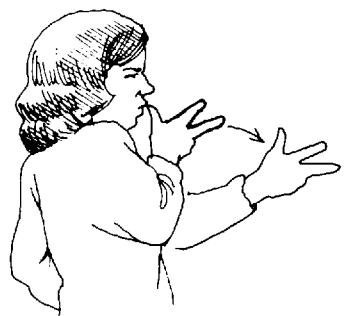
lousy

Handshape: 3
Orientation: palm left
Location: nose
Movement: loop hand to right, then
 bring sharply down





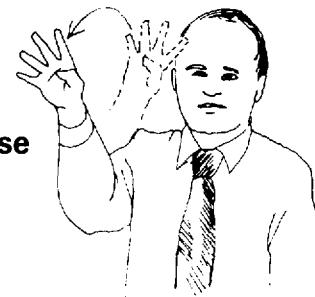
3 ➤ 1-Hand SIGNS

rooster**Handshape:** 3**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** forehead**Movement:** tap thumb twice on forehead**split****Handshape:** 3**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** mouth**Movement:** arc hand sharply out and down**receptive****Handshape:** 3 > Bent 3**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** near temple**Movement:** bend index and middle fingers as thumb touches under eye twice**devil, demon,
devilish,
mischievous,
Satan****Handshape:** 3 > Bent 3**Orientation:** palm out**Location:** thumb on temple**Movement:** bend and straighten index and middle fingers twice**Note:** See page 333 for a two-hand variation of this sign.**insect, bug****Handshape:** 3 > Bent 3**Orientation:** palm left**Location:** thumb on nose**Movement:** bend and straighten index and middle fingers twice**jail****Handshape:** 4**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** near face**Movement:** move hand in toward face

1-Hand SIGNS 5

**talk**

Handshape: 4
Orientation: palm left
Location: chin
Movement: double bounce index finger lightly on chin

**invent,
create,
devise,
improvise**

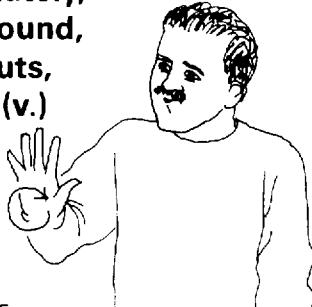
Handshape: 4
Orientation: palm left
Location: index fingertip on forehead
Movement: arc hand up and out
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back

**ignore,
disregard,
neglect**

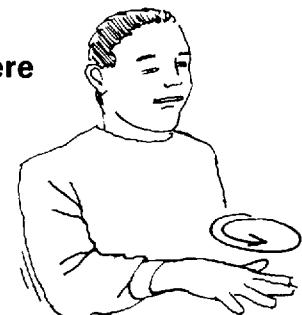
Handshape: 4
Orientation: palm left
Location: index fingertip on nose
Movement: arc hand out to side, then bring down sharply
Nonmanual signal: head tilts left

**Scotland,
Scotch,
Scots**

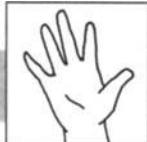
Handshape: 4
Orientation: palm in
Location: upper arm
Movement: brush fingers across width of arm, then flip over and brush back of hand down toward elbow

**approximately,
about, around,
thereabouts,
estimate (v.)**

Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in a circle twice

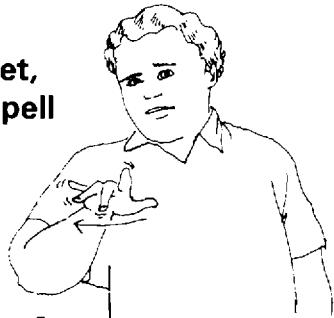
**area,
around here**

Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in a circle twice



5 ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

**spell,
alphabet,
fingerspell**



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand in small circles while randomly wiggling fingers

**long ago,
former,
used to be**



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: near shoulder
Movement: circle hand back so thumb brushes down shoulder twice
Nonmanual signal: body leans back; "cha" mouth utterance

insane



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm down
Location: near head
Movement: circle hand around twice
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right; mouth open; tongue protruding

**lettuce,
cabbage**



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: head
Movement: hit head twice with heel of hand

**father,
dad**



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: forehead
Movement: tap thumb twice on forehead

grandfather



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on forehead
Movement: bounce hand out in double arc

1-Hand SIGNS 5



**man,
gentleman**



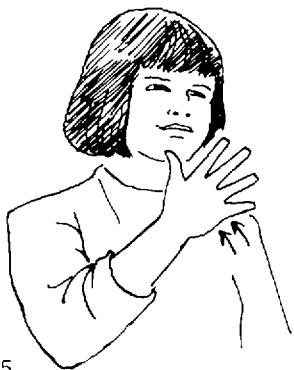
Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: forehead
Movement: tap thumb on forehead and then on chest
Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back; erect posture

parents



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: forehead
Movement: tap thumb on forehead and then on chin
Note: This sign can be reversed.

**mother,
mom**



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: chin
Movement: tap thumb twice on chin

grandmother



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on chin
Movement: bounce hand out in double arc

**woman,
female,
lady**



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: chin
Movement: tap thumb on chin and then chest
Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back; erect posture

**farm,
agriculture,
bum, ranch,
sloppy**



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: left side of chin
Movement: brush thumb across chin



5 ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

**dirty, filthy,
soiled**



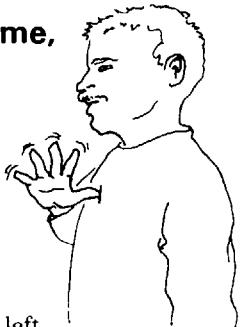
Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm down
Location: under chin
Movement: randomly wiggle fingers
Nonmanual signal: mouth open; tongue protruding

color



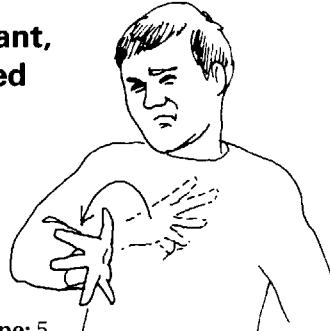
Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: wiggle fingertips randomly while tapping chin

**swell, awesome,
you're a riot
(slang)**



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: chest
Movement: randomly wiggle fingers, keeping thumb on chest
Nonmanual signal: body leans back

**indignant,
appalled**



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: thumb on chest
Movement: bend hand down sharply
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

**fancy, elegant,
refined,
courteous**



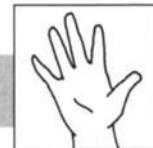
Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: chest
Movement: brush thumb up chest twice
Nonmanual signal: "genteel" expression

fine



Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: chest
Movement: arc hand out and down
Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back

1-Hand SIGNS 5

**pregnant**

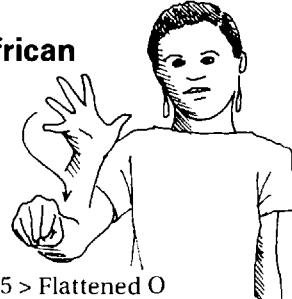
Handshape: 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: abdomen
Movement: move hand out

**leave, go away,
gone**

Handshape: 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: pull hand to right, closing to Flattened O handshape

and

Handshape: 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand right, closing to Flattened O handshape

Africa, African

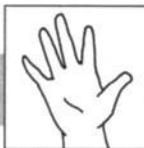
Handshape: 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: swirl fingers right and down, closing to Flattened O handshape
Note: This is the preferred sign, used by Africans to refer to themselves.

asleep, nap

Handshape: 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: near face
Movement: close fingers to Flattened O handshape
Note: See the following sign for the adjective form.

**drowsy,
sleepy**

Handshape: 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: near face
Movement: bring hand down slowly, closing fingers to thumb twice
Nonmanual signal: droopy eyes



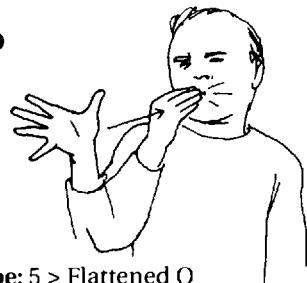
5 • 1-Hand SIGNS

**pretty,
beautiful,
gorgeous,
lovely**



Handshape: 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palm left
Location: near face
Movement: slowly sweep fingers around face, closing to Flattened O handshape
Nonmanual signal: head tilts back

shut up



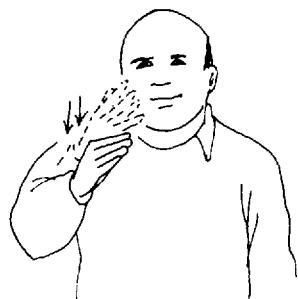
Handshape: 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palm left
Location: near face
Movement: sharply bring hand to mouth, closing fingers to thumb, ending with fingertips on mouth
Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression

**Jewish,
Hebrew**



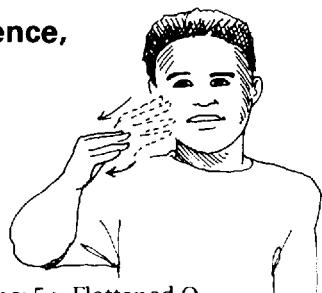
Handshape: 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: brush fingers off chin twice, closing to Flattened O handshape

peach



Handshape: 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: cheek
Movement: brush fingers down and off cheek twice, closing to Flattened O handshape

**experience,
expert**

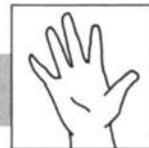


Handshape: 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palm right
Location: cheek
Movement: brush fingers down cheek and pull hand right twice, closing to Flattened O handshape

wolf



Handshape: 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palm in
Location: face
Movement: brush fingers off nose and mouth, closing to Flattened O handshape



**catch (disease),
prone to catch a disease**

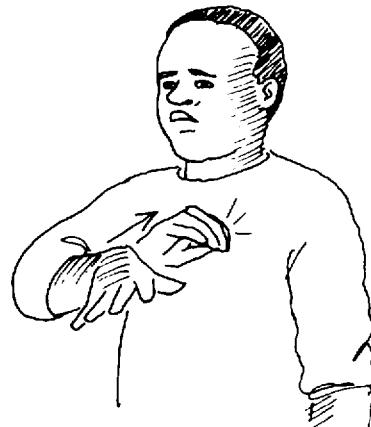
Handshape: 5 > Flattened O

Orientation: palm down, fingers forward

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hand sharply in to chest, closing to
Flattened O handshape

Nonmanual signal: body leans away from repelling
reference; "disgusted" expression



white (object)

Handshape: 5 > Flattened O

Orientation: palm in

Location: chest

Movement: move hand out from chest, closing to
Flattened O handshape



**oversleep
(compound: sleep + way-past-sunrise)**

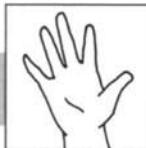
Handshape: 5 > Flattened O > F : Open B (passive)

Orientation: right palm in; left palm down

Location: right hand near face; left hand in neutral
space

Movement: close fingers to thumb in front of face,
then change to F handshape while moving hand
under and then above passive arm





5 1-Hand SIGNS

**commonplace,
big deal (slang),
boring, nothing to
it, old hat (slang),
trivial**



Handshape: 5 > S
Orientation: palm left
Location: left cheek
Movement: slide back of hand under chin to right cheek, closing to S handshape
Nonmanual signal: "bored" expression

channel, knob



Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist arm side to side several times

**crazy for (slang),
crave, favorite**



Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: near face
Movement: shake hand slightly side to side
Nonmanual signal: "excited" expression

dizzy



Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: near face
Movement: slowly circle face with hand
Nonmanual signal: body wobbles

**grouchy,
ill-tempered,
irritable,
moody**



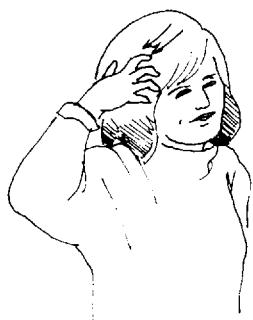
Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: near face
Movement: keeping hand taut, bend fingertips in and out a few times
Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression

lion



Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm down
Location: above head
Movement: slide hand back along head
Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back, erect posture

1-Hand SIGNS • BENT 5

**comb**

Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: head
Movement: brush fingertips down hair twice

radio

Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: ear
Movement: twist hand side to side several times
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right
Note: See page 353 for a two-hand variation of this sign.

crazy, insane

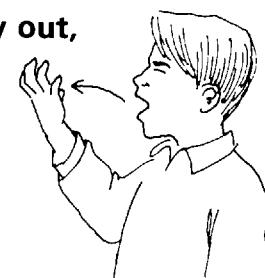
Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm left
Location: near temple
Movement: twist arm back and forth several times
Nonmanual signal: mouth open; tongue protruding

eat fruit

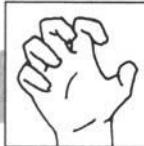
Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: below chin
Movement: twist wrist back twice, brushing past mouth

**mad, angry,
cross**

Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: near face
Movement: bring hand in to face in sharp, quick motion
Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression

**scream, cry out,
shout, yell**

Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: near chin
Movement: sharply arc hand up and out
Nonmanual signal: mouth mimics a scream



BENT 5 ➔ 1-Hand SIGNS

hot

Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: near mouth
Movement: sharply swing hand out and around, ending palm down
Nonmanual signal: blow air out of mouth

grass, hay

Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm angled up
Location: chin
Movement: brush heel of hand up and off chin twice

**captain, boss,
coach,
general,
officer**

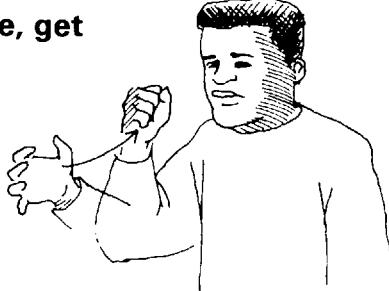
Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm down
Location: shoulder
Movement: tap shoulder twice with fingertips

**anger, fury,
mad**

Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: chest
Movement: swing hand up sharply
Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression

**disgust,
nauseating,
obnoxious,
revolting**

Handshape: Bent 5
Orientation: palm in
Location: chest
Movement: move hand in small circles
Nonmanual signal: "disgusted" expression

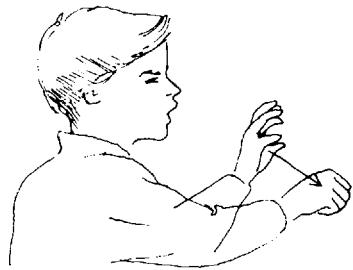
take, get

Handshape: Bent 5 > S
Orientation: palm left
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring hand in sharply, closing to S handshape

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**arrest,
catch**



Handshape: Bent 5 > S
Orientation: palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hand out and down, closing to S handshape

curse, swear



Handshape: Bent 5 > S
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: pull hand out sharply, closing to S handshape

memorize



Handshape: Bent 5 > S
Orientation: palm left
Location: forehead
Movement: move hand out to the right, closing to S handshape
Nonmanual signal: lips taut

**cherish,
treasure,
value**



Handshape: Bent 5 > S
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on chin
Movement: sharply close fingers to S handshape
Nonmanual signal: "hungry" expression

**gulp,
oops**



Handshape: Bent 5 > S
Orientation: palm in
Location: fingertips on neck
Movement: sharply close fingers to S handshape
Nonmanual signal: "embarrassed" expression

**suppress,
restrain
(feelings)**



Handshape: Bent 5 > S
Orientation: palm in
Location: neck
Movement: slide fingertips down to chest, slowly closing to S handshape
Nonmanual signal: lips taut; body taut
Note: See page 362 for a two-hand variation of this sign.



BENT 5 • 1-Hand SIGNS

**feeble-minded,
senile**



Handshape: Bent 5 > 5

Orientation: palm left

Location: forehead

Movement: straighten and bend fingers twice

Nonmanual signal: mouth open; tongue prominent

warm



Handshape: Bent 5 > 5

Orientation: palm in

Location: chin

Movement: brush fingers up and out, opening to 5 handshape

light (n.)



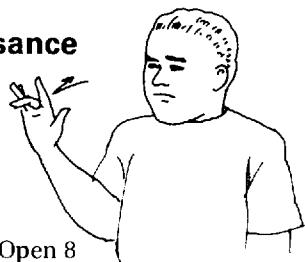
Handshape: 8 > Open 8

Orientation: palm in

Location: chin

Movement: flick middle finger up and off chin

pest, nuisance



Handshape: Open 8

Orientation: palm out

Location: neutral space

Movement: jab middle finger toward referent and back

Nonmanual signal: "annoyed" expression

Note: This sign is also used for the ASL idiom, SICK, YOU.

**mercy,
empathy,
pity,
sympathy**



Handshape: Open 8

Orientation: palm out

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hand forward in two small circles

Nonmanual signal: head lowered; "sad" expression

1-Hand SIGNS • OPEN 8

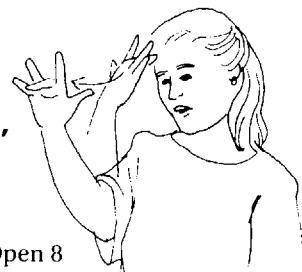


**sick of it
(slang)**



Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: middle finger on forehead
Movement: twist hand left
Nonmanual signal: "disgusted" expression

**clever,
bright,
intelligent,
smart**



Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: forehead
Movement: swing hand around, ending palm out
Nonmanual signal: head tilts up and to the right
Note: See page 121 for a variation of this sign.

taste, flavor



Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: lower lip
Movement: tap middle finger on lower lip twice
Nonmanual signal: mouth open; tongue protruding

**favorite,
prefer,
rather**



Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: sharply bounce middle finger off chin
Nonmanual signal: lips taut

lucky



Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: chin
Movement: swing hand around, ending palm down
Nonmanual signal: lips taut

**tend,
disposed to,
tendency,
inclined**



Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: middle finger on chest
Movement: move hand out, away from chest
Nonmanual signal: "pah" mouth utterance; body leans forward



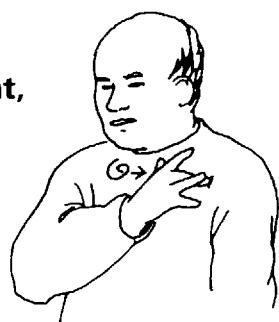
OPEN 8 • 1-Hand SIGNS

**feel,
sense (SM),
emotion,
feeling,
sensation
(DM)**



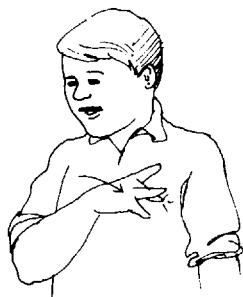
Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: near chest
Movement: brush middle finger up and off chest in two circular motions

**kind,
benevolent,
kindly,
warm-
hearted**



Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: below left shoulder
Movement: move middle finger in a small circle, then touch chest

**touching,
heartfelt,
poignant**



Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: near chest
Movement: bring hand to chest with an exaggerated motion and touch chest
Nonmanual signal: lips taut

heart



Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: near heart
Movement: double bounce middle finger on chest

sensitive



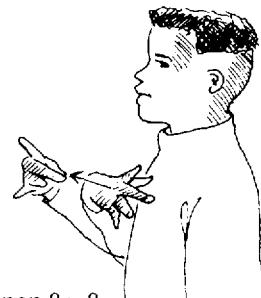
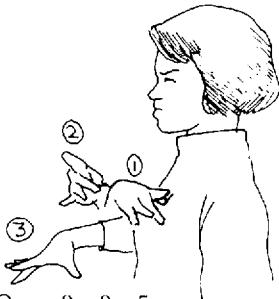
Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: middle finger on chest
Movement: twist hand around, ending palm down
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder lifts up; head tilts right; "cz" mouth movement

**sort, kind,
type,
species**

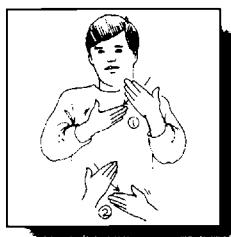
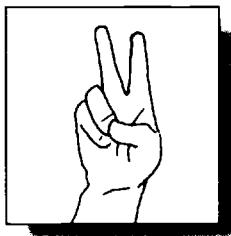


Handshape: Open 8
Orientation: palm in
Location: middle finger on chest, below left shoulder
Movement: arc hand across to right side of chest

1-Hand SIGNS ➡ OPEN 8

**delicious****Handshape:** Open 8 > 8**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** mouth**Movement:** move hand out, rubbing middle finger and thumb together**Nonmanual signal:** eyes widen; smile**like****Handshape:** Open 8 > 8**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** chest**Movement:** move hand out, closing thumb and middle finger**Nonmanual signal:** "happy" expression**don't like****Handshape:** Open 8 > 8 > 5**Orientation:** palm in**Location:** chest**Movement:** move hand out, closing thumb and middle finger, then twist hand around and flick middle finger off thumb

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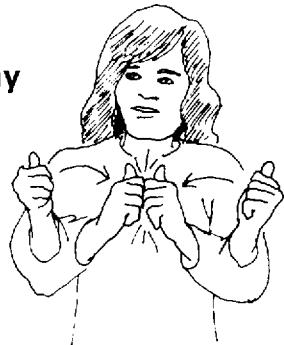


Two-Hand Signs



A 2-Hand SIGNS

**with,
accompany**



Handshape: A : A
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring hands together

**steady date,
go steady**



Handshape: A : A
Orientation: palms facing; hands touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hands forward

**association,
agency**



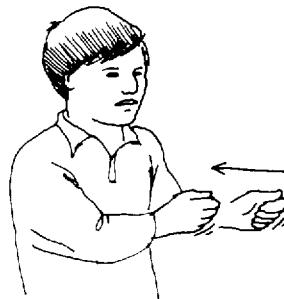
Handshape: A : A
Orientation: palms out; thumbs touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hands around, ending with fingers touching

area



Handshape: A : A
Orientation: palms down; thumbs touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: draw semicircles with thumbs, ending with thumbs touching

pull



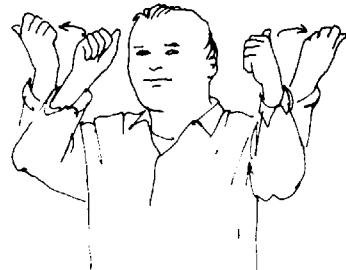
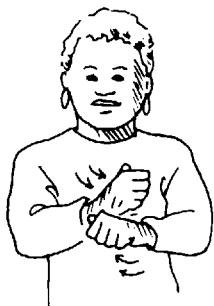
Handshape: A : A
Orientation: palms facing; left hand in front of right
Location: neutral space
Movement: tug hands toward body

golf



Handshape: A : A
Orientation: palms facing; right hand on left
Location: near right shoulder
Movement: swing hands down and up
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right

2-Hand SIGNS A

**dig, shovel****Handshape:** A : A**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc hands up toward left shoulder**cabinet****Handshape:** A : A**Orientation:** palms facing**Location:** near head**Movement:** swing hands around, ending with palms in**able, can, may
(SM); ability,
capable,
competent,
possible (DM)****Handshape:** A : A**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend wrists down**attempt,
audition,
effort,
endeavor,
persist, try****Handshape:** A : A**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc hands up and forward**Nonmanual signal:** "serious" expression**algebra****Handshape:** A : A**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush hands together twice**army, bear
arms (soldier)****Handshape:** A : A**Orientation:** palms in; right hand above left**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** double bounce hands on chest**Nonmanual signal:** shoulders thrust back; erect posture



A 2-Hand SIGNS

coat, jacket, sweater



Handshape: A : A

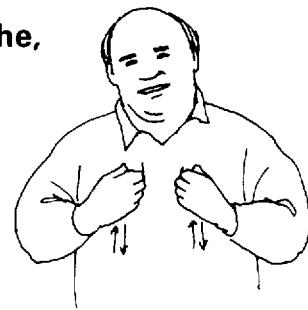
Orientation: palms in

Location: thumbs on shoulders

Movement: arc hands down to chest

Nonmanual signal: shoulders hunch

bath, bathe, wash



Handshape: A : A

Orientation: palms in

Location: chest

Movement: brush hands up and down chest

bind, knot, tie



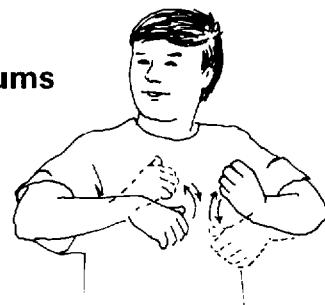
Handshape: A : A

Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands to mimic tying a knot

drum, play drums



Handshape: A : A

Orientation: palms in

Location: neutral space

Movement: bend wrists alternately up and down

wash



Handshape: A : A

Orientation: right palm down; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: rub hands together in circular motion

chew



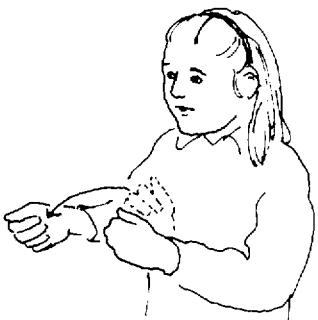
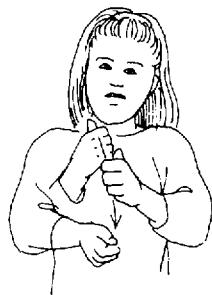
Handshape: A : A

Orientation: right palm down; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: grind knuckles against one another

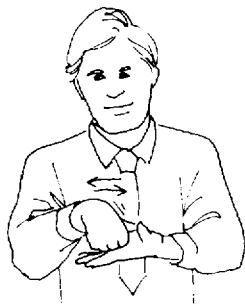
2-Hand SIGNS • A

**pass by****Handshape:** A : A**Orientation:** palms facing; right hand behind left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right hand past left hand**guitar****Handshape:** A : A**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** right hand near waist; left hand near shoulder**Movement:** twist right hand up and down**each (SM);
every (DM)****Handshape:** A : A**Orientation:** right palm left, right hand behind left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand down back of left thumb**zip (SM);
zipper (DM)****Handshape:** A : A**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** waist**Movement:** slide right hand up chest**polish, rub,
sandpaper,
shine shoes****Handshape:** A : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand back and forth across left palm**knock****Handshape:** A : Open B**Orientation:** palms facing**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** knock right knuckles on left palm twice



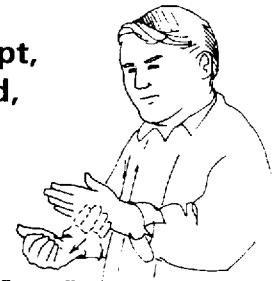
A 2-Hand SIGNS

iron, press



Handshape: A : Open B
Orientation: right palm in; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand back and forth across left palm

**expert, adept,
experienced,
sharp, skill,
talent**



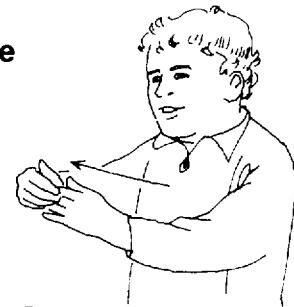
Handshape: A : Open B
Orientation: right palm in, right hand gripping edge of left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: pull right hand sharply off left hand
Nonmanual signal: lips taut

dollar



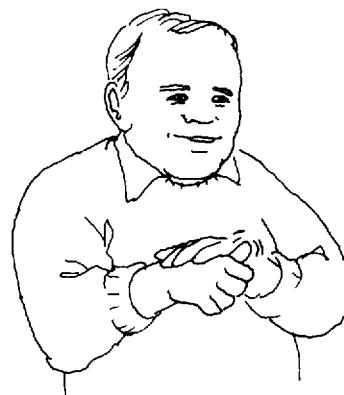
Handshape: A : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, right hand gripping top of left hand; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand along left hand

lead, guide



Handshape: A : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, right hand gripping left hand fingertips; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: pull left hand forward with right hand

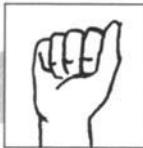
turtle



Handshape: A : Open B
Orientation: right palm left; left palm down, left hand on top of right hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right thumb up and down twice

2-Hand SIGNS A

**hide, conceal, take cover****Handshape:** A : Open B**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm down**Location:** right thumb on lower lip; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** slide right thumb down chin and below left palm, ending with right thumb showing**Nonmanual signal:** shoulders rounded; head lowered**cracker,
matzoh
(passive)****Handshape:** A : passive**Orientation:** right palm in; left palm right**Location:** right hand near left elbow; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** tap right hand on left elbow twice**banana****Handshape:** A : 1**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right hand down left index finger twice**practice, drill,
exercise, rehearse****Handshape:** A : 1**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right hand back and forth along left index finger**Nonmanual signal:** body tense; head tilted left; lips taut



A 2-Hand SIGNS

**trick, betray,
cheat, deceive,
defraud, fraud**



Handshape: A : 1

Orientation: right palm out, right hand behind left hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: sharply knock right hand on left index finger

Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

**give up,
forfeit,
relinquish,
surrender,
yield**



Handshape: A > 5 : A > 5

Orientation: palms in

Location: neutral space

Movement: thrust hands up, changing to 5 handshape

Nonmanual signal: head and body thrown back; "discouraged" expression

without



Handshape: A > 5 : A > 5

Orientation: palms facing; hands touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: separate hands, changing to 5 handshape

bless



Handshape: A > 5 : A > 5

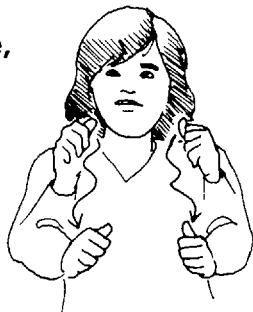
Orientation: palms facing

Location: lips

Movement: move hands down and out, changing to 5 handshape

Nonmanual signal: head lowered

**shape, figure,
form, image,
sculpture,
statue**



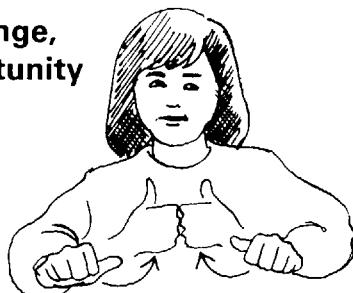
Handshape: Open A : Open A

Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: wiggle hands and move them down

**challenge,
opportunity**



Handshape: Open A : Open A

Orientation: palms down

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc hands up, ending with palms in and fingers touching

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN A

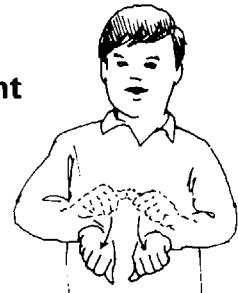


**continue,
endure, ever,
permanent,
persevere,
persist,
remain,
stay, still**



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms down, thumbs touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: slowly push hands forward

**deposit,
down payment**



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms down, thumbs touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands, ending with thumbs down

**deny
(declare
untrue)**



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms facing
Location: chin
Movement: move thumbs out and down
Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no"

**live, address,
alive, life,
reside,
survive**



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush hands up chest

**sweetheart,
beau, lover**



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms in, knuckles touching
Location: left side of chest
Movement: bend thumbs down and up twice

**baptism,
Baptist,
baptize**



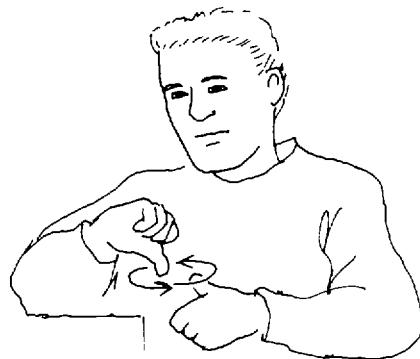
Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrists to the right and back up



OPEN A • 2-Hand SIGNS

**associate, fellowship,
interact, socialize**

Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: right palm out, thumb down; left palm in, thumb up
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle thumbs around each other

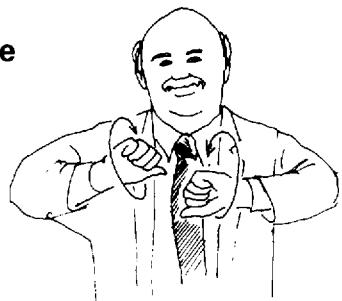


**which, or,
whether**

Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands up and down, alternating positions
Nonmanual signal: torso leans forward; head tilts right; eyebrows knit; lips pursed

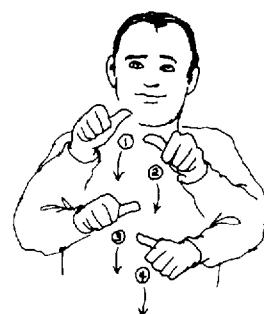


science



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms out, thumbs down
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle hands back and down, alternating positions

**puzzle
(game)**



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move thumbs down twice, alternating hands

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN A

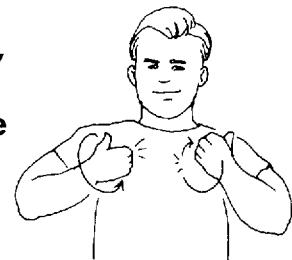


**compete,
contest, race,
rivalry,
sports, vie**



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms facing, knuckles touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: rotate hands back and forth, alternating positions

**ambitious,
assertive,
aggressive**



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms in
Location: chest
Movement: brush hands against chest in circular motions, alternating positions
Nonmanual signal: lips taut; "earnest" expression

**act, audition, drama, perform,
play, show, theater
(actor, actress, performer)**



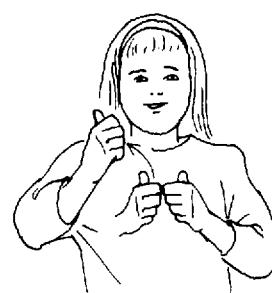
Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms facing
Location: chest
Movement: circle alternating hands back and down, brushing backs of thumbs against chest

**brag,
show off**



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms down
Location: waist
Movement: bounce alternating thumbs on waist twice
Nonmanual signal: torso leans back; chest puffs out

most



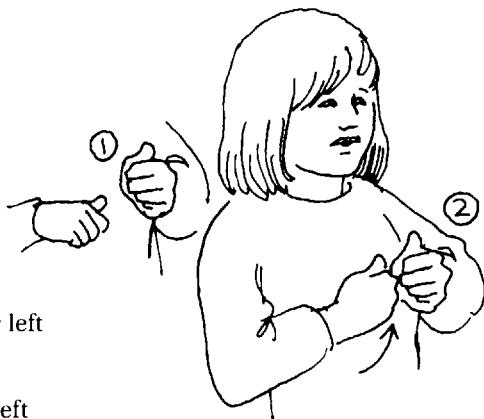
Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms facing, knuckles touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right knuckles up and above left hand



OPEN A • 2-Hand SIGNS

**behind,
in back of**

Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: right palm down, closer to body; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing right hand up and behind left thumb

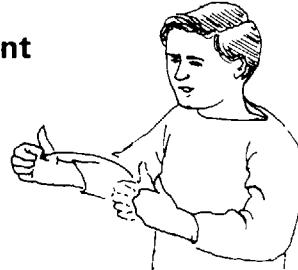


ahead



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms facing, right hand behind left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand past left hand

far, distant



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms facing, knuckles touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc right hand forward with an exaggerated motion
Nonmanual signal: body leans back; "cha" mouth utterance

**avoid, evade,
shirk**



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: rapidly wiggle right hand back

**chase,
follow,
pursue**



Handshape: Open A : Open A
Orientation: right palm left, hand behind left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: spiral right hand toward left hand while left hand moves forward

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN A



**remember,
memory,
recall,
recollect,
remind**



Handshape: Open A : Open A

Orientation: palms down

Location: right thumb on temple; left hand in neutral space

Movement: bring right hand down until thumbs touch

**danger, injure,
peril, threat,
violate**



Handshape: Open A : A

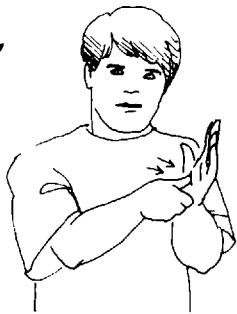
Orientation: right palm left; left palm in

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush right thumb against back of left hand twice

Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression

**doorbell, bell,
ring bell**



Handshape: Open A : Open B

Orientation: right palm in; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: press right thumb into left palm twice

**carve,
sculpt**



Handshape: Open A : Open B

Orientation: right palm down; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: dig right thumb into left palm twice

**impress, emphasis,
emphasize, stress**



Handshape: Open A : Open B

Orientation: right palm out, thumb on left palm; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: twist hand forward

Nonmanual signal: lips taut; "earnest" expression



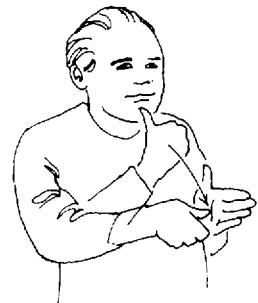
OPEN A ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**page,
dictionary**



Handshape: Open A : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, thumb on left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush thumb up left palm twice

letter, mail



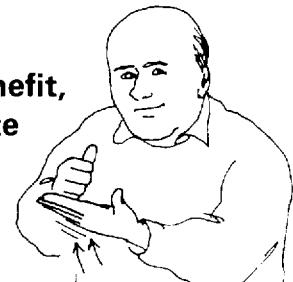
Handshape: Open A : Open B
Orientation: right palm in; left palm right
Location: right thumb on lower lip; left hand in neutral space
Movement: bring right hand down, ending with thumb on left palm

**surgery,
operation**



Handshape: Open A : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, thumb near left thumb; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right thumb down left palm

**help, aid,
assist, benefit,
rehabilitate**



Handshape: Open A : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, hand on left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: lift right hand up with left hand
Nonmanual signal: "earnest" expression

**blame, fault,
guilt (SM);
accuse (DM)**



Handshape: Open A : Open B
Orientation: right palm left; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right hand sharply across back of left hand
Nonmanual signal: lips taut

**establish,
erect,
form (v.),
install, set up**

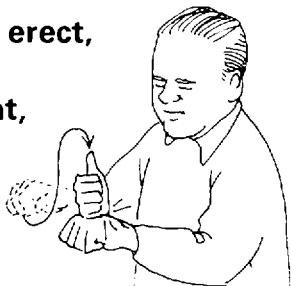


Handshape: Open A : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing right hand up and bring down on top of left hand

2-Hand SIGNS ▶ B

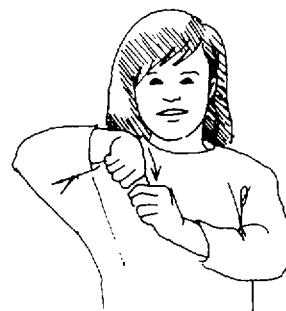


**establish, erect,
form (v.),
implement,
install,
set up**



Handshape: Open A : S
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing right hand up and bring down on top of left hand

**gasoline,
gas**



Handshape: Open A : S
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: insert thumb into left fist

**defecate, bowel movement,
feces**



Handshape: Open A : S
Orientation: right palm left, thumb tucked in bottom of left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right thumb out of left hand
Nonmanual signal: nose wrinkled; "disgusted" expression

close, shut

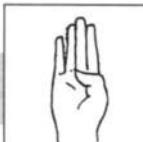


Handshape: B : B
Orientation: palms out, arms parallel
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring hands together

**open
(horizontal)**



Handshape: B : B
Orientation: palms down; index fingers touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands up and over, ending with palms angled up



B 2-Hand SIGNS

**open
(vertical)**



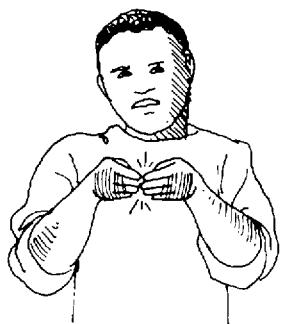
Handshape: B : B
Orientation: palms out; index fingers touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands back, ending with palms facing

behavior



Handshape: B : B
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hands side to side in unison

corner



Handshape: B : B
Orientation: palms facing; fingertips angled toward each other
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap fingertips together twice

quiet, calm



Handshape: B : B
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right; hands crossed
Location: mouth
Movement: arc hands down and apart, ending with palms down
Nonmanual signal: lips taut

blanket



Handshape: B : B
Orientation: palms down, fingertips facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce hands against chest twice

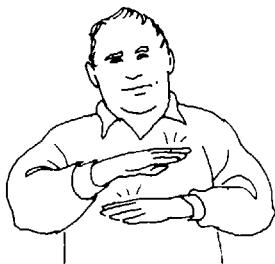
relief



Handshape: B : B
Orientation: palms down, right hand above left hand
Location: chest
Movement: slide hands down chest
Nonmanual signal: lips rounded; exaggerated exhale

2-Hand SIGNS  B

**satisfied,
content,
gratified**



Handshape: B : B

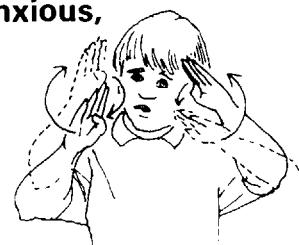
Orientation: palms down; right hand above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: tap hands against chest

Nonmanual signal: lips pursed;
"contented" expression

**trouble, anxious,
cares,
concern,
fret,
worry**



Handshape: B : B

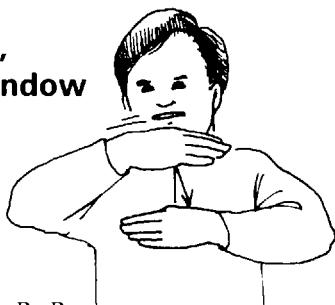
Orientation: palms angled toward each other

Location: head

Movement: circle hands inward in
alternating motions

Nonmanual signal: "worried" expression

**window,
open window**



Handshape: B : B

Orientation: palms in; edge of right hand on left index finger

Location: neutral space

Movement: move right hand up and down

**open door (SM);
door (DM)**



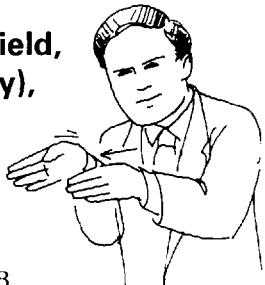
Handshape: B : B

Orientation: palms out, index fingers touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc right hand back,
ending with palm left

**specialize, field,
major (study),
specialty**



Handshape: B : B

Orientation: right palm left, edge of right hand on left hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right hand forward along left index finger

Nonmanual signal: "earnest" expression

kick, soccer



Handshape: B : B

Orientation: right palm left, fingertips down; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: swing right hand up,
knocking into left hand



B 2-Hand SIGNS

**partial to,
favorite**



Handshape: B : B
Orientation: right palm in, fingertips on left index finger; left palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right fingertips against left index finger twice

**autumn, fall
(passive)**



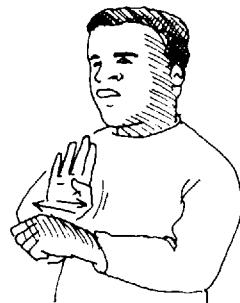
Handshape: B : passive
Orientation: right palm down, near left elbow; left arm across body
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right hand down left elbow twice

slippers



Handshape: B : C
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand into left hand twice

**busy,
business**



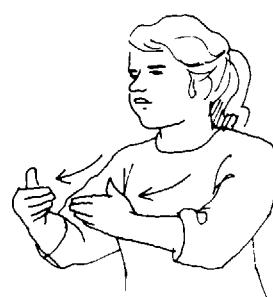
Handshape: B : S
Orientation: right palm out; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush heel of right hand back and forth against left index finger

**partial
to (an
individual)**



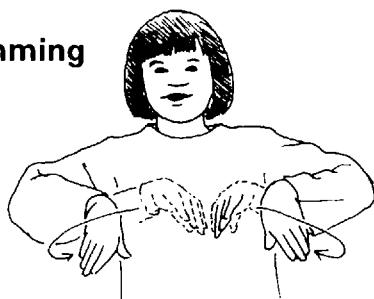
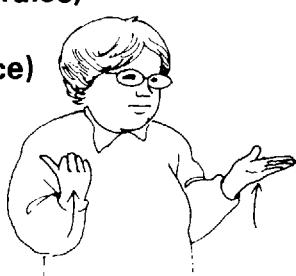
Handshape: B : 1
Orientation: right palm left, fingertips touching left index finger; left palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right fingertips on left index finger twice

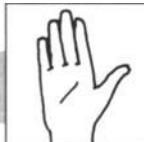
**advance,
forward,
go ahead,
onward,
proceed**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: glide hands forward
Nonmanual signal: "mm" mouth utterance

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B

**floor****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms down, index fingers touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** separate hands**children****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bounce hands apart**swimming****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms down; index fingers touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** circle hands out and around**not, do not,
don't do that****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms down, hands crossed**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** separate hands sharply**Nonmanual signal:** frown with "stern" expression**rise, arise, raise,
stand up
(to audience)****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** lift both hands up in unison**here,
present****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands together and apart in short quick motions



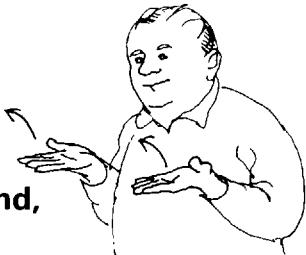
OPEN B ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

things



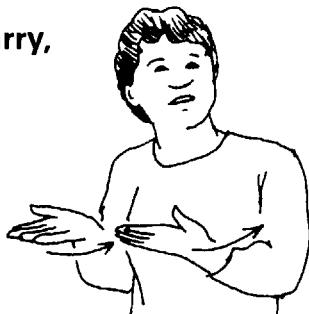
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up, hands close together
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce hands apart
Note: See page 51 for a one-hand variation.

**offer,
introduce
(a topic),
propose,
recommend,
suggest**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands up and forward in unison

**bring, carry,
deliver**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands left

volleyball



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up
Location: near sides of head
Movement: push hands up twice

Sunday



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms out
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle hands out twice

**attention,
concentrate,
focus, pay
attention**

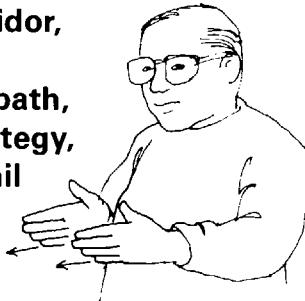


Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing
Location: near temples
Movement: move hands forward sharply

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B



**way, corridor,
hallway,
method, path,
road, strategy,
street, trail**



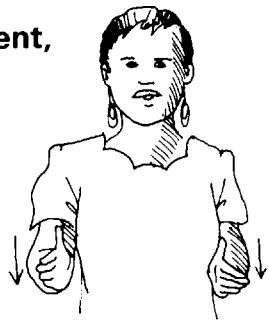
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, fingers forward
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands forward

**allow,
condone,
grant, let,
may,
permit,
tolerate**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, fingers down
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands forward and up,
 ending with fingers forward

**person, agent,
individual**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, fingers forward
Location: in front of shoulders
Movement: move hands down

**arrange,
order (n.),
plan, prepare**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, fingers forward
Location: neutral space
Movement: loop hands right
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed;
 "thoughtful" expression

narrow

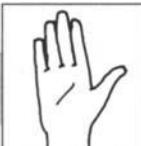


Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, fingers forward
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands forward
Nonmanual signal: "cz" mouth utterance

**wide,
broad,
width**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, fingers forward
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands apart
Nonmanual signal: "cha" mouth utterance



OPEN B • 2-Hand SIGNS

**encourage,
cheer, uplift**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up; wrists bent back
Location: neutral space
Movement: push hands toward each other in two small motions
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed



**convince,
cornered**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms angled up
Location: neutral space
Movement: chop hands down sharply
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed



**abhor, avoid,
detest, hate,
loathe**

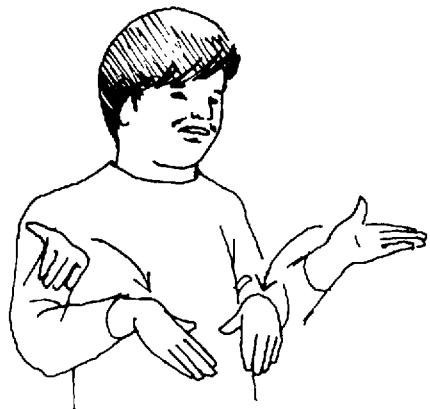
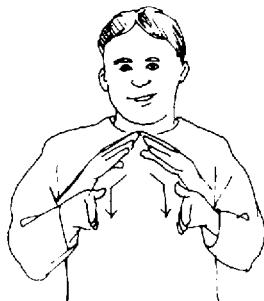
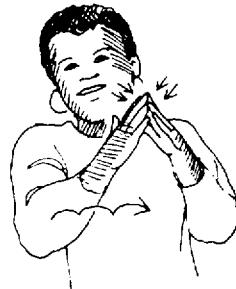
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms out
Location: neutral space
Movement: push hands sharply to left side
Nonmanual signal: body leans away from repelling reference; "disgusted" expression

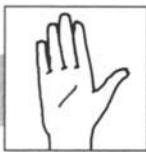
introduce (person)

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up, fingers forward
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands to center, ending with fingertips facing
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed



2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B

**bet****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms up, fingers forward**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** flip hands over with exaggerated motion, ending with palms down**Nonmanual signal:** body and head lean back; eyes widen**dark, darken,
dim****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** near face**Movement:** cross hands in front of face**Nonmanual signal:** shoulders rounded; head lowered**compare,
distinguish****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms facing**Location:** near face**Movement:** rock hands back and forth, several times**house,
residence****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms facing; fingertips touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands apart and down**city,
community,
town,
village****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms facing, fingertips close together**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap fingertips together several times while moving hands left



OPEN B ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

general

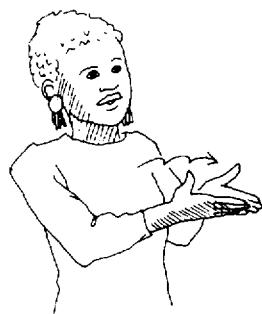
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, fingertips forward and touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

hinge

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms in, fingertips touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: close and open hands

butterfly

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms in, hands crossed and thumbs clasped
Location: neutral space
Movement: flutter hands

**boat,
go by boat**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up, hands touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce hands forward

**ask, inquire,
request**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, fingers forward
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrists up, then bring hands together, ending with palms touching

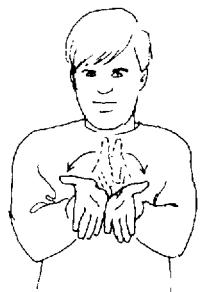
pray, amen

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms touching
Location: near face
Movement: arc hands in toward body
Nonmanual signal: head lowers as hands move down

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B

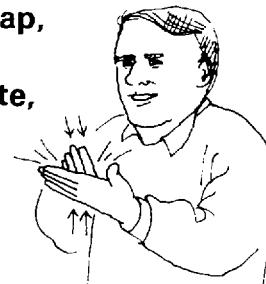


**book,
open a book**



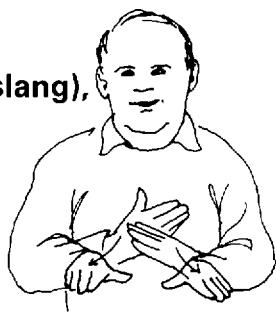
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms touching, fingers forward
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands, ending with little fingers touching

**applaud, clap,
commend,
congratulate,
praise**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: clap hands twice

**divide,
go-Dutch (slang),
split**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms in, hands crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands apart

**sandwich (SM);
picnic (DM)**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right hand on top of left hand
Location: near mouth
Movement: move hands toward mouth twice

pants, slacks



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, fingers down
Location: near left thigh
Movement: slide hands down in front of left thigh, then repeat motion on right thigh



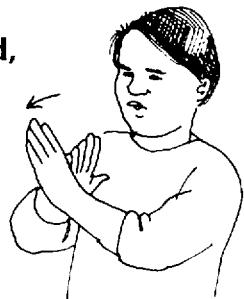
OPEN B • 2-Hand SIGNS

**prevent (me),
block (me)**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, hand crossed in front of left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: hit edge of left hand with right index finger, then bring hands in toward body
Nonmanual signal: body and head thrown back; "discouraged" expression

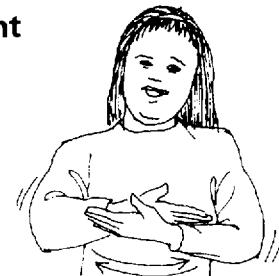


**block, defend,
guard,
prevent,
protect**



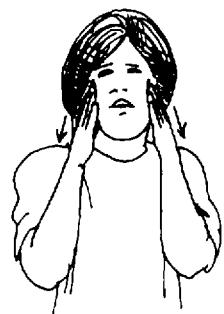
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, hand crossed behind left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: push hands forward sharply
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

baby, infant



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up, right hand inside left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: rock arms side to side

lean, drawn



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing
Location: face
Movement: slide fingers down face
Nonmanual signal: cheeks sucked in

**grateful,
appreciative,
thankful**

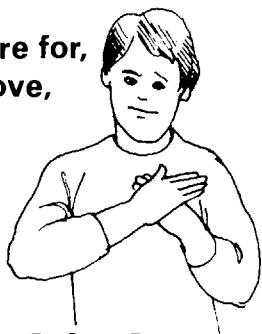


Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms in
Location: right fingertips on mouth; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move both hands forward
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; "grateful" expression

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B



**beloved, care for,
devotion, love,
revere**



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms in; hands crossed;
right hand on left hand

Location: left side of chest

Movement: rest hands on heart

**rest, relax,
retire**



Handshape: Open B : Open B

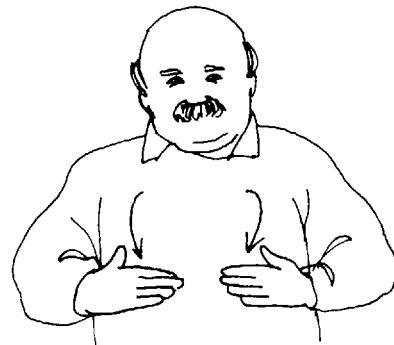
Orientation: palms in, arms crossed

Location: chest

Movement: rest hands on chest

Nonmanual signal: "contented" expression

body, physical



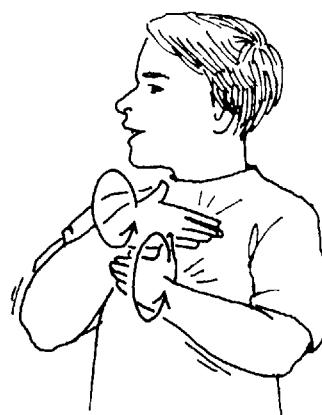
Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms in

Location: chest

Movement: tap fingertips on chest, then on waist

**happy, delight,
glad, joy, merry**



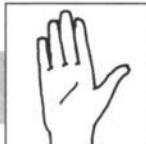
Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms in, right hand above left hand

Location: chest

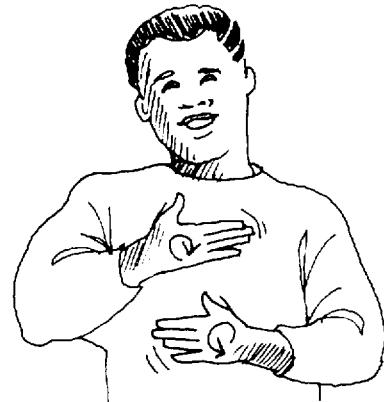
Movement: brush hands up and off chest twice

Nonmanual signal: smile



OPEN B • 2-Hand SIGNS

**enjoy, appreciate,
joy, pleasure**



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms in, right hand above left hand

Location: chest

Movement: move hands in small opposing circles
on chest

Nonmanual signal: smile

breathe, exhale



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms in, right hand above left hand

Location: chest

Movement: move hands out and back to chest twice

Nonmanual signal: chest expands and contracts;
blow air out repeatedly

**admit, acquiesce,
confess, consent,
give in, willing, yield**



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms in, right hand above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc hands up and forward, ending with
palms angled up

Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; head
lowered; "contrite" expression

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B



**box, package,
room**



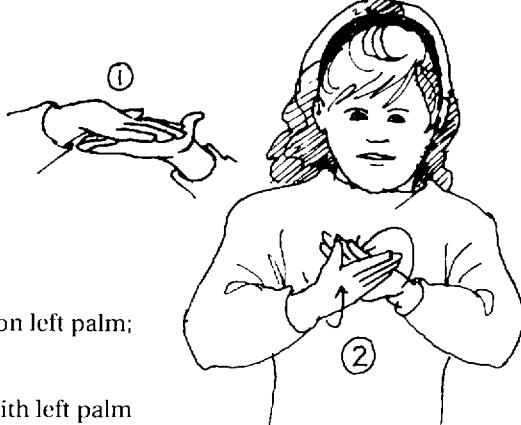
Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms facing, fingers forward

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands down, then bend wrists in,
palms in, and move hands down

become



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, hand on left palm;
left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: flip hands over, ending with left palm
on right palm

peace



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, hand on top of left
palm; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: twist hands slowly, reversing palm
positions, then separate hands, ending with
palms down

Nonmanual signal: "serene" expression



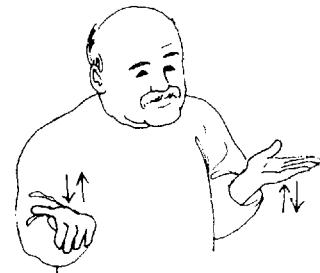
OPEN B • 2-Hand SIGNS

**die, dead,
death,
expire**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm up; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: flip hands over
Nonmanual signal: "sad" expression

**may,
maybe,
might,
perhaps**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands alternately up and down
Nonmanual signal: shoulders shrug; eyes widen

**service,
serve,
wait on**



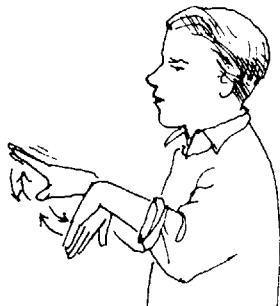
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide hands alternately back and forth twice

**serve
(server,
waiter,
waitress)**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up
Location: near head
Movement: slide hands alternately back and forth

walk



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend hands alternately up and down at the wrist

**stairs,
steps**

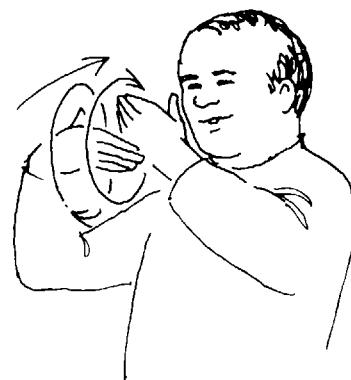


Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right hand higher than left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move left hand above right hand, then right hand above left hand, and repeat

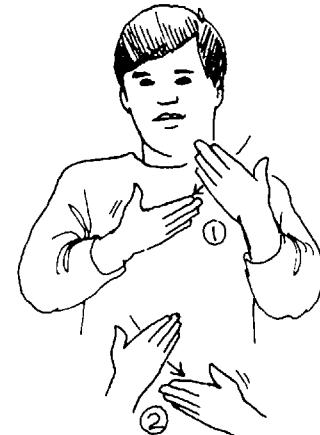
2-Hand SIGNS OPEN B

**ancestors, generations**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms in, one hand in front of the other
Location: near right shoulder
Movement: circle hands around each other while moving them back
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder tilts back

**hands, manual**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms in, right hand behind left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush back of right hand down left palm, then brush back of left hand down right palm

**descendants, generations, posterity**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms in, one hand in front of the other
Location: near right shoulder
Movement: circle hands around each other while moving them forward
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward





OPEN B ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**anyhow, anyway, despite,
doesn't matter, indifferent,
nevertheless, regardless,
whenever**

Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms in, right hand in front of left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: slap right fingers against left fingers, then
slap left fingers against right fingers



**ambitious, diligent, eager,
enthusiastic, industrious,
Methodist, zealous**

Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms together

Location: neutral space

Movement: rub hands back and forth several times

Nonmanual signal: "earnest" expression



heaven

Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms down

Location: above head

Movement: move right hand under left, then
circle hands in opposite directions

Nonmanual signal: eyes gaze upward



2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B



**kind, generous,
gracious, merciful**

Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms in, right hand closer to body

Location: left side of chest

Movement: circle hands around each other while slowly moving them forward

Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; "grateful" expression



**towel,
wash**



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms in

Location: face

Movement: move hands alternately up and down several times

**complete,
end**



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: right palm left, hand above left hand; left palm in

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide edge of right hand across and off left index finger, then bring hand down

**confront, approach,
face to face**



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms facing, right hand closer to body

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc right hand up to face left hand

Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression



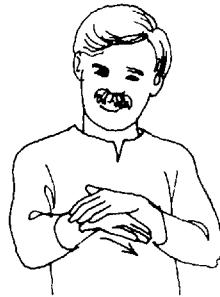
OPEN B • 2-Hand SIGNS

**below, background, basic, basis,
beneath, bottom, basement,
foundation, underneath**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right hand below left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle right hand counterclockwise under left hand

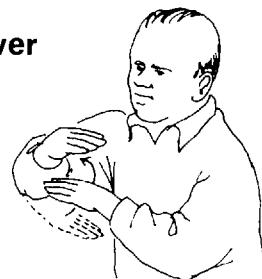


bake, oven



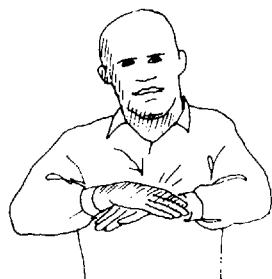
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm up, hands perpendicular; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand under left hand

above, over



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right hand below left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc right hand in toward body, then above left hand

on



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand down on top of left hand

off

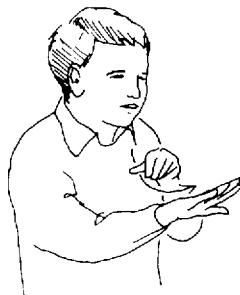


Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right hand crossed on top of left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: lift right hand off left hand

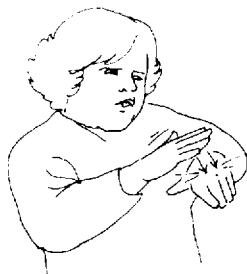
2-Hand SIGNS ➡ OPEN B

**than**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down, hands angled toward each other, right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: slap fingers of right hand on and past fingers of left hand

**enter,
entrance,
go into**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down, hands angled toward each other
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand under left hand

**warn,
admonish,
advise, alert,
caution,
forewarn**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down, hands angled toward each other, right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: smack back of left hand twice with fingers of right hand

**surface, cover,
superficial**

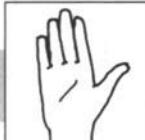
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right hand crossed on top of left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand back and forth along left hand

**operate,
execute,
run**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm up, hand below left hand; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: quickly brush right fingers up and off left fingertips twice

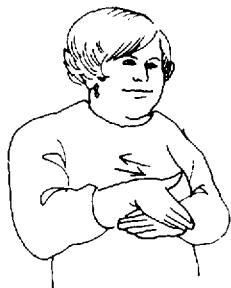
time out

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, fingertips under left hand; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: hit middle of left palm twice with right fingertips



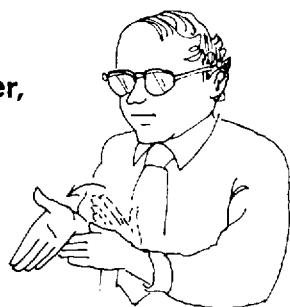
OPEN B • 2-Hand SIGNS

**wood,
saw**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, edge of hand on back of left hand; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide edge of right hand back and forth across back of left hand

**across,
cross over,
over**



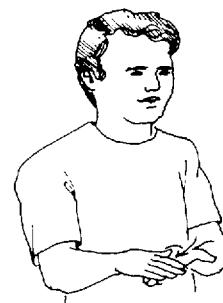
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, hand behind left hand; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: cross right hand over left hand

**laid off,
discharge,
dismiss,
excuse**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, fingertips on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply slide right fingers down and off left hand
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

**clean, nice,
plain, pure,
simple**



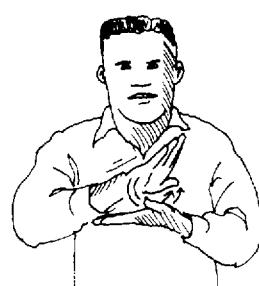
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, palm on top of left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right palm across left hand
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

wash dishes



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand on top of left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand counter-clockwise on left palm

**paper,
manuscript,
newspaper,
page**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: smack heel of right hand twice against heel of left hand

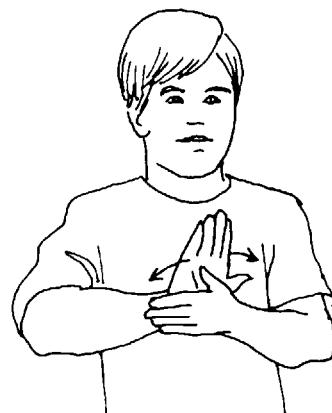
2-Hand SIGNS ➡ OPEN B

**school**

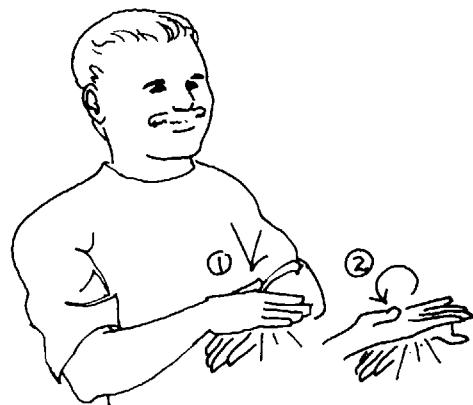
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: clap palms together twice

**college,
university**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, fingertips on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: spiral right hand up

cheese

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm out, heel of right hand on left palm; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist right wrist back and forth several times

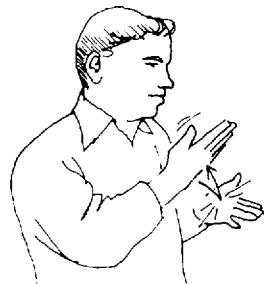
**cook, fry, kitchen,
pancake**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand crossed on top of left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: flip right hand over and back on left palm



OPEN B • 2-Hand SIGNS

**proof,
evidence**



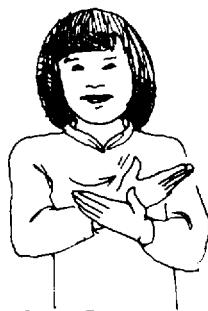
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up, right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: smack back of right hand down sharply on left palm

**arrive,
reach**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms in, right hand near shoulder
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc right hand forward and down slowly, landing on left palm

**new,
modern**



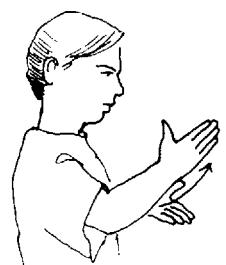
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Orientation: palms up, hands angled toward each other
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide back of right hand across left palm

**almost,
about, nearly**



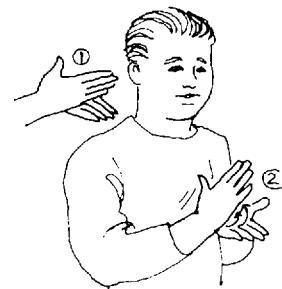
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms angled up, right hand in front of left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush back of left fingers twice with right fingers
Nonmanual signal: "cz" mouth utterance

**rights,
privileges**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, right pinky and ring fingertips on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide edge of right hand across left palm, ending with fingertips up
Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression

**all right,
okay**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, edge of hand on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush edge of right hand across left palm twice

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B

**stop, cease, halt**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, hand above left hand;
 left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring right hand down sharply on
 left palm
Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression

**against, discriminate, oppose,
prejudice, sue**

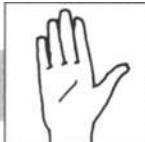
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm in, fingertips pointed at
 left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: hit left palm sharply with fingertips
 of right hand
Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression

**paint**

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right fingertips up and
 down left hand

fish

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left; left palm
 right, fingertips on right wrist
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend right wrist left and right



OPEN B ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**cheap,
inexpensive**



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: slap right fingers down and off left palm

psychology



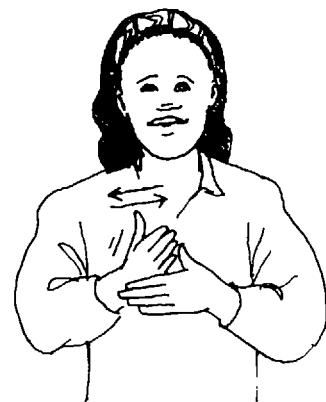
Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: right palm left, hand above left hand; left palm out

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring right hand down between left thumb and index finger twice

**average, medium,
range, temperate**



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: right palm left, edge of hand resting on left index finger; left palm in

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right hand back and forth along left index finger several times

Nonmanual signal: "mm" mouth utterance

share



Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: right palm left, slightly above left hand; left palm in

Location: neutral space

Movement: swing edge of right hand back and forth along left index finger twice

2-Hand SIGNS OPEN B

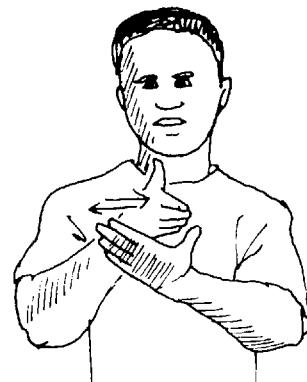
**between**

Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: right palm left, edge in crease of left thumb; left palm in

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right hand between thumb and knuckle of left index finger



**disrupt, hinder, impede,
intercept, interfere, interrupt,
obstruct, prevent (SM); annoy,
bother, disturb (DM)**

Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: right palm left, hand above left hand; left palm in

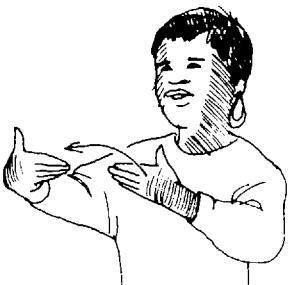
Location: neutral space

Movement: bring right hand down sharply on edge of left hand

Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression



**after,
beyond,
next**



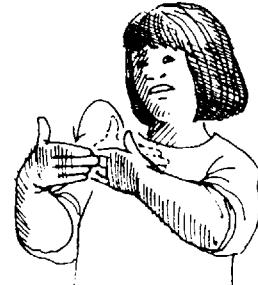
Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms in, palm of right hand against left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc right hand forward and down

after, next

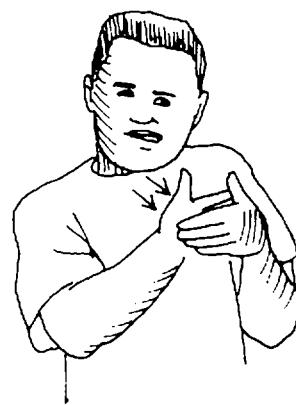


Handshape: Open B : Open B

Orientation: palms in, back of right hand against left palm

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc right hand up and over left hand

**before****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms in, back of right hand against
left palm**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand toward body**all, entire,
whole****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** right palm out; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** circle right hand down and
smack back of right hand into left palm**approach, close to,
near, neighbor,
next door, next to****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** palms in, right hand behind left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** hit back of right hand against left
palm twice**Nonmanual signal:** "ez" mouth utterance;
shoulders raised

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B



**gate,
fence**



Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms in, fingertips touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing right hand out and back twice

**some,
part**



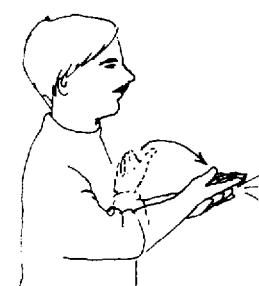
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, edge of hand on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand back in an arc on left palm

**videotape (v.),
camcorder**



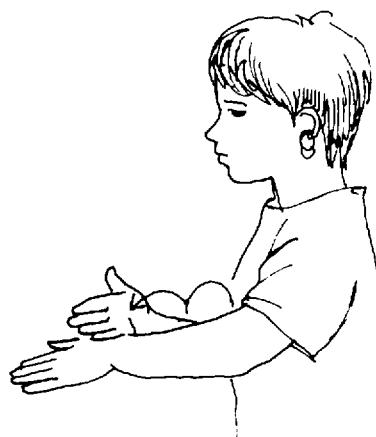
Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand on left palm; left palm right
Location: in front of face
Movement: slightly bend right fingers down and up twice
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder raised

**birth,
born**

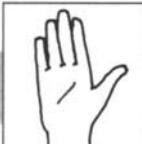


Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms up
Location: right hand close to chest; left hand in neutral space
Movement: arc right hand forward and down, landing on left palm

**worsen, decrease, downhill,
regress (passive)**

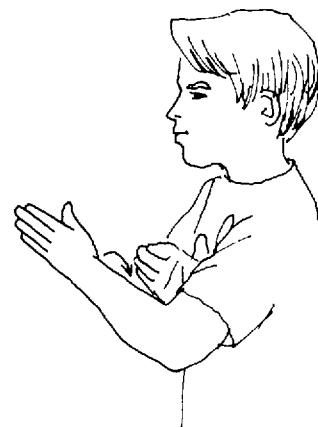


Handshape: Open B : passive
Orientation: right palm in, hand on left arm; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce right hand down left arm
Nonmanual signal: "sad" expression



OPEN B 2-Hand SIGNS

improve, appreciate, upgrade (passive)



Handshape: Open B : passive

Orientation: right palm in, hand on left wrist;
left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: bounce right hand up left arm

Nonmanual signal: smile

power, authority, energy, might (passive)



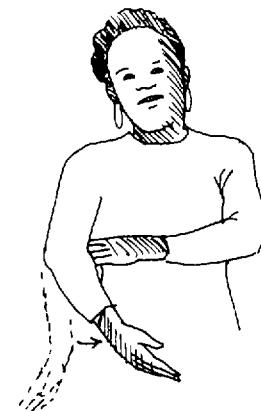
Handshape: Open B : passive

Orientation: right palm out, index finger against left
upper arm; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc right hand down, ending with hand
resting in left elbow crease, palm in

midnight (passive)



Handshape: Open B : passive

Orientation: right palm left, arm relaxed at side; left
palm down, fingertips in crease of right elbow

Location: neutral space

Movement: move right hand left slightly

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B

**morning (passive)**

Handshape: Open B : passive
Orientation: right palm up, arm outstretched;
 left palm in, hand in crease of right elbow
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend right arm up slightly

**noon (passive)**

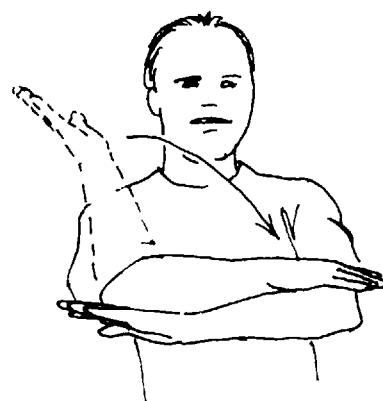
Handshape: Open B : passive
Orientation: right palm left, elbow slightly above left hand; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring right arm down to rest elbow on back of left hand

afternoon (passive)

Handshape: Open B : passive
Orientation: right palm out, arm against left wrist; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right arm against left arm twice

all day (passive)

Handshape: Open B : passive
Orientation: right palm left, elbow on back of left hand; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: dramatically bring right arm down to rest on left arm
Nonmanual signal: "cha" mouth utterance





OPEN B ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

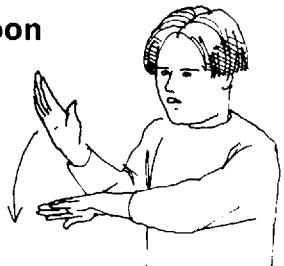
all night (passive)

Handshape: Open B : passive
Orientation: right palm out; left palm down, fingers under right elbow
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing right arm clockwise, ending with palm up
Nonmanual signal: "cha" mouth utterance



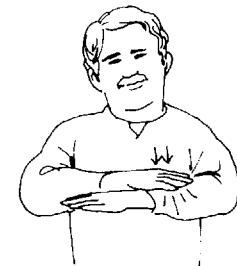
all afternoon (passive)

Handshape: Open B : passive
Orientation: right palm out; left palm down, fingers under right elbow
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend right arm down



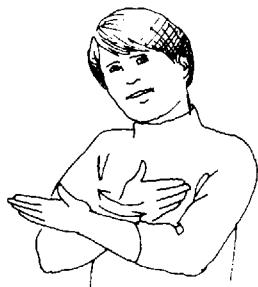
table, desk (passive)

Handshape: Open B : passive
Orientation: palms down; right arm above left arm
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap arms together twice



sing, music (passive)

Handshape: Open B : passive
Orientation: right palm in, above left arm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing right hand back and forth

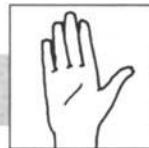
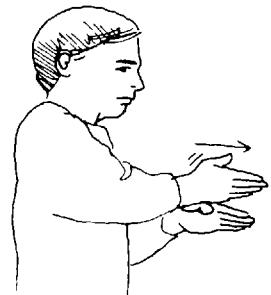
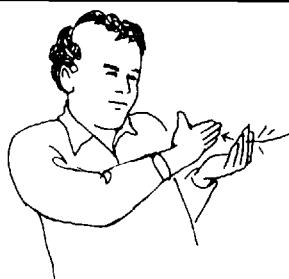


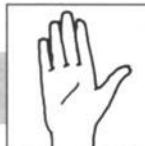
good, well

Handshape: Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms in
Location: right hand on mouth; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move right hand out and smack back of hand on left palm
Nonmanual signal: smile

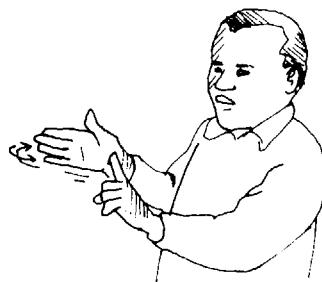


2-Hand SIGNS ➡ OPEN B

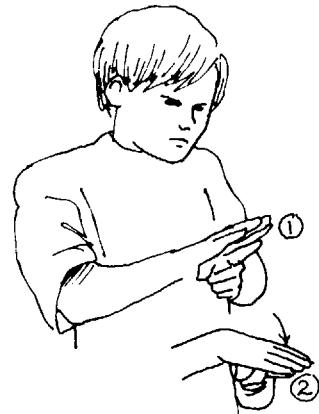
**humble****Handshape:** Open B : Open B**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm down
Location: right hand on lips; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** pass right fingertips slowly under left hand**Nonmanual signal:** head lowered**straight,
faithful,
integrity****Handshape:** Open B : B**Orientation:** right palm left, pinky on top of left index finger; left palm right
Location: neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand straight out**slight
(insult)****Handshape:** Open B : Bent B**Orientation:** right palm left, hand in front of left hand; left palm up, fingers bent**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** sharply slap left fingers with right fingers**Nonmanual signal:** "wounded" expression**cover, lid****Handshape:** Open B : S**Orientation:** right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand down to cover left hand**blow up, blow
one's top
(slang), hot
temper****Handshape:** Open B : S**Orientation:** right palm down, hand on left hand; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** lift right hand up while wiggling fingers, then bring hand down sharply on left hand**full,
complete****Handshape:** Open B : S**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm in, hand closer to body**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right hand across top of left fist


OPEN B ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS
**fire,
terminate**


Handshape: Open B : S
Orientation: right palm up, directly above left hand; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply brush back of right hand across top of left fist
Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression

flag


Handshape: Open B : 1
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right, index finger on right wrist
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend right wrist back and forth several times

**pressure, oppress,
stress (an individual)**


Handshape: Open B : 1
Orientation: right palm down, hand on left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: press right hand sharply down on left hand
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed
Note: See page 345 for a variation of this sign.

**convince
(an individual)**


Handshape: Open B : 1
Orientation: right palm up; left palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand to strike left index finger
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

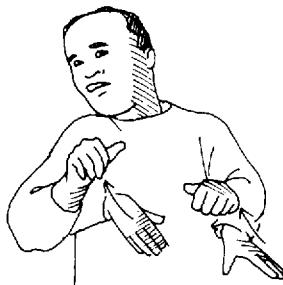
through


Handshape: Open B : 5
Orientation: right palm left; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right fingers between left index and middle fingers

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN B



**depart,
leave,
withdraw**



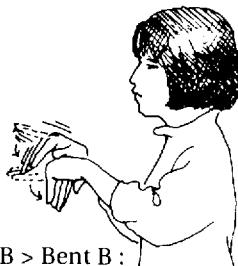
Handshape: Open B > A : Open B > A
Orientation: palms down, hands angled to left
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply pull hands in toward body, closing to A handshape

**donkey,
mule,
stubborn**



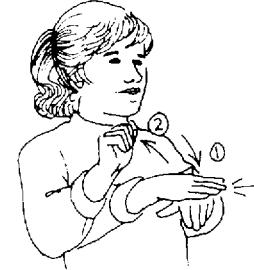
Handshape: Open B > Bent B : Open B > Bent B
Orientation: palms out
Location: thumbs on temples
Movement: bend right and left fingers down twice
Nonmanual signal: lips taut

**hypocrite,
two-faced**



Handshape: Open B > Bent B : Open B > Bent B
Orientation: palms down, right palm on left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend right and left fingers down
Nonmanual signal: "sarcastic" expression

**call,
summon**



Handshape: Open B > A : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right fingers on back of left hand, then brush fingers off left hand, ending in an A handshape

pie



Handshape: Open B > Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide edge of right hand from left index finger to heel of left palm, then bend hand and slide hand from base of left thumb to left pinky


OPEN B ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS
center, intermediate, middle

Handshape: Open B > Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand;
 left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle right fingers above left palm, then
 bend fingers and hit center of palm


frequent, often

Handshape: Open B > Bent B : Open B
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: flip right hand over twice, bending fingers,
 and hit center of left palm
Nonmanual signal: "cha" mouth utterance
Note: See page 207 for a variation of this sign.


**pet (v.), tame,
stroke (SM);
pet (n.)(DM)**


Handshape: Open B > Bent B : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right palm on
 left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: stroke right fingers on back
 of left hand twice

**accumulate,
collect, earn,
harvest, reap
(SM); salary,
income (DM)**

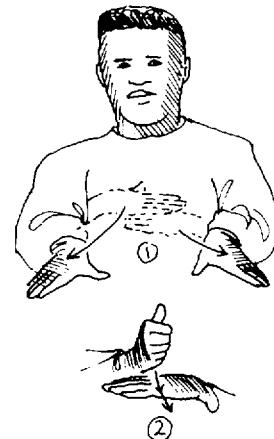

Handshape: Open B > S : Open B
Orientation: right palm in; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand rapidly down
 left palm, closing to S handshape

2-Hand SIGNS ➤ BENT B



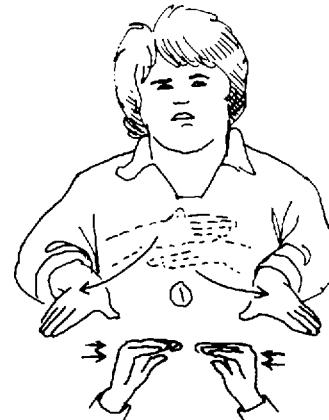
not guilty
(compound: not + accuse)

Handshape: Open B > A : Open B
Orientation: palms down, hands crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands, then change right hand to A handshape and brush right hand across back of left hand
Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no" during first part of sign



injustice
(compound: not + equal)

Handshape: Open B > Bent B : Open B > Bent B
Orientation: palms down, hands crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands, then change hands to Bent B handshape, and bring hands together twice
Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no" during first part of sign



**limit, capacity,
reserved, restrict**

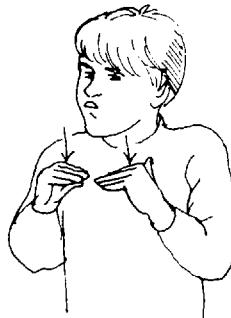
Handshape: Bent B : Bent B
Orientation: palms in; right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist wrists out, ending with right fingers above left fingers
Nonmanual signal: "mm" mouth utterance





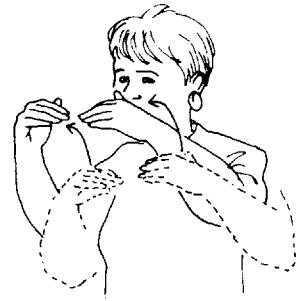
BENT B • 2-Hand SIGNS

**demote,
debase,
lower**



Handshape: Bent B : Bent B
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply move hands down
 in unison

**promote,
advance**



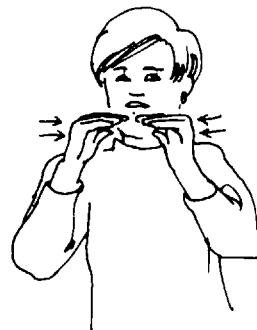
Handshape: Bent B : Bent B
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: dramatically arc hands up
 in unison

even



Handshape: Bent B : Bent B
Orientation: palms facing, fingertips
 almost touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands

**equal,
equivalent,
fair, justice**



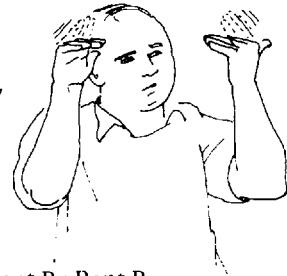
Handshape: Bent B : Bent B
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap fingertips together twice

heavy



Handshape: Bent B : Bent B
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hands down
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; head
 lowers; "strained" expression

2-Hand SIGNS • BENT B

**how****Handshape:** Bent B : Bent B**Orientation:** palms down, index and middle
fingernails touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** twist hands around, ending with
palms up**Nonmanual signal:** body leans forward; head tilts
right; "puzzled" expression**separate,
apart, part****Handshape:** Bent B : Bent B**Orientation:** palms in; fingernails touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** separate hands**hope,
anticipate,
expect****Handshape:** Bent B : Bent B**Orientation:** palms facing; right hand
near head**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend fingers down and up twice**Nonmanual signal:** head tilts back; eyes
look up and left**sandwich (SM);
picnic (DM)****Handshape:** Bent B : Bent B**Orientation:** palms in, fingertips toward mouth, right
hand on left hand**Location:** near mouth**Movement:** move hands in twice toward mouth**Nonmanual signal:** mouth open



BENT B ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**responsibility,
burden, fault,
load, obligation**



Handshape: Bent B : Bent B

Orientation: palms in, fingertips on right shoulder

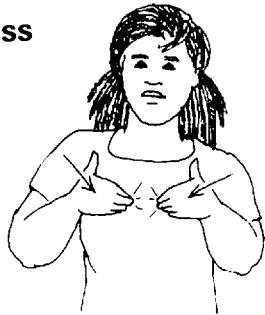
Location: right shoulder

Movement: tap shoulder twice with fingertips

Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression; head tilts right

Note: This sign can be made with the right hand only.

have, possess



Handshape: Bent B : Bent B

Orientation: palms in

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring hands in to chest

**tired,
exhausted,
weary**



Handshape: Bent B : Bent B

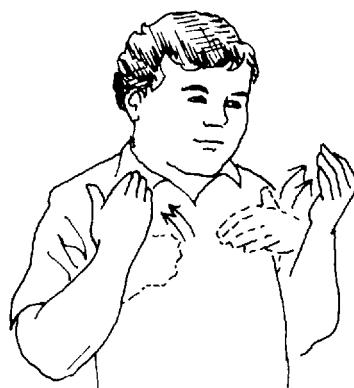
Orientation: palms down, fingertips on chest

Location: chest

Movement: twist hands forward and down, ending with fingers almost pointing up

Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; head lowered

young, youth



Handshape: Bent B : Bent B

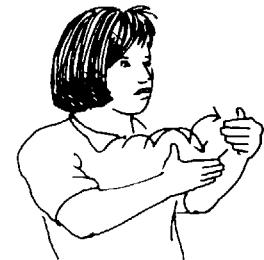
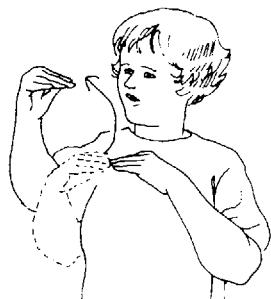
Orientation: palms in, fingertips on chest

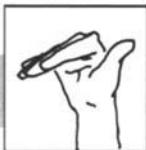
Location: chest

Movement: brush fingers up and off chest twice

Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back; erect posture

2-Hand SIGNS • BENT B

**balance, scales****Handshape:** Bent B : Bent B**Orientation:** palms facing**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands up and down alternately**build,
construct****Handshape:** Bent B : Bent B**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** alternately overlap hands
while moving them up**process,
procedure,
progress****Handshape:** Bent B : Bent B**Orientation:** palms in; right hand closer
to body**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** alternately circle hands
around each other while moving them
forward**exceed****Handshape:** Bent B : Bent B**Orientation:** palms facing, fingertips
touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc right hand up and above
left hand**easy,
simple****Handshape:** Bent B : Bent B**Orientation:** palms up, right hand below left**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right fingers against
fingers of left hand twice**Nonmanual signal:** lips pursed



BENT B ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

little (size of object)

Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm out; hand above left hand;
 left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce right hand slightly
Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; eyes look at
 hands



reduce, decrease, diminish, discount, less, lessen

Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm out; left palm up
Location: right hand near face; left hand in
 neutral space
Movement: move right hand down
Nonmanual signal: shoulders raised; "cz"
 mouth utterance

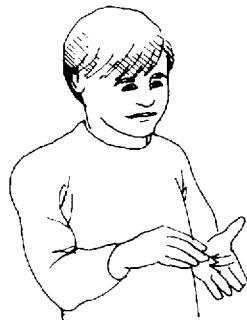


doctor, physician



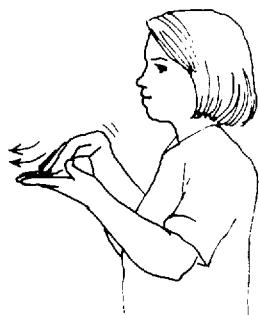
Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right fingers twice against
 left wrist

soap



Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: scrape right fingertips down
 left palm twice

2-Hand SIGNS • BENT B

**scrape**

Handshape: Bent B > Open B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right fingertips down left hand twice

**again,
repeat**

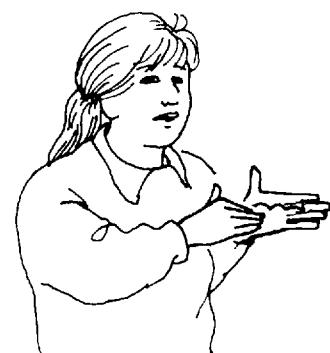
Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: flip right hand over, ending with fingertips in center of left palm

thousand

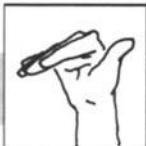
Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring right fingertips down to touch left palm

million

Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce right fingertips from left palm to fingertips

frequently, often

Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, fingertips on left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce right fingertips down left hand
Note: See page 200 for a variation of this sign.



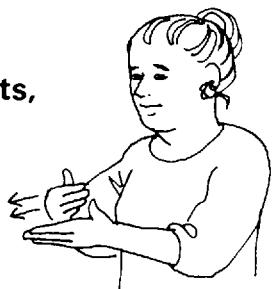
BENT B • 2-Hand SIGNS

**excuse (n.), exempt,
forgiveness, pardon (n.),
parole (SM); pardon, excuse,
forgive (v.) (DM)**

Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, fingertips on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right fingers down and off left fingertips



**mortgage,
installments,
layaway**



Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm in, hand on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand down left fingertips twice

**list, chapter,
course, lesson,
outline**



Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, hand on left fingertips; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce right hand down left hand

bread



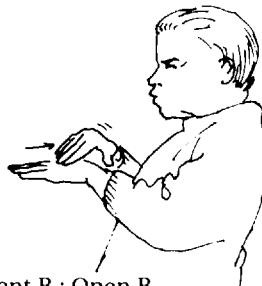
Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: palms in; right hand in front of left
Location: neutral space
Movement: slice down back of left fingers with right fingers twice

**England,
English**



Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: palms down; hands crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: slightly pull hands in toward body twice

2-Hand SIGNS ➔ BENT B

**slow**

Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: palms down; right fingertips on left fingertips
Location: neutral space
Movement: slowly slide right fingers back toward left wrist
Nonmanual signal: "mm" mouth utterance

**from now on,
from this point
on**

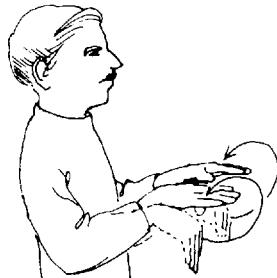
Handshape: Bent B : Open B
Orientation: right palm in, hand on back of left hand; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc right hand forward

night (passive)

Handshape: Bent B : passive
Orientation: palms down, right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: hit heel of right palm against back of left hand twice

**remind
(one person)**

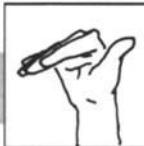
Handshape: Bent B : 1
Orientation: right palm out, hand behind left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply tap right fingertips on left index finger twice
Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression

**bury,
cemetery,
grave**

Handshape: Bent B > Open B : Bent B > Open B
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hands up, straightening them, and pull them back toward body

**send,
dispatch,
refer,
send away**

Handshape: Bent B > Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms down; right fingertips on left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: flick right fingertips off left hand



BENT B ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

reject, cast off

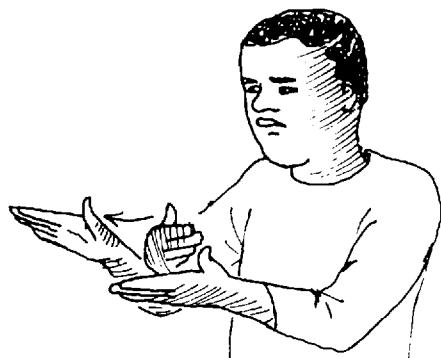
Handshape: Bent B > Open B : Open B

Orientation: right palm in, hand on left palm;
left palm up

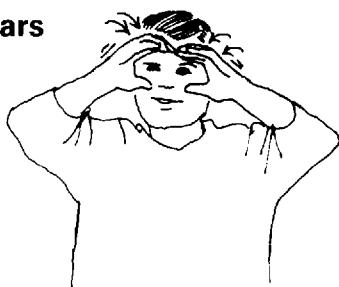
Location: neutral space

Movement: sweep right hand sharply off
left hand, straightening hand and ending
with palm down

Nonmanual signal: "hurt" expression



binoculars



Handshape: C : C

Orientation: palms facing

Location: eyes

Movement: twist hands in twice

coconut



Handshape: C : C

Orientation: right palm left, hand above
left hand; left palm right

Location: near right ear

Movement: twist wrists slightly back
and forth

**do, action, activity,
deed, demeanor**



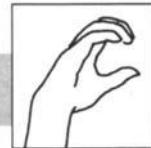
Handshape: C : C

Orientation: palms down

Location: neutral space

Movement: swing hands in unison left and right twice

2-Hand SIGNS 2 C



**class, association, company,
group, organization**



Handshape: C : C

Orientation: palms out, thumbs touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: swing hands around, ending with palms in

**decorate,
fancy**



Handshape: C : C

Orientation: palms out

Location: neutral space

Movement: spiral hands up

bowl (dish)



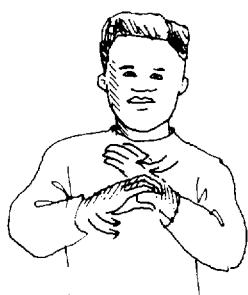
Handshape: C : C

Orientation: palms up, hands nearly touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc hands up

calculus



Handshape: C : C

Orientation: right palm left, hand above left hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush hands against each other twice

**client,
consumer,
customer**



Handshape: C : C

Orientation: palms facing, thumbs on chest

Location: chest

Movement: slide hands down to waist



C ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

marry**Handshape:** C : C

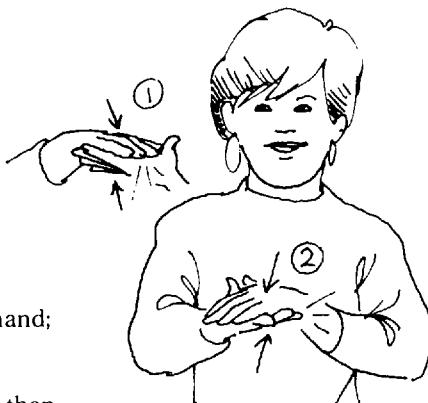
Orientation: right palm angled out; left palm angled in
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring hands together

communicate**Handshape:** C : C

Orientation: palms facing, right hand near lips
Location: face
Movement: alternately move hands back and forth

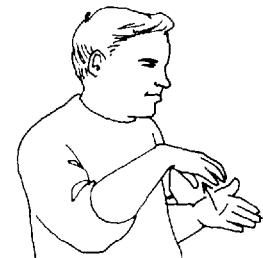
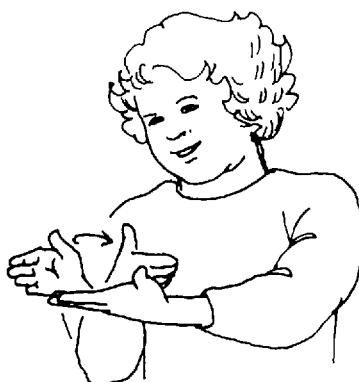
comfortable**Handshape:** C : C

Orientation: palms facing, left fingers on right fingers
Location: neutral space
Movement: slowly slide left fingers down right fingers, then slide right fingers hand down left fingers
Nonmanual signal: "contented" expression

hamburger**Handshape:** C : C

Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring right hand down on left palm, then flip hands and bring left hand down on right palm

2-Hand SIGNS C

**certify****Handshape:** C : Open B**Orientation:** right palm left, hand above
left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** smack right hand down
sharply on left palm**can, bottle, cup,
glass, tumbler****Handshape:** C : Open B**Orientation:** right palm left, hand on left
palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** double bounce right hand on
left palm**cake****Handshape:** C : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, fingertips
on left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand down left hand
Note: See next sign and page 82 for
variations of this sign.**cake****Handshape:** C : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, fingertips
on left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand up slightly
Note: See previous sign and page 82 for
variations of this sign.**cream, skim (v.)****Handshape:** C : Open B**Orientation:** right palm left, hand on left
fingertips; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand down left palm,
ending palm in



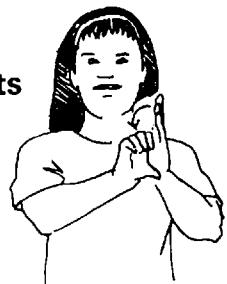
C ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**picture,
photograph**



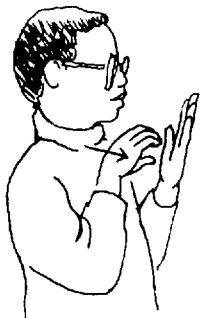
Handshape: C : Open B
Orientation: right palm out; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: smack right hand against left palm

**constitution,
commandments**



Handshape: C : Open B
Orientation: right palm out, thumb against left fingers; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce right hand down left hand

paragraph



Handshape: C : Open B
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right fingertips against left palm

chapter



Handshape: C : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, hand against left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce right hand down left hand

computer



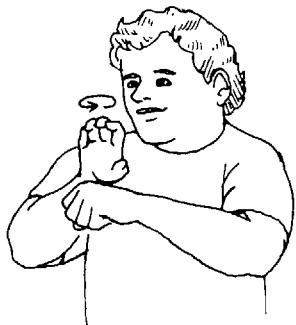
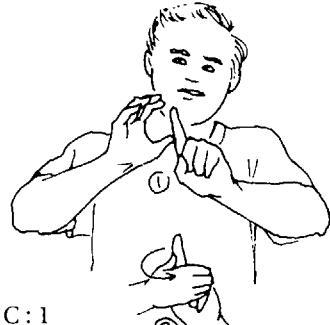
Handshape: C : Open B
Orientation: right palm out, thumb above left wrist; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce right hand up left arm in small spirals

church



Handshape: C : S
Orientation: right palm out, hand above left hand; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce right hand on left hand

2-Hand SIGNS • C

**chocolate****Handshape:** C : S**Orientation:** right palm out, thumb on left hand; left palm down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** circle right hand on left hand**culture****Handshape:** C : I**Orientation:** palms out,

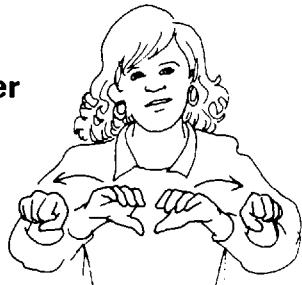
right thumb on left index finger

Location: neutral space**Movement:** swing right hand around
left index finger, ending palm in**force, coerce,
compel, impel****Handshape:** C : I**Orientation:** right palm out; left palm down,
index finger at wrist of right hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend right wrist down**Nonmanual signal:** right shoulder tilts forward;
"serious" expression**president,
superintendent****Handshape:** C > S : C > S**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** near head**Movement:** arc hands down and out, closing
to S handshape**Nonmanual signal:** shoulders thrust back;
erect posture



C ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**hot dog,
frankfurter**



Handshape: C > S : C > S

Orientation: palms down, hands almost touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands apart, closing to S handshape

**summarize,
abbreviate,
brief,
condense**



Handshape: C > S : C > S

Orientation: palms facing, right hand higher than left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring hands together, closing to S handshape and ending with right hand on left hand

sausage



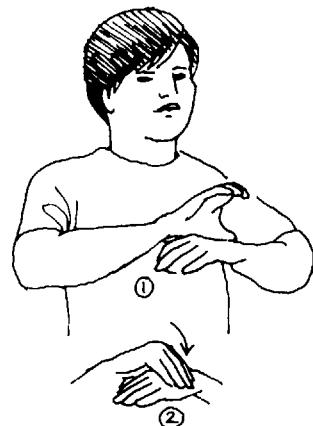
Handshape: C > S > C > S : C > S > C > S

Orientation: palms down, hands almost touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: close and open hands twice while moving them apart

deflate, flat tire



Handshape: C > Flattened O : Open B

Orientation: right palm out, thumb on left hand; left palm down

Location: neutral space

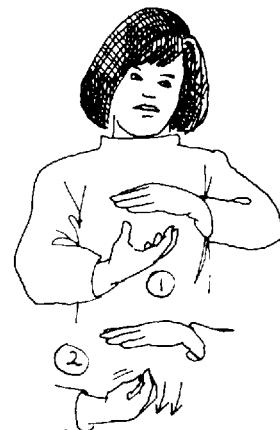
Movement: close right fingers down on left hand

2-Hand SIGNS C



**copy, photocopy,
Xerox, xerography**

Handshape: C > Flattened O : Open B
Orientation: right palm up, hand below left palm;
 left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand down twice, closing
 to Flattened O handshape



**subtract,
deduct,
eliminate,
remove**



Handshape: C > S : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, fingertips
 on left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right fingertips down and
 off left palm, closing to S handshape

**expire, all gone,
run out**



Handshape: C > S : Open B
Orientation: right palm in, hand on left
 palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand down left
 hand, closing to S handshape

tackle, catch, nab

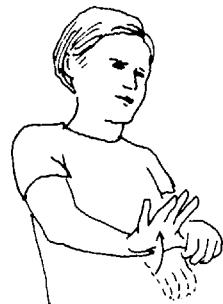


Handshape: C > S : H
Orientation: right palm left; left palm in,
 fingertips down
Location: neutral space
Movement: grab left fingers with right hand



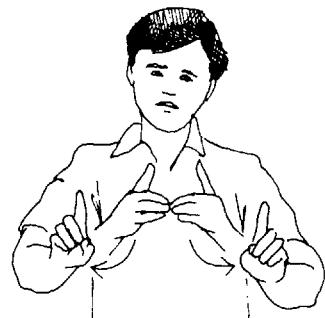
C 2-Hand SIGNS

**incompetent,
dumb, moron,
thick-skulled,
unskilled**



Handshape: C > 5 : S
Orientation: palms down, right thumb inside left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply bend right wrist back, opening to 5 handshape
Nonmanual signal: "disparaging" expression

divorce



Handshape: D : D
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist hands out, ending with palms out

decoder



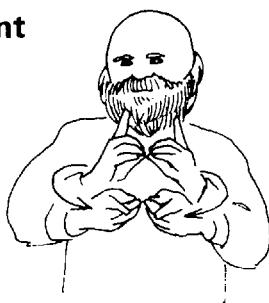
Handshape: D : D
Orientation: palms facing, fingertips touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands apart and back together twice

**date
(social)**



Handshape: D : D
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap fingertips together twice

department



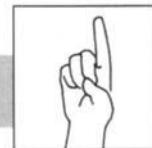
Handshape: D : D
Orientation: palms facing; fingertips touch
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hands around, ending with fingers touching

**describe,
define,
direction**

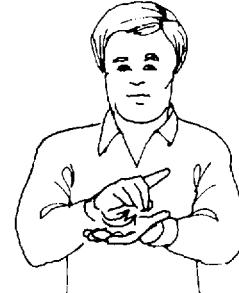


Handshape: D : D
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands alternately back and forth

2-Hand SIGNS • D

**diamond**

Handshape: D : Open B
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce right hand down on left ring finger

dictionary

Handshape: D : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right fingertips on left palm twice

**doctor,
physician**

Handshape: D : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand;
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right fingertips on left wrist twice

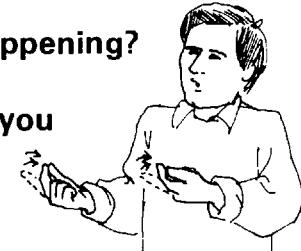
develop

Handshape: D : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, right fingertips on left palm
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand up and off left palm

day (passive)

Handshape: D : passive
Orientation: right palm left, elbow on left hand; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring right hand down to rest on left arm

**what's happening?
what?
what are you
doing?**



Handshape: D > Baby O : D > Baby O
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: open and close index fingers and thumbs, several times
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; head tilts right; "puzzled" expression



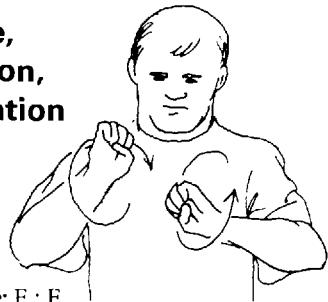
E 2-Hand SIGNS

effort

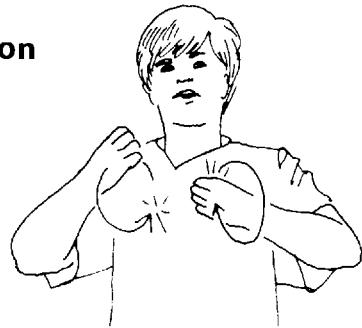
Handshape: E : E
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands down and out,
 ending with palms out
Nonmanual signal: "earnest" expression

**education,
educate**

Handshape: E : E
Orientation: palms facing
Location: forehead
Movement: double bounce hands forward

**evaluate,
evaluation,
examination**

Handshape: E : E
Orientation: palms out
Location: neutral space
Movement: alternate hands in circling
 toward center
Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression

emotion

Handshape: E : E
Orientation: palms in
Location: chest
Movement: brush knuckles up chest
 while making alternating circles

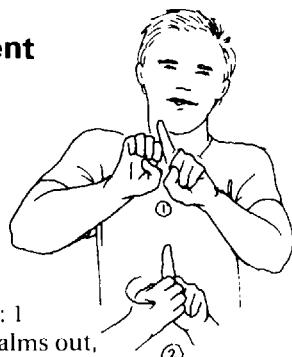
encyclopedia

Handshape: E : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand
 above left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right hand across left
 palm twice

**engaged
(to be
married)**

Handshape: E : Open B
Orientation: palms down; right hand
 above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand in a circle
 and then land on left ring finger

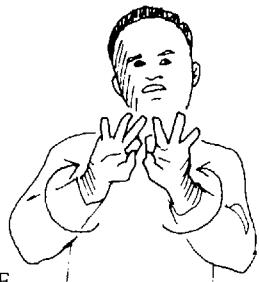
2-Hand SIGNS F

**environment****Handshape:** E : 1**Orientation:** palms out,
hands touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** rotate right hand around
left index finger**nothing,
nothing special
nothing to it,
petty****Handshape:** F : F**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** shake hands side-to-side
several times**Nonmanual signal:** lips pursed; body and
head lean back**exact,
perfect,
precise****Handshape:** F : F**Orientation:** palms facing, right hand
closer to body**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend wrists toward each other
in a short, quick motion**Nonmanual signal:** lips tight**feedback****Handshape:** F : F**Orientation:** palms facing**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend wrists toward each
other twice**free****Handshape:** F : F**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm
right, wrists crossed**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** swing hands out and around,
ending with palms out**family****Handshape:** F : F**Orientation:** palms out, thumbs touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** circle hands around, ending
with pinkies touching



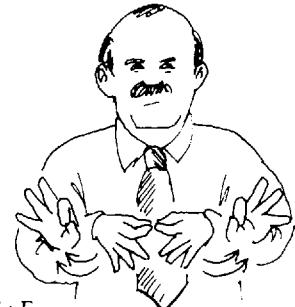
F ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**important,
imperative,
significant,
value, vital,
worth**



Handshape: F : F
Orientation: palms facing; thumbs touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands up, ending with thumbs touching, palms out
Nonmanual signal: head tilted back; "serious" expression

**caption,
subtitle**



Handshape: F : F
Orientation: palms facing, thumbs touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands apart and back together twice

sentence



Handshape: F : F
Orientation: palms facing, thumbs touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands in wiggling motion

**belong,
affiliate,
attach,
connect,
enlist, join,
unite,
participate**



Handshape: F : F
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring hands together, interlocking thumbs and index fingers

cooperate



Handshape: F : F
Orientation: palms facing, thumbs and index fingers interlocked
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle hands right

**connection,
relationship**



Handshape: F : F
Orientation: right palm out; left palm in, thumbs and index fingers interlocked
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands back and forth twice

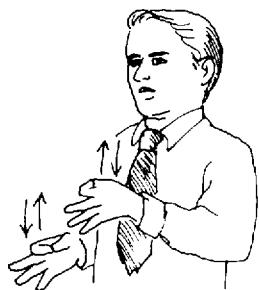
2-Hand SIGNS F

**cat**

Handshape: F : F
Orientation: palms facing
Location: cheeks
Movement: brush hands across and off cheeks twice
Note: See page 71 for a one-hand variation of this sign.

**describe,
define,
explain**

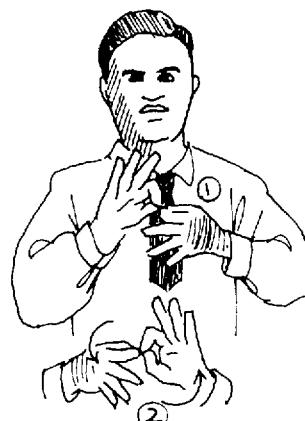
Handshape: F : F
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands alternately back and forth
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed; body and head lean back

judge, if

Handshape: F : F
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: alternately move hands up and down
Nonmanual signal: lips tight; "strained" expression

**exchange,
replace,
trade**

Handshape: F : F
Orientation: palms facing, right hand closer to body
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands around each other to reverse positions

interpret, translate

Handshape: F : F
Orientation: right palm out; left palm in, thumbs and index fingers touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist wrists to switch hand positions



F 2-Hand SIGNS

Olympics



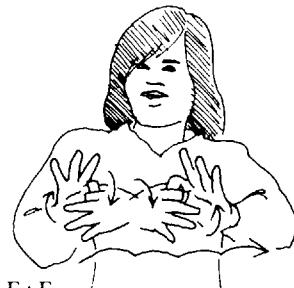
Handshape: F : F

Orientation: right palm out; left palm in,
thumbs and index fingers interlocked

Location: neutral space

Movement: unlock hands and reverse
positions

chain



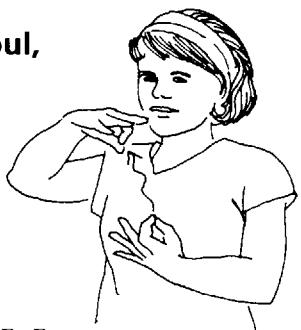
Handshape: F : F

Orientation: right palm out; left palm in,
thumbs and index fingers interlocked

Location: neutral space

Movement: unlock hands and reverse
positions several times while moving
hands right

ghost, soul, spirit



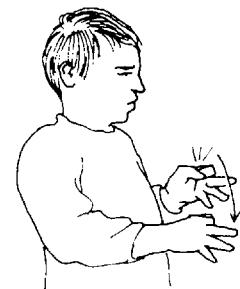
Handshape: F : F

Orientation: right palm down; left palm
up, thumbs and index fingers touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: spiral right hand up

unfair



Handshape: F : F

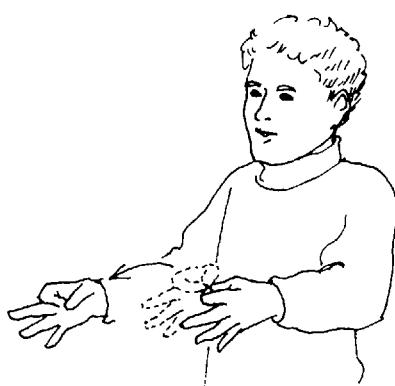
Orientation: palms
facing, right hand above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring right hand down,
brushing right thumb and index finger
past left thumb and index finger

Nonmanual signal: "annoyed" expression

defer, delay, postpone, procrastinate, put off



Handshape: F : F

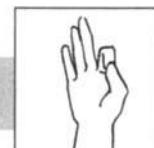
Orientation: palms facing, thumbs and index fingers
touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc right hand deliberately forward

Nonmanual signal: lips pursed; "annoyed" expression

2-Hand SIGNS • F



**field
(profession)**



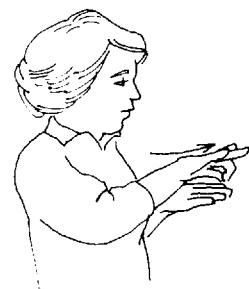
Handshape: F : B

Orientation: right palm down, thumb and index finger on base of left index finger; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right hand along left index finger

**very
religious,
religion,
religious**



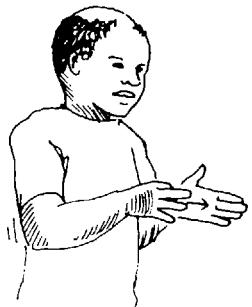
Handshape: F : B

Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: sharply brush right fingertips down and off left palm

count



Handshape: F : Open B

Orientation: palms facing; right thumb and index finger on left palm

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right hand down left hand

**flunk, fail,
forbid**



Handshape: F : Open B

Orientation: right palm out; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: sharply smack right hand on left palm

**pen,
write**



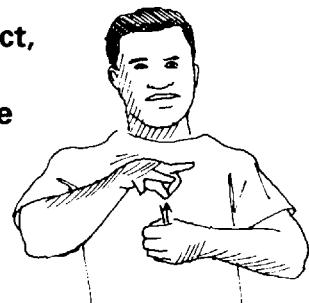
Handshape: F : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, thumb and index finger on left hand; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: draw circles down left palm with right thumb and index finger

**vote, elect,
election,
nominate**



Handshape: F : O

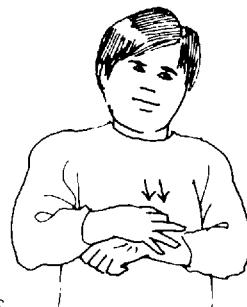
Orientation: right palm down; left palm in

Location: neutral space

Movement: dip right fingertips into left hand twice



F 2-Hand SIGNS

tea**Handshape:** F : O**Orientation:** right palm down, thumb and index finger in left hand; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** circle right thumb and index finger around left thumb and index finger**watch****Handshape:** F : S**Orientation:** palms down, right hand above left wrist**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap right hand on left wrist twice**foreign (passive)****Handshape:** F : passive**Orientation:** palms down, right hand at left elbow**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** make small circles on left elbow with right hand**except, unique****Handshape:** F : 1**Orientation:** right palm down, thumb and index finger grasping left index finger; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** pull left index finger up with right hand**Nonmanual signal:** body and head thrust back; lips pursed

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN F



**detach, break-up,
disassociate, disconnect**



Handshape: F > 5 : F > 5

Orientation: palms facing, thumbs and index fingers interlocked

Location: neutral space

Movement: release fingers and separate hands

**worthless, insignificant,
trivial, unimportant**



Handshape: F > 5 : F > 5

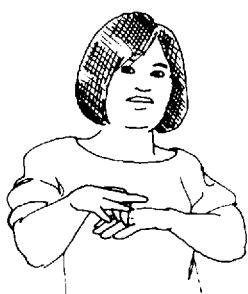
Orientation: palms facing, hands almost touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: sharply flick fingertips apart and separate hands, ending palms down

Nonmanual signal: smirk

ring



Handshape: Open F : Open B

Orientation: palms down, right hand above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right thumb and index finger down left ring finger

**meat, beef,
content (n.),
steak,
substance**



Handshape: Open F : Open B

Orientation: right palm down; left palm in

Location: neutral space

Movement: grip left hand with right thumb and index finger and shake hands slightly

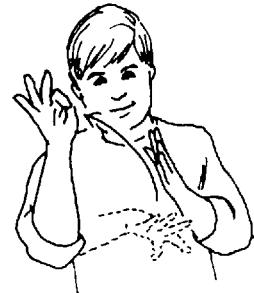

OPEN F • 2-Hand SIGNS

**story, narrate,
statement,
tell a story**



Handshape: Open F > F : Open F > F
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring hands together, interlocking thumbs and index fingers, then move hands apart and repeat

**find,
discover**



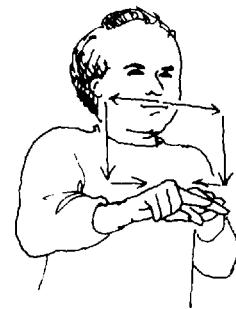
Handshape: Open F > F : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand below left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand up past left hand, closing thumb and index finger

**choose,
choice,
either,
select**



Handshape: Open F > F : V
Orientation: right palm out, hand closer to body; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: pluck left index finger with right thumb and index finger, then repeat on left middle finger

frame



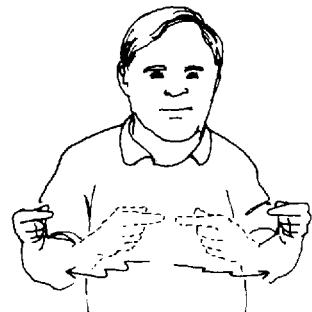
Handshape: G : G
Orientation: palms out, hands touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands, then move them down and back together

group



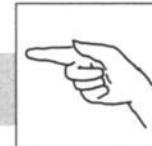
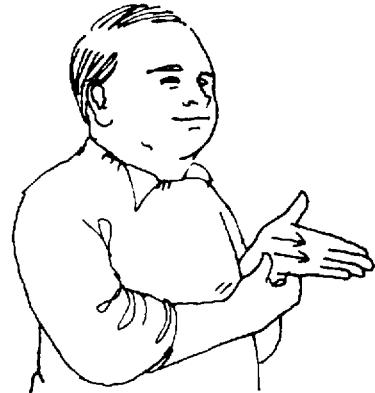
Handshape: G : G
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hands around, ending with palms in

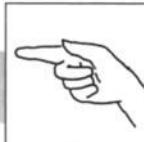
grammar



Handshape: G : G
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands in wiggling motion

2-Hand SIGNS ➤ G

**geometry****Handshape:** G : G**Orientation:** right palm left, hand on left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush hands against each other twice**graduate****Handshape:** G : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** flip right hand over and land in left palm**magazine, booklet, brochure,
leaflet, manual, pamphlet****Handshape:** G : Open B**Orientation:** right palm up, fingers gripping edge of left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand along left hand twice**Note:** See page 260 for a variation of this sign.**word,
vocabulary****Handshape:** G : I**Orientation:** palms facing**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap right fingertips on left index finger twice**wake up****Handshape:** G > I : G > I**Orientation:** palms facing**Location:** near eyes**Movement:** open fingers up into L handshape**Note:** See page 256 for a variation of this sign.



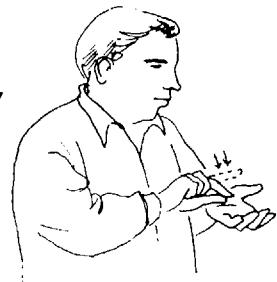
G 2-Hand SIGNS

**gossip,
rumor**



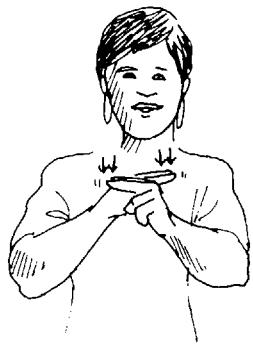
Handshape: G > Baby O : G > Baby O
Orientation: palms out
Location: right hand on mouth; left hand in neutral space
Movement: circle hands clockwise, opening and closing fingers repeatedly

**print,
newspaper,
publish**



Handshape: G > Baby O : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, thumb on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: close right index finger and thumb twice

rabbit



Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms facing, hands touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend fingers down twice

egg



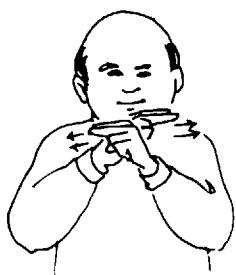
Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms facing, fingers crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist wrists down

bacon



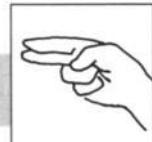
Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms down, fingertips touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands while wiggling index and middle fingers

**highway,
freeway,
interstate,
thoroughfare,
throughway,
thruway**

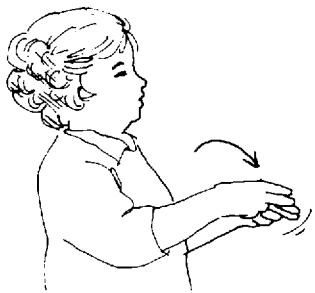


Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms facing, hands touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush hands past each other twice

2-Hand SIGNS & H



**named,
called**



Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms facing, fingers crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands out and down

**bandit,
burglar,
crook,
thief**



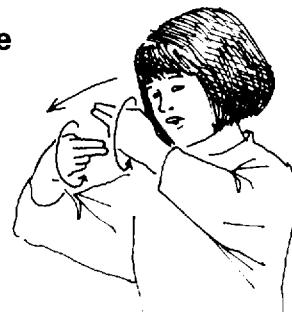
Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms in, fingertips touching
Location: below nose
Movement: separate hands
Note: This sign is sometimes formed with an agent marker.

innocent



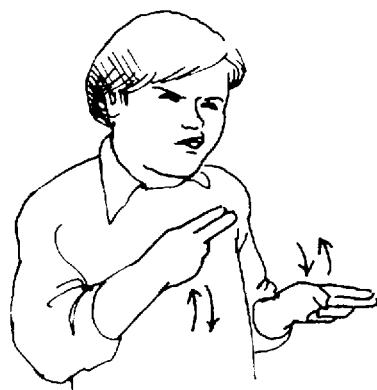
Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms in
Location: mouth
Movement: move hands down, ending with palms up

heritage

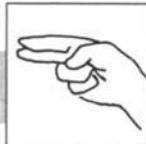


Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms in
Location: near shoulder
Movement: circle hands around each other while moving them forward

hurry, haste, rush



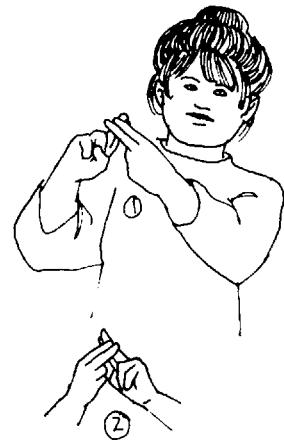
Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: alternate hands in moving up and down rapidly
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; "concerned" expression



H 2-Hand SIGNS

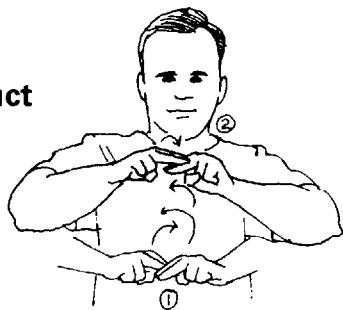
closet, locker

Handshape: H : H
Orientation: right palm out; left palm in, fingers crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: turn hands over, reversing positions



build, construct

Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms down, right fingers on left fingers
Location: neutral space
Movement: alternately slap fingers on top of each other while moving hands up



weigh, pound, scale, weight

Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms facing, fingers crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: rock right fingers on left fingers



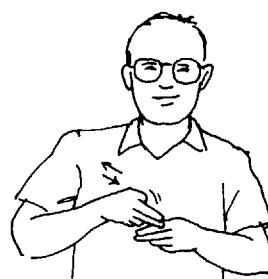
sharp

Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms facing, right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply brush right fingers off left fingers

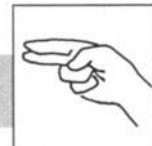
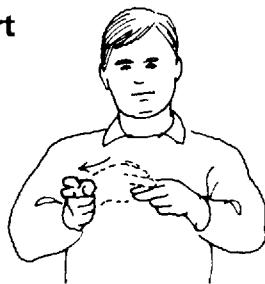
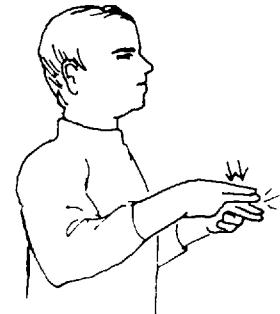
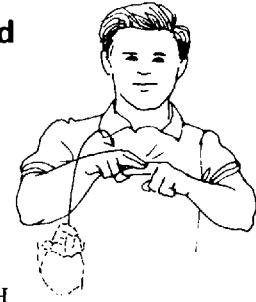
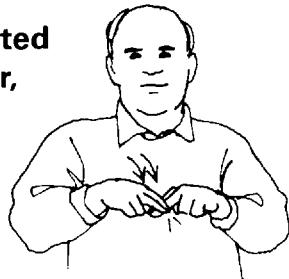
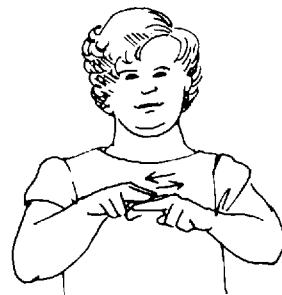


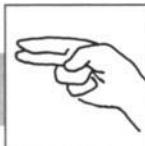
knife

Handshape: H : H
Orientation: palms facing, fingers crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: saw right fingers back and forth across left index finger



2-Hand SIGNS ➤ H

**brief, short****Handshape:** H : H**Orientation:** palms facing, fingers crossed**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right fingers off left index finger**name (n.)****Handshape:** H : H**Orientation:** palms facing, fingers crossed**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** double bounce right fingers on left fingers**decrease,
lose weight****Handshape:** H : H**Orientation:** palms down, fingers crossed**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** flip right hand off left hand, ending with palm up**increase, add
(on), gain,
onto, raise****Handshape:** H : H**Orientation:** right palm up, hand below left hand; left palm down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** flip right hand over to rest on top of left fingers**sit, be seated
(SM); chair,
seat (DM)****Handshape:** H : H**Orientation:** palms down, right fingers above left fingers**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** double bounce right fingers down on left fingers**train,
railroad****Handshape:** H : H**Orientation:** palms down, fingers crossed**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right fingers down and back left fingers several times



H 2-Hand SIGNS

spoon, soup



Handshape: H : H

Orientation: palms up,
right fingers on left fingers

Location: neutral space

Movement: scoop right hand up
toward mouth

**stamp,
postage**



Handshape: H : H

Orientation: right palm in; left palm up

Location: right hand at mouth; left hand
in neutral space

Movement: flip right hand down and land
on left fingers

Note: See page 236 for a variation of this
sign.

fun



Handshape: H : H

Orientation: right palm in; left palm down

Location: right hand on nose; left hand in
neutral space

Movement: flip right hand down to rest on
left fingers

Nonmanual signal: smile; eyes widen

**spoon,
ice cream,
soup**



Handshape: H : Open B

Orientation: palms up, right hand above
left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush right fingers off left
palm and up toward mouth

butter



Handshape: H : Open B

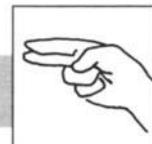
Orientation: right palm down, wrist bent down; left
palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush right fingertips off left palm twice

Note: Right fingers can bend each time.

2-Hand SIGNS • H

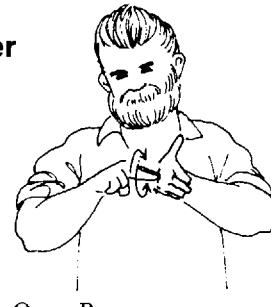


**sign (SM);
contract,
signature
(DM)**



Handshape: H : Open B
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: flip right hand over to smack fingers on left palm

screwdriver



Handshape: H : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, fingertips on left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist right fingertips back and forth twice

holy



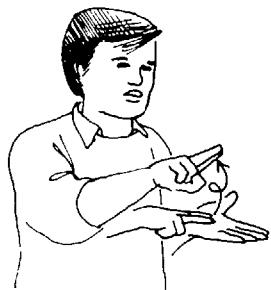
Handshape: H : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand down in an arc on left hand
Nonmanual signal: "solemn" expression

**honest,
frank,
sincere,
truthful**



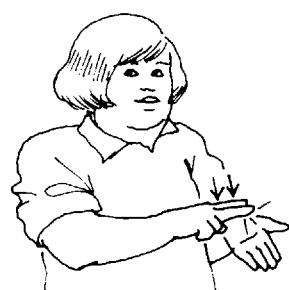
Handshape: H : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, middle finger on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide edge of right middle finger down and off left palm

university

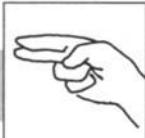


Handshape: H : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, fingers on left palm; left palm facing up; right hand on left
Location: neutral space
Movement: spiral right hand above left hand

nurse



Handshape: H : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, fingertips above left wrist; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right fingertips on left wrist twice



H ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**natural, naturally,
of course**

Handshape: H : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle right hand over left hand, then drop fingertips on left hand

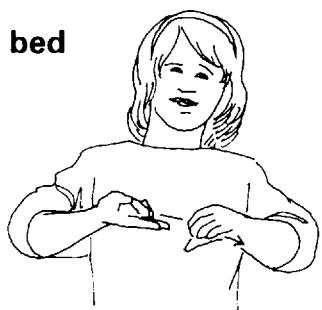


stamp, postage

Handshape: H : Open B
Orientation: right palm in; left palm up
Location: right fingertips on lips; left hand in neutral space
Movement: flip right hand down and smack fingers on left palm
Note: See page 234 for a variation of this sign.

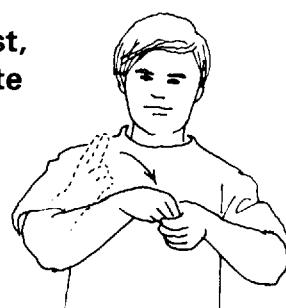


get into bed

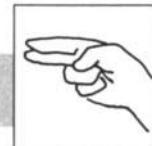


Handshape: H : C
Orientation: right palm up; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right fingers inside left hand

**join, enlist,
participate**



Handshape: H : O
Orientation: right palm in; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: insert right fingers into left hand

2-Hand SIGNS  H

**quit, drop out,
resign, retire**

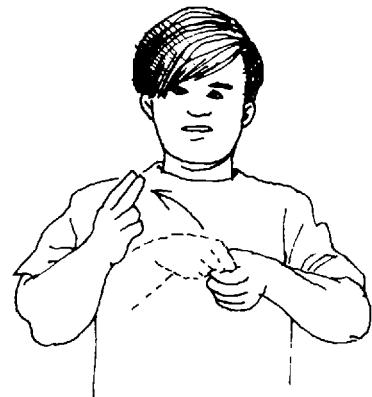
Handshape: H : O

Orientation: palms in, right fingers inside left hand

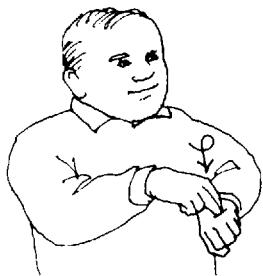
Location: neutral space

Movement: pull right fingers out of left hand,
ending with fingers up

Nonmanual signal: body leans away from repelling
reference; "disgusted" expression



**nation
(native)**



Handshape: H : S

Orientation: palms down, right hand
above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: circle right hand above left
hand, then drop fingertips on left hand

**bandage,
Band-Aid**



Handshape: H : S

Orientation: palms down, right fingers
on pinky edge of left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right fingers across left
hand

**use, utilize,
wear**



Handshape: H : S

Orientation: right palm out, heel on left
hand; left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: circle right hand clockwise on
left hand twice

**used to,
usually**

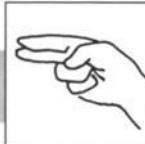


Handshape: H : S

Orientation: right palm out, heel on
left hand; left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: move both hands down



H 2-Hand SIGNS

couch

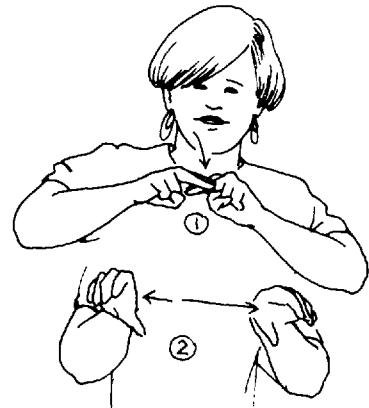
(compound: sit + long seat)

Handshape: H > C : H > C

Orientation: palms down, right fingers above left fingers

Location: neutral space

Movement: drop right fingers on left fingers, then change both hands to C handshape, hands touching, and separate hands



Bible

(compound: holy + book)

Handshape: H > Open B : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right hand down in an arc on left hand, then bring hands together and open them



too late

(compound: train + gone)

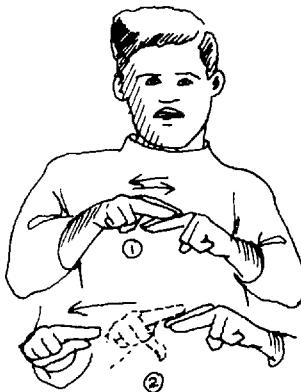
Handshape: H > G > Baby O : H

Orientation: palms down; fingers crossed

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right fingers along left fingers, then change right hand to G handshape and slide off left hand, closing thumb and index finger

Nonmanual signal: "pah" mouth utterance



2-Hand SIGNS 2-1



**spaghetti, line, string,
thread, twine**



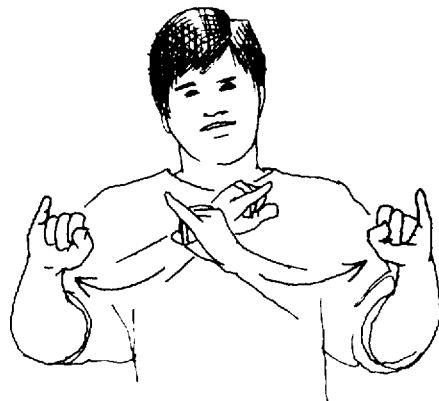
Handshape: I : I

Orientation: palms in; pinkies touch

Location: neutral space

Movement: separate hands with a spiraling motion

**independent,
independence**



Handshape: I : I

Orientation: right palm left; left palm right, wrists crossed

Location: neutral space

Movement: sharply separate hands, ending with palms out

Nonmanual signal: body and head thrust back; "satisfied" expression

**isolated,
lonely,
talk to
oneself**



Handshape: I : I

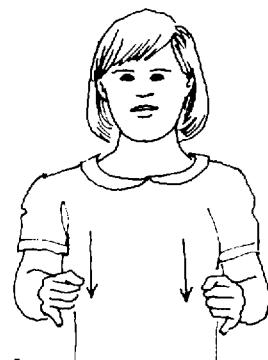
Orientation: palms in; hands touching

Location: near face

Movement: tap hands together twice

Nonmanual signal: lips pursed; "sad" expression

individual



Handshape: I : I

Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

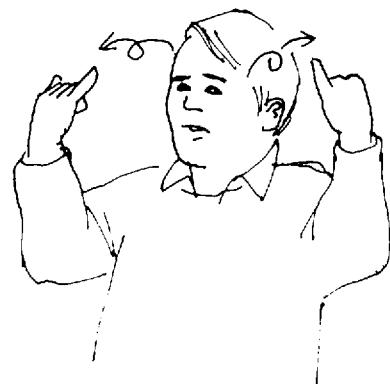
Movement: move hands down



I 2-Hand SIGNS

paranoid

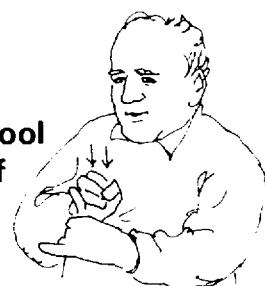
Handshape: I : I
Orientation: palms in
Location: near head
Movement: spiral hands up alternately
Nonmanual signal: body leans back and sways; tongue protruding

**egotism, conceited**

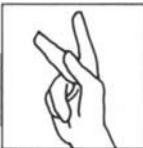
Handshape: I : I
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right
Location: right hand on chest; left hand in neutral space
Movement: tap hands on chest with alternating motion
Nonmanual signal: chest puffs out; shoulders alternately tilt back and forth; lips pursed

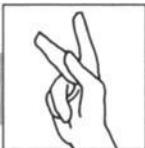
**end,
final,
last**

Handshape: I : I
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: slice right pinky down through left pinky

**institute,
residential
school, school
for the deaf**

Handshape: I : I
Orientation: right palm left, right hand on left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right hand on left hand twice

2-Hand SIGNS **thin, skinny,
slender****Handshape:** I : I**Orientation:** palms in, pinky fingers touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand down**Nonmanual signal:** cheeks sucked in**international****Handshape:** I : I**Orientation:** right palm left, right hand on left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** circle right hand completely around left hand**jam,
jelly****Handshape:** I : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, right hand above left hand; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right pinky down heel of left palm twice**art, draw,
design (*artist,
designer,
illustrator*)****Handshape:** I : Open B**Orientation:** palms facing, right pinky on left palm**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** squiggle right pinky down left palm**place,
location,
position****Handshape:** K : K**Orientation:** palms facing, middle fingers touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc hands back, ending with middle fingers touching**person****Handshape:** K : K**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move both hands down



K 2-Hand SIGNS

**permission,
allow, let,
may, permit,
tolerate**



Handshape: K : K
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hands up

party



Handshape: K : K
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hands left and right

**perfect,
precise**



Handshape: K : K
Orientation: palms facing; right hand closer to body and above left
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring middle fingers together
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

**supervise,
care for,
take care of
(caregiver,
supervisor)**



Handshape: K : K
Orientation: right palm left, hand on left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle hands clockwise

borrow



Handshape: K : K
Orientation: right palm left, hand on left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands back toward chest

lend, loan



Handshape: K : K
Orientation: right palm left, hand on left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands forward

2-Hand SIGNS ↗ K



**multiply,
arithmetic,
calculate,
figure**



Handshape: K : K
Orientation: right palm left, hand on left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush hands past each other twice

worse



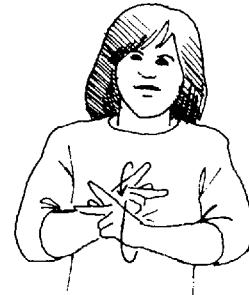
Handshape: K : K
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands toward each other, then brush past each other
Nonmanual signal: "pained" expression

**people,
humanity,
mankind,
public**



Handshape: K : K
Orientation: palms out
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle hands out, alternating hands

**kind, sort,
type**



Handshape: K : K
Orientation: right palm left, hand on left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: rotate hands around each other, ending in original position

**careful,
be careful**

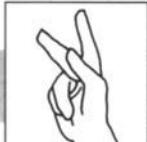


Handshape: K : K
Orientation: right palm left, hand above left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce right hand on left hand
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; "urgent" expression

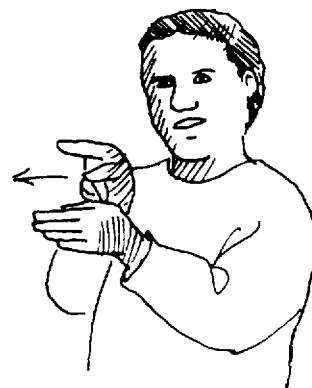
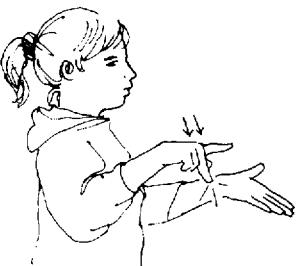
**keep,
maintain**



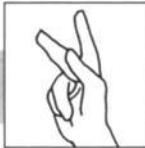
Handshape: K : K
Orientation: right palm left, hand above left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring right hand down on left hand



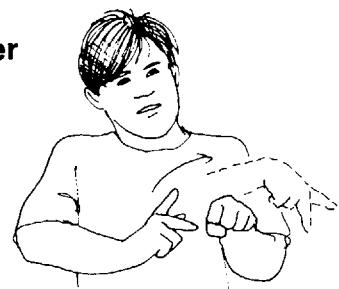
K • 2-Hand SIGNS

pure, professional**Handshape:** K : B**Orientation:** right palm left, middle finger on base of left thumb; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right middle finger off left index finger**Nonmanual signal:** "cz" mouth utterance**fail, flop****Handshape:** K : Open B**Orientation:** palms up, right hand on left palm**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand across left palm**Nonmanual signal:** "sad" expression**graduate school****Handshape:** K : Open B**Orientation:** palms angled in, right hand above left palm**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** double bounce right hand on left wrist**psychiatry
(psychia-trist)****Handshape:** K : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, middle finger above left wrist; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap right middle finger on left wrist twice**piece****Handshape:** K : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, middle finger on left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right middle finger across left palm

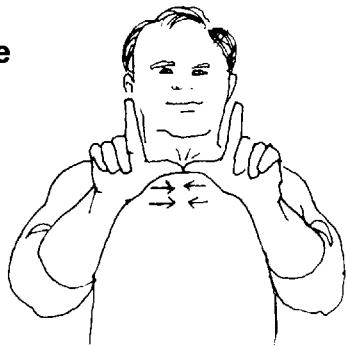
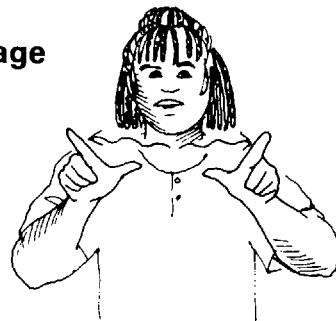
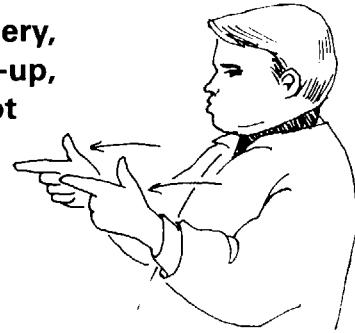
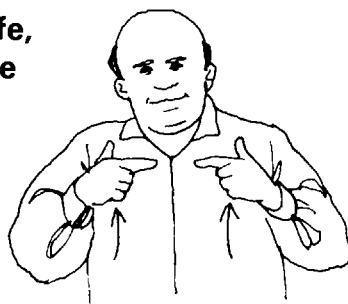
2-Hand SIGNS  K**poison****Handshape:** K : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, middle finger on left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** wiggle right hand side to side**Nonmanual signal:** "sour" expression**principle****Handshape:** K : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, hand on left palm; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bounce right hand down to left wrist**kitchen****Handshape:** K : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, hand on left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** flip right hand over twice, ending with palm up**program****Handshape:** K : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, middle finger on heel of left palm; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right middle finger up left palm and over fingertips, then slide down back of left hand



K ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**poetry
(passive)****Handshape:** K : passive**Orientation:** right palm down, hand above left arm; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** swing right hand back and forth over left arm**Passover****Handshape:** K : S**Orientation:** right palm out; left palm down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc right hand over left hand, ending palm down**principal****Handshape:** K : S**Orientation:** palms down, right hand above left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** circle right hand over left hand, then drop middle finger on left hand**profession****Handshape:** K : 1**Orientation:** right palm down, middle finger on left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right middle finger off left index finger

2-Hand SIGNS • L

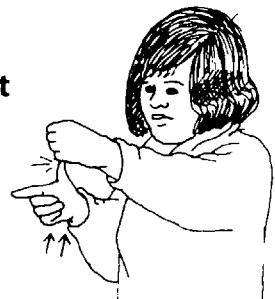
**license****Handshape:** L : L**Orientation:** palms out, thumbs touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap thumbs twice**language****Handshape:** L : L**Orientation:** palms out, thumbs touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** separate hands with slight wiggling motion**gun,
rifle (SM);
hunt (DM)****Handshape:** L : L**Orientation:** palms facing; index fingers angled up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend wrists down, ending with index fingers out**robbery,
hold-up,
shoot****Handshape:** L : L**Orientation:** palms facing**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands forward**vagina****Handshape:** L : L**Orientation:** palms facing, thumbs and index fingers almost touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap fingertips twice**live, life,
survive****Handshape:** L : L**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** waist**Movement:** brush hands up chest



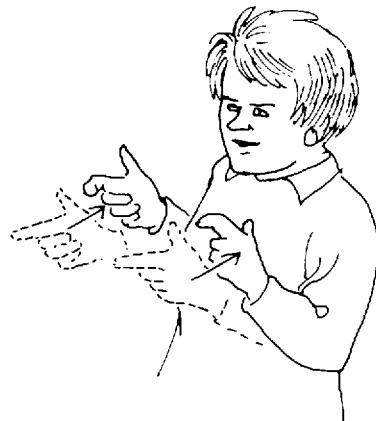
L 2-Hand SIGNS

sister**Handshape:** L : L**Orientation:** right

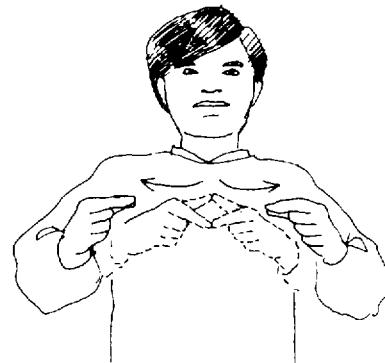
palm left; left palm right

Location: right thumb on cheek; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** bring right hand down to rest on left hand**brother****Handshape:** L : L**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm right**Location:** right thumb on temple; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** bring right hand down to rest on left hand**law (attorney,
lawyer)****Handshape:** L : Open B**Orientation:** palms facing, right palm on left fingertips**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bounce right hand down left palm**later,
after awhile,
subsequently****Handshape:** L : Open B**Orientation:** right palm out, thumb on left palm; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend right hand down**ban, forbid,
prohibit****Handshape:** L : Open B**Orientation:** right palm out; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** swing right hand around and smack into left palm**Nonmanual signal:** "stern" expression**aide,
assistant****Handshape:** L : S**Orientation:** right palm hand below left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap right thumb on bottom of left hand twice

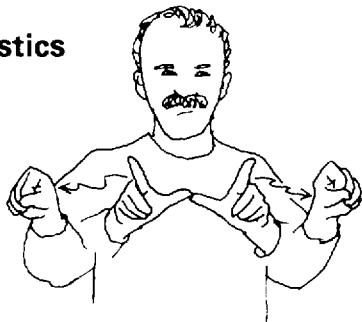
2-Hand SIGNS • BENT L

**fast**

Handshape: L > Bent L ; L > Bent L
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend index fingers while sharply pulling hands back
Nonmanual signal: body jerks back

Japan, Japanese

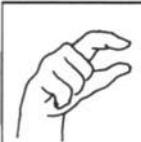
Handshape: L > Baby O : L > Baby O
Orientation: palms facing, thumbs and index fingers touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands and close thumbs and index fingers

linguistics

Handshape: L > S : L > S
Orientation: palms out; thumbs touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: wiggle hands apart, changing to S handshape

**plate,
platter,
dish**

Handshape: Bent L : Bent L
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands down slightly



BENT L • 2-Hand SIGNS

lucky



Handshape: Bent L : Bent L

Orientation: palms up

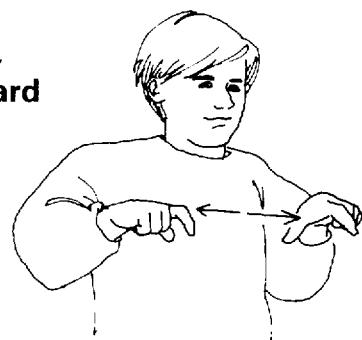
Location: neutral space

Movement: slide hands in to center and out twice

Nonmanual signal: head leans back

Note: This is a regional sign.

**card,
placard**



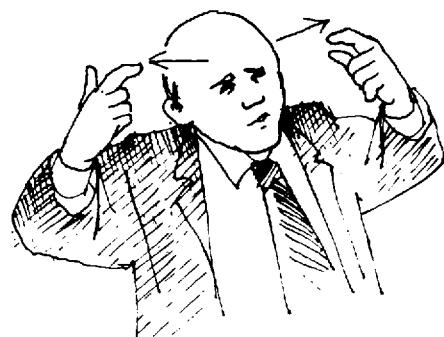
Handshape: Bent L : Bent L

Orientation: palms down, hands touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: separate hands

**conceited, arrogant, big
shot (slang), egotistical,
swelled head (slang)**



Handshape: Bent L : Bent L

Orientation: palms in, index fingertips on forehead

Location: forehead

Movement: move hands off head with an exaggerated motion

Nonmanual signal: body leans back; "disgusted" expression

glasses, eyeglasses



Handshape: Bent L : Bent L

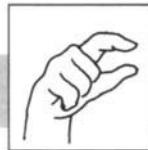
Orientation: palms facing

Location: eyes

Movement: tap thumbs under eyes twice

Note: See page 251 for a variation of this sign.

2-Hand SIGNS ➤ BENT L



**huge, big,
enormous,
great,
immense**



Handshape: Bent L : Bent L

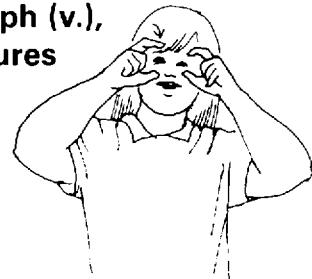
Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc hands apart in spiral motion

Nonmanual signal: "cha" mouth utterance

**camera,
photograph (v.),
take pictures**



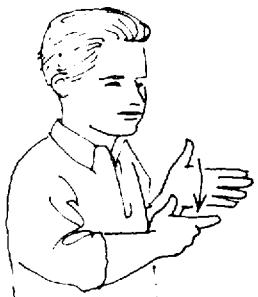
Handshape: Bent L : Bent L

Orientation: palms facing

Location: near eyes

Movement: bend right index finger twice

**article
(written)**



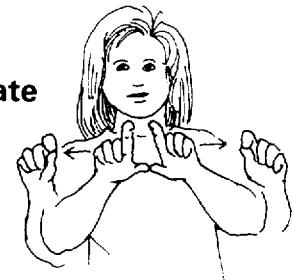
Handshape: Bent L : Open B

Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush thumb and index fingertips down left palm

**card,
license plate**



Handshape: Bent L > Baby O : Bent L >
Baby O

Orientation: palms out, thumbs touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: separate hands, closing
thumbs and index fingers

glasses, eyeglasses



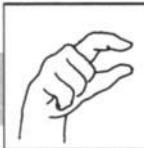
Handshape: Bent L > Baby O : Bent L > Baby O

Orientation: palms facing

Location: thumbs and index fingertips around
eyes

Movement: move hands off face, closing
thumbs and index fingers

Note: See page 250 for a variation of this sign.



BENT L ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

run

Handshape: Bent L : L > Bent L

Orientation: right palm left, index finger gripping left thumb; left palm right

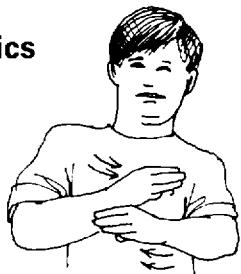
Location: neutral space

Movement: bend thumbs and left index fingers while moving hands forward

Nonmanual signal: body jerks back and forth when fingers bend



mathematics



Handshape: M : M

Orientation: palms in, right hand above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush hands against each other twice

**doctor,
medical,
physician**



Handshape: M : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, hand above left wrist; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: tap right fingertips on left wrist twice

**-ment
(suffix)**



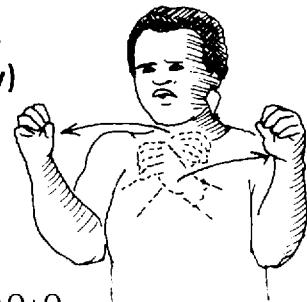
Handshape: M : Open B

Orientation: right palm out, hand on left palm; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right hand down left palm

**none, no
(quantity)**



Handshape: O : O

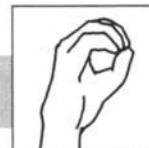
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right, wrists crossed

Location: neutral space

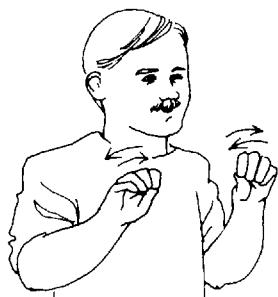
Movement: separate hands

Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no"

2-Hand SIGNS • O

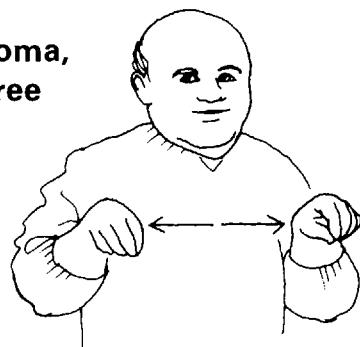


**nothing,
naught**



Handshape: O : O
Orientation: palms out
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide hands slightly toward center and out twice
Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no"

**diploma,
degree**



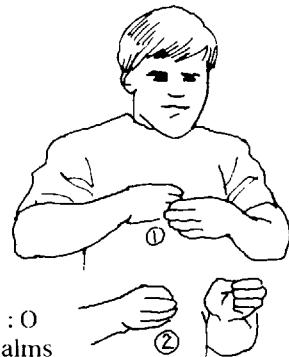
Handshape: O : O
Orientation: palms down, hands touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands

organization



Handshape: O : O
Orientation: palms out, thumbs touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hands around, ending with pinkies touching

office



Handshape: O : O
Orientation: palms in, right hand behind left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands and twist wrists, ending with palms facing

**zero,
absolutely
nothing**



Handshape: O : Open B
Orientation: right palm in; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply slap right hand on left palm

**sunrise
(passive)**



Handshape: O : passive
Orientation: palms down, right arm in front of and below left arm
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend right arm up



O 2-Hand SIGNS

**sunset,
Shabbat
(passive)**



Handshape: O : passive
Orientation: right palm left arm in front of and above left arm; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend right arm down

opportunity



Handshape: O > K : O > K
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrists up, changing to K handshape
Nonmanual signal: eyes widen

**none,
nothing**



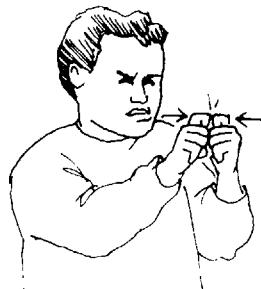
Handshape: O > 5 : O > 5
Orientation: palms facing, hands touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands out and down, opening to 5 handshape
Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no"

**exact,
precise,
specific**



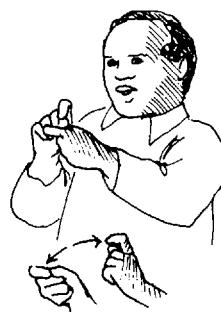
Handshape: Baby O : Baby O
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle right hand slightly, then bring hands together
Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression

**revenge,
get even,
retaliate**



Handshape: Baby O : Baby O
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply tap index fingers together
Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression

**tear, torn,
rip**



Handshape: Baby O : Baby O
Orientation: right palm out, thumb on left thumb; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist and bend wrists back

2-Hand SIGNS • BABY O



**celebrate, anniversary,
cheer, rejoice, reunion,
victory, win**

Handshape: Baby O : Baby O

Orientation: palms in

Location: above shoulders

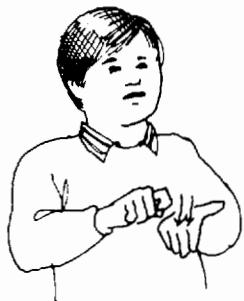
Movement: twirl hands around

Nonmanual signal: smile

Note: See page 109 for a one-hand variation
of this sign.



write



Handshape: Baby O : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, fingertips
on left palm; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush right fingertips down
left palm twice

match



Handshape: Baby O : Open B

Orientation: right palm in, index finger
on left palm; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush right index finger up
left palm

chicken



Handshape: Baby O : Open B

Orientation: right palm out; left palm up

Location: right hand at nose; left hand in
neutral space

Movement: bring right hand down and
peck on left palm

pencil



Handshape: Baby O : Open B

Orientation: right palm in; left palm up

Location: right hand on lips; left hand in
neutral space

Movement: twist right hand around and
bring down to slide across left palm



BABY O ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**surprise, amaze,
astonish, astound**

Handshape: Baby O > 1 : Baby O > 1

Orientation: palms facing

Location: under eyes

Movement: move hands out while flicking
index fingers up

Nonmanual signal: body and head thrust
back; "surprised" expression



awake, wake up

Handshape: Baby O > 1 : Baby O > 1

Orientation: palms facing

Location: under eyes

Movement: flick index fingers up

Nonmanual signal: body and head thrust
back; eyes open wide

Note: See page 229 for a variation of this sign.



spend (time)

Handshape: Baby O > 1 : Baby O > 1

Orientation: palms up

Location: neutral space

Movement: flick index fingers out
while moving hands up



2-Hand SIGNS FLATTENED O



**correspondence,
letter writing**

Handshape: Baby O > 1 : Baby O > 1

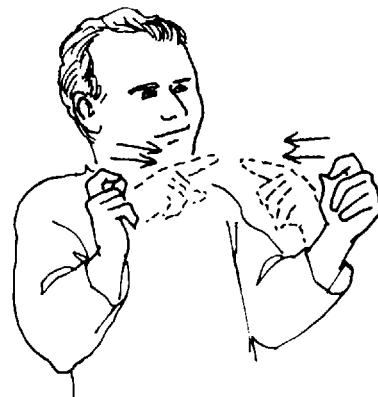
Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: bend wrists and flick index fingers out twice

Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

Note: See page 262 for a variation of this sign.



**teach, educate, instruct
(teacher, educator,
instructor, professor)**

Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O

Orientation: palms facing

Location: near head

Movement: double bounce hands forward



dirt, soil

Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O

Orientation: palms up

Location: neutral space

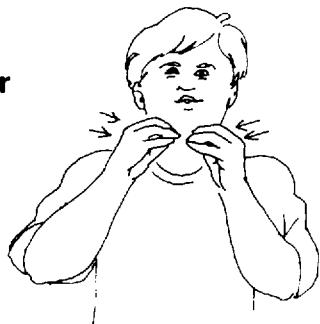
Movement: rub thumbs across fingertips repeatedly





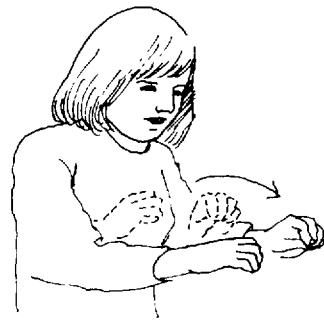
FLATTENED O ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**more,
further**



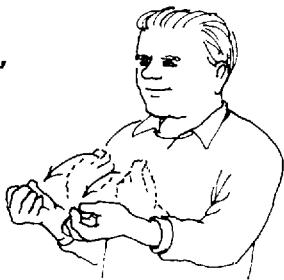
Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap fingertips twice

**put,
move**



Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands forward

**provide,
give**



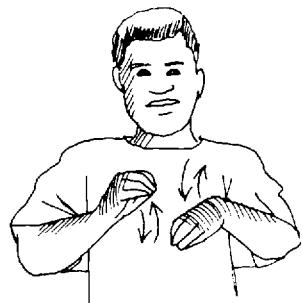
Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrists back and move hands forward
Note: See page 92 for a one-hand variation of this sign.

**sell, sale,
vend (SM); store,
market (seller,
merchant,
salesclerk,
vendor)
(DM)**



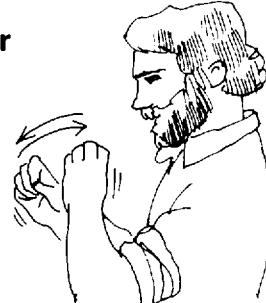
Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: flick wrists up

pack



Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: alternately move hands up and down

fix, repair



Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush fingertips past each other while moving hands back and forth

2-Hand SIGNS ➡ FLATTENED O



number



Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O
Orientation: right palm left; left palm in;
 hands touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist hands in opposite
 directions, then back to original position

budget



Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O
Orientation: palms up, right hand closer
 to body
Location: neutral space
Movement: switch hand positions several
 times

cosmetics, make-up



Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O
Orientation: palms in
Location: near face
Movement: move hands alternately up
 and down

**feast, banquet,
 luncheon, reception**



Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle hands alternately toward
 mouth
Nonmanual signal: "mm" mouth utterance



FLATTENED O ➡ 2-Hand SIGNS

**magazine, booklet,
brochure, leaflet,
manual, pamphlet**

Handshape: Flattened O : Open B
Orientation: right palm up, hand gripping left hand;
 left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand along left hand
Note: See page 229 for a variation of this sign.

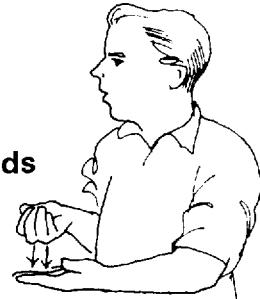


**buy, purchase
(buyer,
customer,
purchaser)**



Handshape: Flattened O : Open B
Orientation: palms up, right hand on left palm
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc right hand up and out

**money,
budget,
economics,
finance, funds**



Handshape: Flattened O : Open B
Orientation: palms up, right hand on left palm
Location: neutral space
Movement: smack right hand on left palm twice

shop, shopping

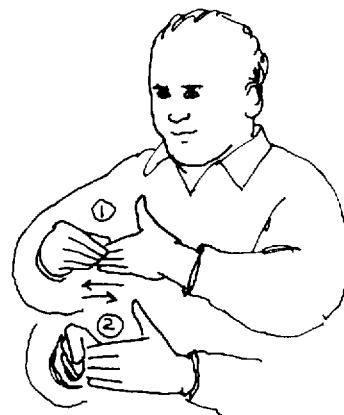
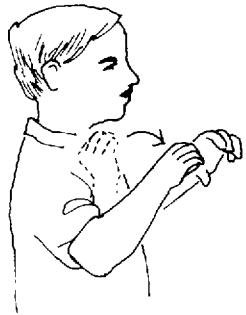


Handshape: Flattened O : Open B
Orientation: palms up, right hand on left palm
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand off left hand repeatedly in different directions
Nonmanual signal: body moves left to right with movement

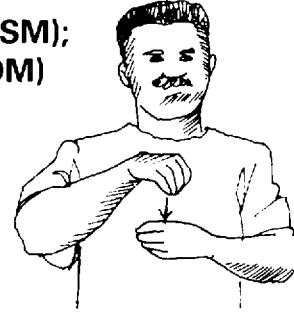
2-Hand SIGNS • FLATTENED O

**flexible**

Handshape: Flattened O : Open B
Orientation: right palm left, hand gripping left fingers; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend left fingertips back and forth
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

**install,
investment**

Handshape: Flattened O : C
Orientation: right palm out; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand into left hand

**in, into (SM);
inside (DM)**

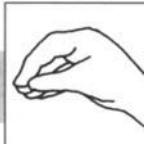
Handshape: Flattened O : O
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand into left hand

**cherry,
berry**

Handshape: Flattened O : 5
Orientation: palms in; right fingertips gripping left pinky
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist right hand back and forth

**spend,
treat (v.)**

Handshape: Flattened O > A : Flattened O > A
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands forward while sliding thumbs across and off fingertips



FLATTENED O 2-Hand SIGNS

correspondence

Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Flattened O > 5
Orientation: palms facing, arms at an angle
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands toward each other and flick fingers open
Note: See page 255 for a variation of this sign.

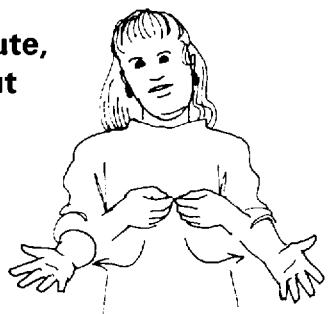


lose, lost, misplaced

Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Flattened O > 5
Orientation: palms in, fingers touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands down, opening to 5 handshape
Nonmanual signal: head down; eyes searching; "distressed" expression

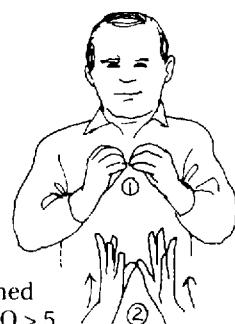


distribute, give out



Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Flattened O > 5
Orientation: palms in; fingers touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands out while opening fingers

blossom, bloom

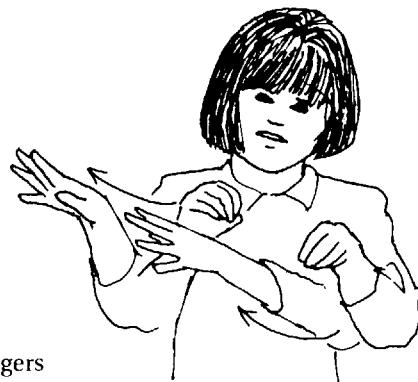


Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Flattened O > 5
Orientation: palms facing; fingertips touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands up while opening fingers

2-Hand SIGNS • FLATTENED O



**move away,
move out**



Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Flattened O > 5

Orientation: palms down

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands across body, opening fingers

Nonmanual signal: head tilts and eyes gaze in direction of referent

**spread,
spill**



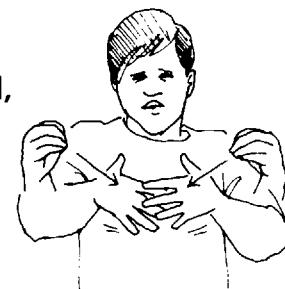
Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Flattened O > 5

Orientation: palms down; fingertips touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: open hands out, spreading fingers

**afraid,
frightened,
scared**



Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Flattened O > 5

Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands toward each other and flick fingers open

Nonmanual signal: "scared" expression

**inform, information,
news, notify**



Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Flattened O > 5

Orientation: palms in

Location: right fingertips on head; left hand near face

Movement: arc hands down and forward, opening fingers



FLATTENED O ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**record (v.), put down,
register**

Handshape: Flattened O > Open B : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, right fingertips on left palm
Location: neutral space
Movement: open right hand and press against left palm



**advise, affect,
counsel, influence**

Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : B
Orientation: palms down, right hand on left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand off left hand, opening hand



expensive, costly

Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, fingertips on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: lift right hand and flick fingers open
Nonmanual signal: "cha" mouth utterance



2-Hand SIGNS ➤ FLATTENED O



**waste,
extravagant,
squander**



Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Open B
Orientation: palms up, right hand on left palm
Location: neutral space
Movement: sling right hand out, opening hand
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

**rich,
wealthy**



Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Open B
Orientation: right palms left, hand on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: raise right hand, twisting and changing to 5 handshape
Nonmanual signal: "cha" mouth utterance

overflow

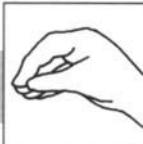


Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Open B
Orientation: right palm out, hand on left palm; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand up and over left hand, changing to 5 handshape, then wiggle fingers down

**grow, develop, mature (SM);
spring, plant (n.)(DM)**



Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : C
Orientation: right palm up, hand below left hand; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand up through left hand, opening fingers



FLATTENED O ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

feed

(compound: food + give)



Handshape: Flattened O : Flattened O

Orientation: palms in

Location: right hand at mouth; left hand in neutral space

Movement: move right hand down, then double bounce hands out

land

(compound: dirt + surface)



Handshape: Flattened O > 5 : Flattened O > 5

Orientation: palms up

Location: neutral space

Movement: rub thumbs across fingertips several times, then open hands, turn them over and circle them toward each other

relay (operator service)



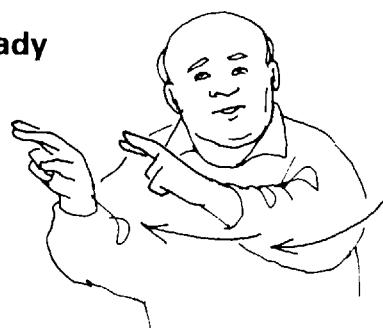
Handshape: R : R

Orientation: right palm left, left palm right, wrists crossed

Location: neutral space

Movement: bend wrists down twice

ready



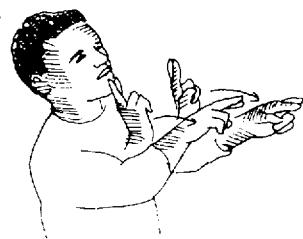
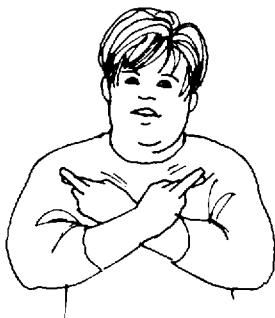
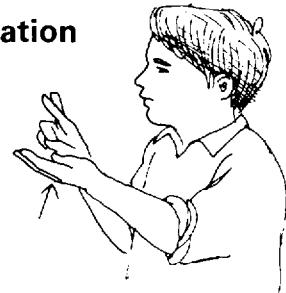
Handshape: R : R

Orientation: palms down

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc hands across body

2-Hand SIGNS R

**doughnut****Handshape:** R : R**Orientation:** palms facing; fingertips touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc hands down, ending with palms in**response,
reply,
report,
react****Handshape:** R : R**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** right hand at mouth; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** arc hands forward and down
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward**rest,
relax****Handshape:** R : R**Orientation:** palms in, arms crossed**Location:** chest**Movement:** tap hands on chest twice**Nonmanual signal:** "contented" expression**rabbi****Handshape:** R : R**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** chest**Movement:** slide fingers down chest**room****Handshape:** R : R**Orientation:** palms in; right hand in front of left**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend wrists back, ending with palms facing**rehabilitation****Handshape:** R : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, hand on left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** lift left hand up



R ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

require

Handshape: R : Open B
Orientation: right palm in; fingertips on left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands back toward body

**rule,
regulation**

Handshape: R : Open B
Orientation: palms facing, right fingers on left fingertips
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc right hand down left palm

research

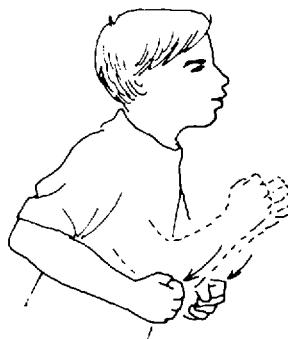
Handshape: R : Open B
Orientation: right palm in; left palm up
Location: right hand on nose; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move right hand down and brush fingers down left palm
Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; head lowered; "inquiring" expression

reinforce

Handshape: R : S
Orientation: palms in; right hand below left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: hit base of left hand with right fingertips and push left hand up

**power, might,
strength,
sturdy,
tough**

Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hands forward
Nonmanual signal: shoulders and head thrust back; lips pursed

ski

Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing arms back

2-Hand SIGNS S



**cold, chilly,
shiver, winter**



Handshape: S : S

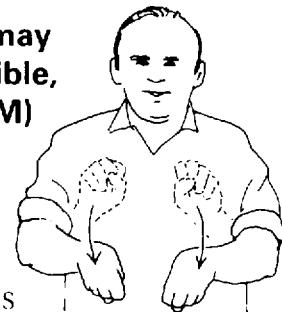
Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: shake arms toward each other

Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded;
head lowered; "shivering" expression

**can, able, may
(SM); possible,
capable (DM)**



Handshape: S : S

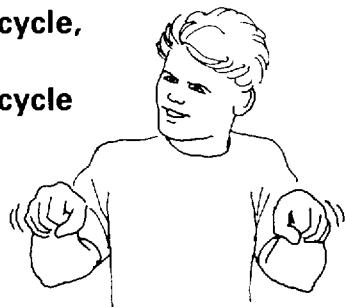
Orientation: palms out

Location: neutral space

Movement: bend wrists down while
moving arms down

Nonmanual signal: head nods "yes"

**motorcycle,
ride a
motorcycle**



Handshape: S : S

Orientation: palms down

Location: neutral space

Movement: twist wrists out twice

canoe



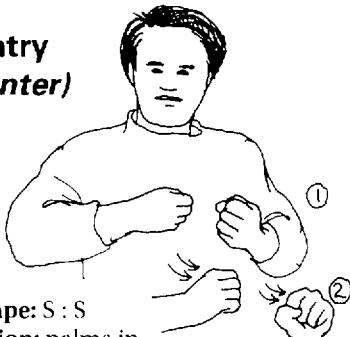
Handshape: S : S

Orientation: palms facing, arms at an
angle

Location: neutral space

Movement: swing arms back to left side

**carpentry
(carpenter)**



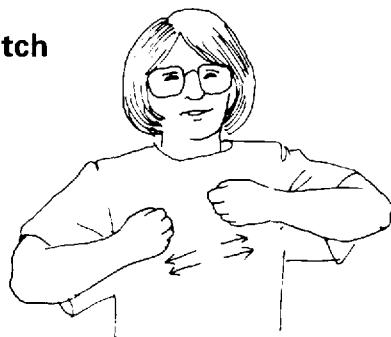
Handshape: S : S

Orientation: palms in

Location: neutral space

Movement: slightly twist hands out while
moving them forward, ending with
palms facing

stretch



Handshape: S : S

Orientation: palms in

Location: neutral space

Movement: pull hands apart



S 2-Hand SIGNS

shoes

Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap hands together twice

hold

Handshape: S : S
Orientation: right palm left, right hand on left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hands slightly

baseball

Handshape: S : S
Orientation: right palm in, right hand on left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hands forward

accustom,
bound, **custom,**
habit,
locked into,
tradition



Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms down, right hand on left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands down

accident,
collide,
collision



Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: smack hands into each other

break,
fracture



Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms down, hands touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hands up and to sides, ending with palms facing

2-Hand SIGNS S



**defend, guard,
protect, shield**



Handshape: S : S

Orientation: right palm left; left palm right,
wrists crossed

Location: neutral space

Movement: push arms forward forcefully

**free, emancipate,
liberate, redeem, relief,
rescue, safe, save**



Handshape: S : S

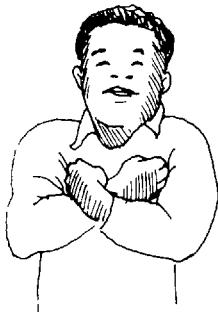
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right,
wrists crossed

Location: neutral space

Movement: separate hands and twist them
around, ending with palms out

Nonmanual signal: body leans back; smile

**embrace,
dear, hug,
love**



Handshape: S : S

Orientation: palms in, arms crossed

Location: chest

Movement: slightly squeeze arms to chest

Nonmanual signal: smile; shoulders raised

neck (v.)



Handshape: S : S

Orientation: right palm left; left palm
right, wrists crossed

Location: neutral space

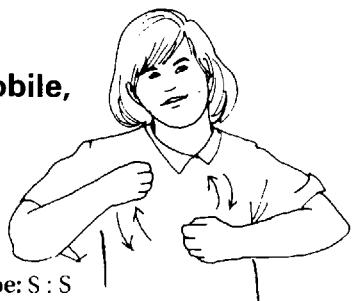
Movement: bend wrists down twice

Nonmanual signal: lips pursed



S ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

**car,
automobile,
drive**



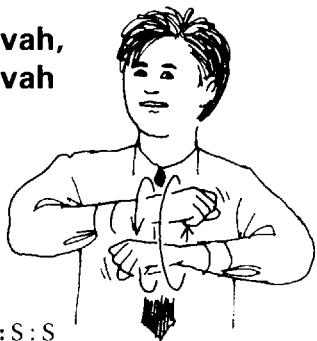
Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands alternately up and down
Note: "Drive" is usually made with larger movements than "car."

**bicycle, bike,
ride a bicycle**



Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle hands alternately forward

**Bar Mitzvah,
Bat Mitzvah**



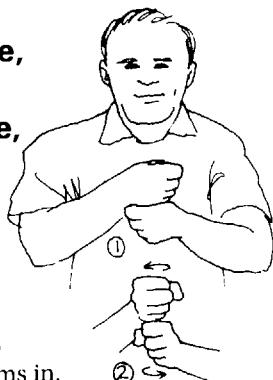
Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms in, right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle hands around each other

box, fight



Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms in, right hand closer to body
Location: neutral space
Movement: punch hands alternately toward each other

**make, create,
construct,
manufacture,
produce**



Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms in, right hand on left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrists back

**doubt,
disbelief,
waver**



Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands alternately up and down
Nonmanual signal: head tilts; "disbelieving" expression

2-Hand SIGNS • S



**grieve, grief,
heartbreak**

Handshape: S : S

Orientation: right palm down, hand on left hand;
left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: sharply twist hands around, switching
positions

Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; head
lowered; "sad" expression



**agony, suffer,
suffering**

Handshape: S : S

Orientation: palms in

Location: neutral space

Movement: circle hands alternately
around each other, ending in original
position

Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded;
head lowered; "pained" expression



stone, rock

Handshape: S : S

Orientation: palms down, right hand
above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: tap right hand on left hand
twice



**appointment,
engagement,
reservation,
reserve**



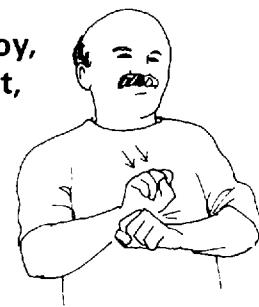
Handshape: S : S

Orientation: palms down, right hand
above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: circle right hand above left
hand, then drop hand down on left hand

**work, employ,
employment,
job, labor,
task, toil**



Handshape: S : S

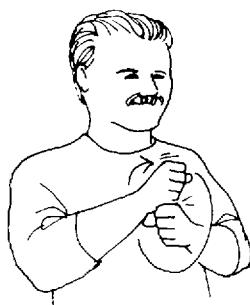
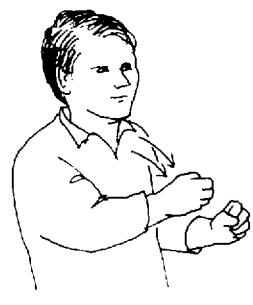
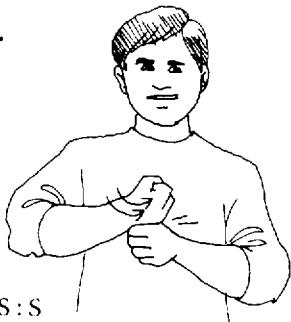
Orientation: right palm out, wrist on left
wrist; left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: double bounce right hand on
left wrist twice



S 2-Hand SIGNS

year**Handshape:** S : S**Orientation:** right palm left, hand on left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** circle right hand around left hand and return to original position**hammer****Handshape:** S : S**Orientation:** right palm left, hand above left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend right hand down several times**Nonmanual signal:** "cha" mouth utterance**fix, repair****Handshape:** S : S**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right hand against left hand twice**Nonmanual signal:** "earnest" expression**coffee****Handshape:** S : S**Orientation:** palms in; right hand on left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** circle right hand counter-clockwise on left hand**umbrella****Handshape:** S : S**Orientation:** palms in; right hand on left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** double bounce right hand up

2-Hand SIGNS S

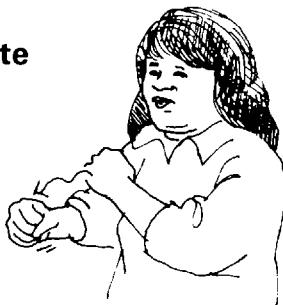


**support, advocate, endorse,
maintain, reinforce, sponsor,
sustain, uphold**



Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms in, right hand below left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: push left hand up with right hand

exaggerate



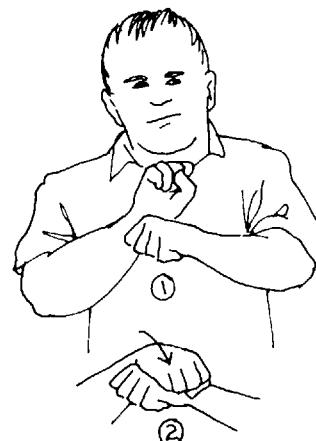
Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms down, right hand in front of left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce right hand forward in small arcs

**advertise,
propaganda,
publicize**

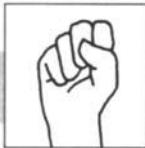


Handshape: S : S
Orientation: palms down, right hand in front of left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand forward twice
Nonmanual signal: pursed lips

defeat, conquer



Handshape: S : S
Orientation: right palm out, wrist against edge of left hand; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply bend right hand over left hand
Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression



S • 2-Hand SIGNS

**certify,
license,
seal**



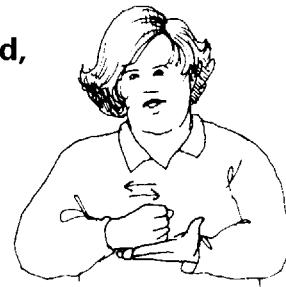
Handshape: S : Open B

Orientation: right palm in, hand above
left palm; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: stamp left palm with edge of
right fist

**credit card,
charge**



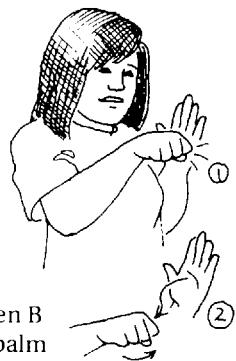
Handshape: S : Open B

Orientation: right palm in, hand on left
fingertips; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: rapidly slide right hand back
and forth across left palm

**bell, chimes,
ring bells**



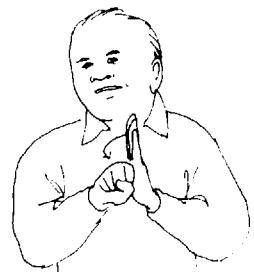
Handshape: S : Open B

Orientation: right palm down; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: bounce right hand against
left palm

**state
(geography),
statute (law)**



Handshape: S : Open B

Orientation: right palm out, hand on left
fingertips; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: bounce right hand once down
to heel of left hand

**sample,
symbol**



Handshape: S : Open B

Orientation: right palm out, hand against
left palm; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands forward in two
quick motions

**stage
(passive)**



Handshape: S : passive

Orientation: right palm down, hand on
left wrist; left palm down

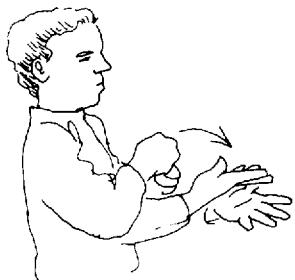
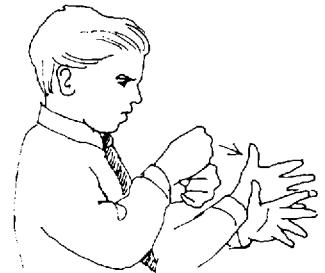
Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right hand down to left
fingertips

2-Hand SIGNS  S**situation****Handshape:** S : 1**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc right hand around left index finger**abuse, hit (more than once), attack,
strike (more than once)****Handshape:** S : 1**Orientation:** right palm in, hand closer to body; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right knuckles harshly back and forth against left index finger**Nonmanual signal:** "angry" expression**obey****Handshape:** S > 5 : S > 5**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** right hand on forehead; left hand in front of left cheek**Movement:** move hands down and forward while opening hands**terrible,
awful,
dreadful,
horrible****Handshape:** S > 5 : S > 5**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** both sides of the temple**Movement:** move hands straight out while opening hands**Nonmanual signal:** "disgusted" expression



S 2-Hand SIGNS

cause**Handshape:** S > 5 : S > 5**Orientation:** palms up, right hand in front of left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands forward while opening hands**bawl out****Handshape:** S > 5 : S > 5**Orientation:** right palm left, right hand on top of left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** flick fingers out sharply**Nonmanual signal:** body jerks forward; "angry" expression**many, lots,
multiple,
numerous****Handshape:** S > 5 : S > 5**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** sharply thrust hands forward while flicking fingers open**Nonmanual signal:** "cha" mouth utterance**how many,
how much****Handshape:** S > 5 : S > 5**Orientation:** palms up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands up, flicking fingers open**Nonmanual signal:** body leans forward; head tilts right; eyebrows knit**magic****Handshape:** S > 5 : S > 5**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands forward slightly, then down, flicking fingers open**express
(feelings)****Handshape:** S > 5 : S > 5**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** chest**Movement:** arc hands forward while opening hands**Nonmanual signal:** lips pursed

2-Hand SIGNS S



**expand,
enlarge**



Handshape: S > Bent 5 : S > Bent 5
Orientation: palms in; right hand on top of left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands apart while opening hands to Bent 5 handshape

fireworks



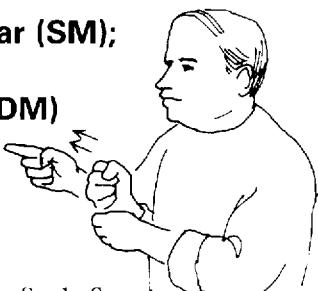
Handshape: S > 5 : S > 5
Orientation: palms out
Location: neutral space
Movement: alternately open and close hands rapidly in different locations in the air

climb, ladder



Handshape: S > Bent 5 : Bent 5 > S
Orientation: palms out
Location: neutral space
Movement: close and open hands while moving hands up in alternating motions

**next year (SM);
annual,
yearly (DM)**



Handshape: S > 1 : S
Orientation: right palm left, hand on top of left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: flick right index finger out as right hand moves forward

abortion



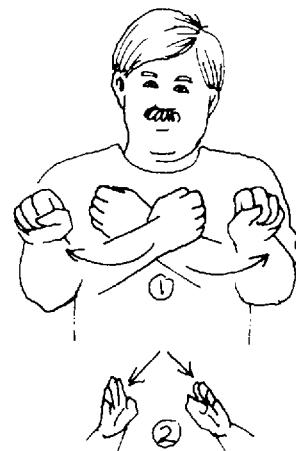
Handshape: S > 5 : Open B
Orientation: right palm up, hand against left palm; left palm angled right
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand sharply out and down, flicking fingers open



S 2-Hand SIGNS

refuge, shelter
(compound: safe + roof)

Handshape: S > B : S > B
Orientation: palms in, wrists crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands and twist them around,
then change to B handshape, palms down, fingertips
touching, and angle hands down



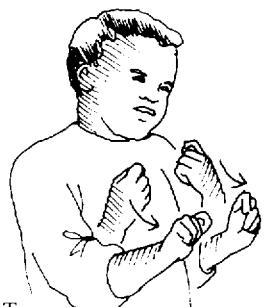
hill
(compound: rock + slope)

Handshape: S > Open B : S > Open B
Orientation: palms down, right hand above
left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: drop right hand onto left hand,
then change to Open B handshape and
outline the contours of a hillside



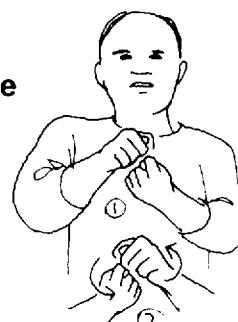
try

Handshape: T : T
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc hands down and twist
forward, ending with palms out
Nonmanual signal: "earnest" expression



translate,
transliterate

Handshape: T : T
Orientation: right palm down, hand
resting on left hand; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: reverse hand positions



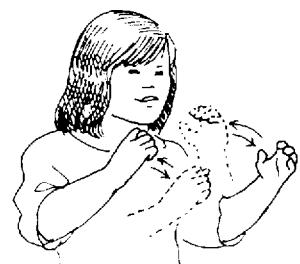
2-Hand SIGNS ↗ T

**team**

Handshape: T : T
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: swing hands around, ending with pinkies nearly touching

**time
(abstract)**

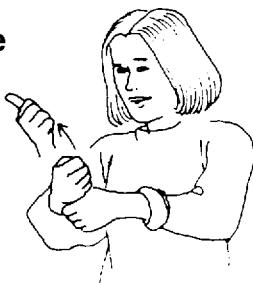
Handshape: T : Open B
Orientation: right palm out, hand against left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand clockwise around left palm

Total Communication

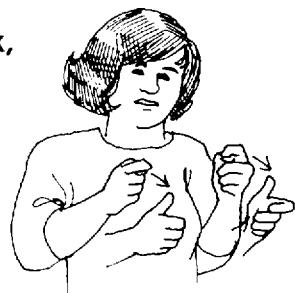
Handshape: T : C
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: alternately move hands back and forth

**temple,
synagogue**

Handshape: T : S
Orientation: right palm out; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce heel of right hand on back of left hand

champagne

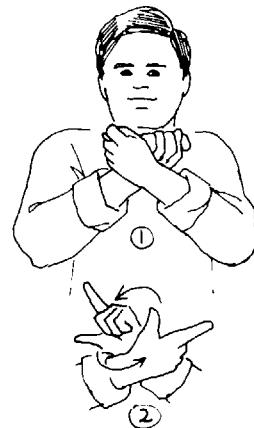
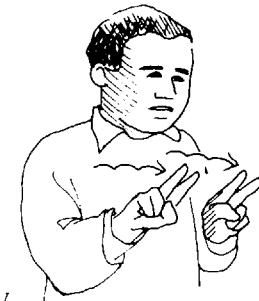
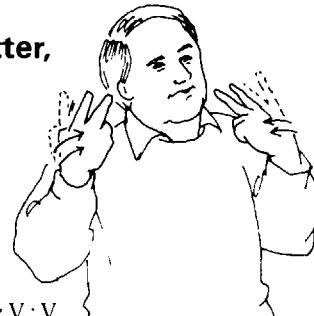
Handshape: T > Open A : S
Orientation: palms in, right hand on top of left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand quickly upward while flicking thumb out

**fast, quick,
rapid**

Handshape: T > Open A : T > Open A
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: quickly flick thumbs out while moving hands forward



T 2-Hand SIGNS

transliterate, translate**Handshape:** T > L : T > L**Orientation:** right palm out, hand on heel of left hand; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** reverse positions of hands, flicking open thumbs and index fingers**look
forward to,
anticipate****Handshape:** V : V**Orientation:** palms down, hands angled left**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** double bounce hands forward**Nonmanual signal:** eyes widen**funeral****Handshape:** V : V**Orientation:** palms out, right hand behind left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bounce hands forward**Nonmanual signal:** "sad" expression**contempt,
patronize,
scorn****Handshape:** V : V /**Orientation:** palms down, hands angled left**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move fingers down and up sharply**Nonmanual signal:** "smirking" expression**vain, flatter,
vanity****Handshape:** V : V**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** above shoulders**Movement:** bend fingers down and up twice**Nonmanual signal:** shoulders thrust back; erect posture

2-Hand SIGNS  V

**tent,
camping**



Handshape: V : V

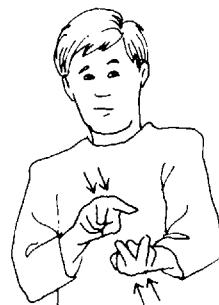
Orientation: palms facing, fingertips angled toward each other

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands down at an angle

Note: See page 305 for a variation of this sign.

**intercourse,
copulate,
fornicate**



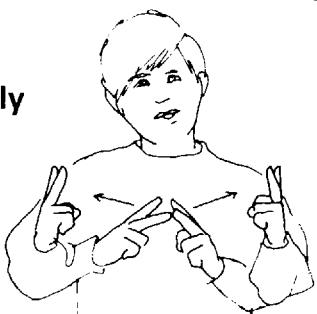
Handshape: V : V

Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: double bounce right hand on left hand

**very,
extremely**



Handshape: V : V

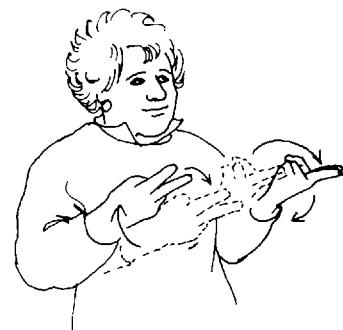
Orientation: palms facing, fingertips angled toward each other and touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: separate hands sharply

Nonmanual signal: "intense" expression

visit



Handshape: V : V

Orientation: palms up

Location: neutral space

Movement: circle hands out alternately

either, or



Handshape: V : V

Orientation: palms facing, fingertips angled toward each other

Location: neutral space

Movement: tap left index finger with right index finger, then tap left middle finger with right middle finger, repeat

Nonmanual signal: body tilts slightly side to side



V • 2-Hand SIGNS

**save, preserve,
reserve, store**

Handshape: V : V

Orientation: palms in, right hand in front of left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: hit left fingers twice with right fingers

Note: See page 288 for a variation of this sign.



**indecision,
uncertainty**



Handshape: V : B

Orientation: right palm down, index and middle finger straddling left hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: rock right hand side to side

Nonmanual signal: "indecisive" expression

**ride
(horse,
bike)**



Handshape: V : B

Orientation: right palm down, index and middle fingers straddling left hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: bounce hands forward several times (horse); move hands forward (bike)

**predict, forecast,
foretell, omen, prophecy
(fortune-teller, prophet)**



Handshape: V : Open B

Orientation: right palm in; left palm down

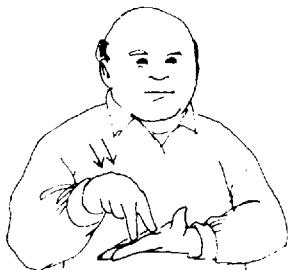
Location: right hand below eyes; left hand in neutral space

Movement: move right hand under and beyond left hand

2-Hand SIGNS ↗ V

**drown****Handshape:** V : Open B**Orientation:** right palm out, fingertips wedged between left index and middle fingers; left palm down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** wiggle right hand down**lose
(competition)****Handshape:** V : Open B**Orientation:** right palm

down, hand above left hand; left palm up

Location: neutral space**Movement:** smack right hand down sharply on left palm**Nonmanual signal:** "sad" expression**dance,
party****Handshape:** V : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, fingertips above left hand; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** swing right hand left and right**Nonmanual signal:** smile**stand****Handshape:** V : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, fingertips above left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand down so fingertips touch left palm**fork****Handshape:** V : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, fingertips above left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** stab left palm with right fingertips twice**recline,
lie down****Handshape:** V : Open B**Orientation:** palms up, back of right hand on left palm**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide back of right hand across left palm**Nonmanual signal:** "tired" expression



V 2-Hand SIGNS

**arise, get up,
stand up**



Handshape: V : Open B

Orientation: right palm left; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: flip right fingers over to
stand on left palm

**fall down,
fall**



Handshape: V : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, hand
above left hand; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: flip right hand over and
smack onto left palm

Nonmanual signal: body leans back

read



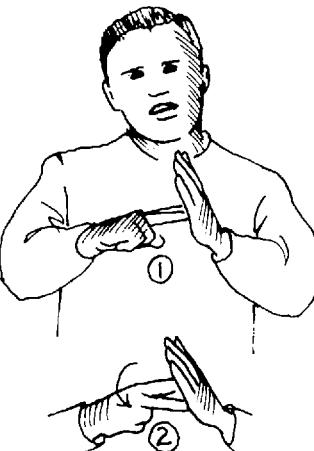
Handshape: V : Open B

Orientation: palms facing, fingertips up

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush right fingertips down
left palm

**mean, imply, intend,
motive, purpose, signify**



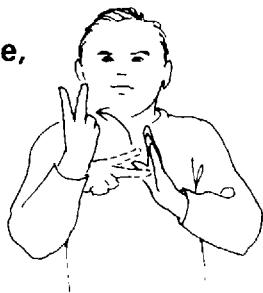
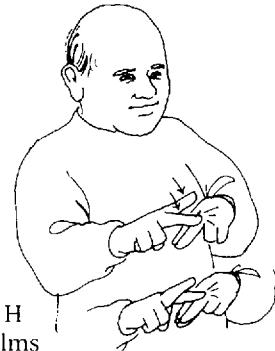
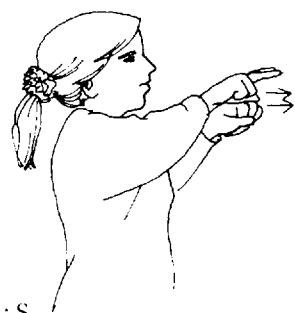
Handshape: V : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, fingertips on left
palm; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: rotate right fingertips on left palm

2-Hand SIGNS ➡ V

**toast****Handshape:** V : Open B**Orientation:** palms facing; right fingertips toward left palm**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** stab palm and back of left hand with right fingertips by rotating both hands**twice, double,
duplicate****Handshape:** V : Open B**Orientation:** right palm in, middle finger on left palm; left palm right, fingertips up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right middle finger up left palm**salt****Handshape:** V : H**Orientation:** palms down, right fingertips above left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap left fingers twice with alternating right index and middle fingers**dive****Handshape:** V : H**Orientation:** right palm down, fingertips on back of left fingers; left palm down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** flip right hand off left hand, ending below left hand with fingertips up**watch****Handshape:** V : S**Orientation:** palms down; right hand on left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands forward in two quick motions



V 2-Hand SIGNS

**save, store,
reserve,
preserve**



Handshape: V : S

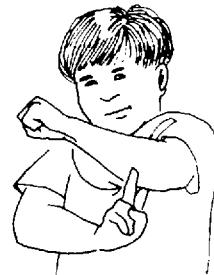
Orientation: palms in,
right hand in front of left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: tap right fingertips on back of
left hand twice

Note: See page 284 for a variation of this
sign.

**bridge
(passive)**



Handshape: V : passive

Orientation: right palm left, fingertips on
left wrist; left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc right fingertips along left
arm, ending at left elbow

**sheep
(passive)**



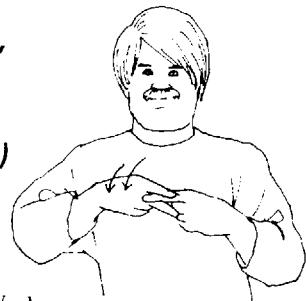
Handshape: V : passive

Orientation: right palm up, fingers on left
arm; left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: shear back of left arm with
right fingertips

**plumbing,
wrench
(plumber,
mechanic)**



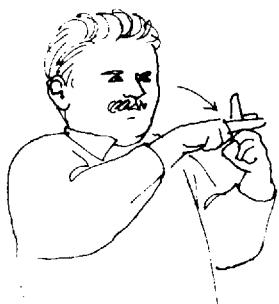
Handshape: V : I

Orientation: palms in, right index and
middle fingers straddling left index finger

Location: neutral space

Movement: twist right index and middle
fingers around left index finger

**apply,
shelve it
(slang),
table it
(slang)**



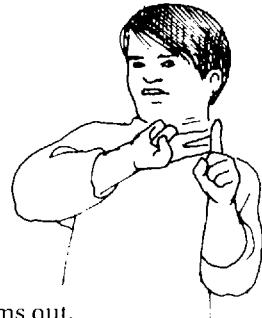
Handshape: V : I

Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: move right hand down onto
left index finger

vocabulary



Handshape: V : I

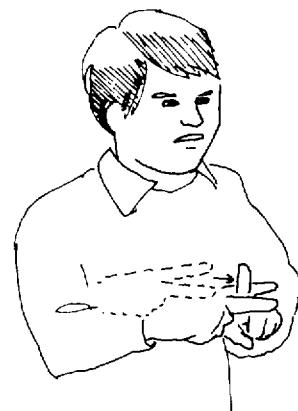
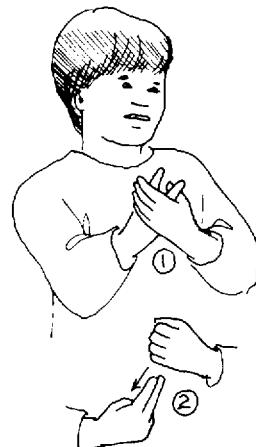
Orientation: palms out,

right fingertips above left index finger

Location: neutral space

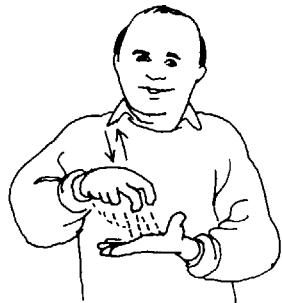
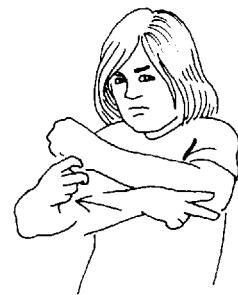
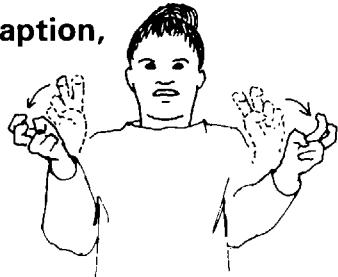
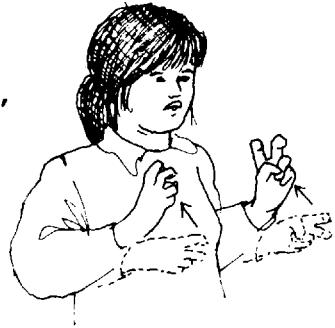
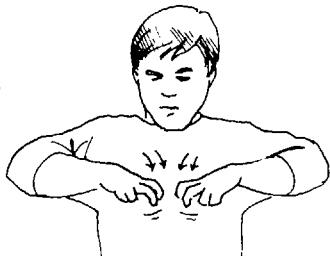
Movement: tap right fingertips on left
index finger twice as hands move left
slightly

2-Hand SIGNS ➡ V

**plug, electric outlet****Handshape:** V : 1**Orientation:** right palm down, behind left hand; left palm out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** plug right index and middle fingers into left index finger**both****Handshape:** V > H : C > S**Orientation:** palms in, right hand inside left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand down left palm, closing left hand as right fingers come together**videotape (n.)****Handshape:** V > T : Open B**Orientation:** right palm out, index finger against left palm; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** circle right hand clockwise, ending in T handshape



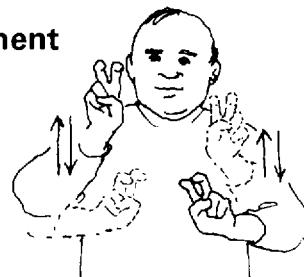
V 2-Hand SIGNS

jump**Handshape:** V > Bent V : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, fingertips on left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bounce right fingertips on left palm, bending the fingers on the way up**rob, steal
(passive)****Handshape:** V > Bent V : passive**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** sharply slide right hand from left elbow to left wrist while bending fingers**quote, caption,
subject,
theme,
title,
topic****Handshape:** Bent V : Bent V**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** twist wrists, ending with palms facing**dead
(animal),
kick the
bucket
(slang)****Handshape:** Bent V : Bent V**Orientation:** palms facing, fingers out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** sharply twist wrists up
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed**analyze,
analysis,
research****Handshape:** Bent V : Bent V**Orientation:** palms down, knuckles facing**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slightly straighten and bend fingers twice**Nonmanual signal:** shoulders rounded; head lowered; "inquiring" expression**laid up****Handshape:** Bent V : Bent V**Orientation:** palms facing, fingers out**Location:** left side of body**Movement:** arc hands up sharply toward right shoulder**Nonmanual signal:** pursed lips, body and head lean back

2-Hand SIGNS • BENT V

**poison**

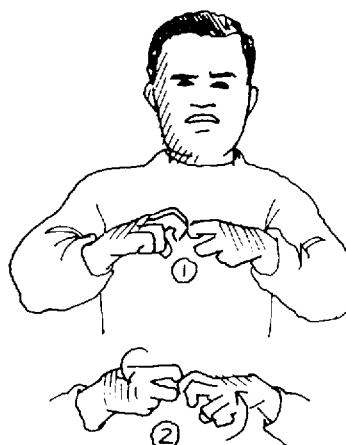
Handshape: Bent V : Bent V
Orientation: palms in, wrists crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap wrists against each other twice
Nonmanual signal: "sour" expression

tournament

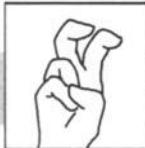
Handshape: Bent V : Bent V
Orientation: palms out, right hand higher than left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: shift hands up and down several times

**difficult,
hardship**

Handshape: Bent V : Bent V
Orientation: palms in, knuckles facing, right hand above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush knuckles against each other in alternating pattern
Nonmanual signal: lips tight; "strained" expression

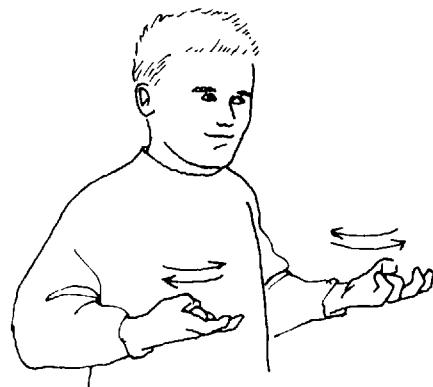
problem

Handshape: Bent V : Bent V
Orientation: right palm down; left palm in, knuckles touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist hands to switch palm positions
Nonmanual signal: lips tight; "strained" expression



BENT V 2-Hand SIGNS

roller skate



Handshape: Bent V : Bent V

Orientation: palms up

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide hands alternately back
and forth several times

tough



Handshape: Bent V : Bent V

Orientation: palms in, right hand above left
hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring right hand down, brushing
knuckles of left hand sharply

Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression

dumbfounded, open-mouthed, speechless

Handshape: Bent V : Bent V

Orientation: right palm in; left palm out, back of left
hand against mouth

Location: in front of mouth

Movement: arc right hand down, ending with
palm up

Nonmanual signal: mouth open; "shocked"
expression



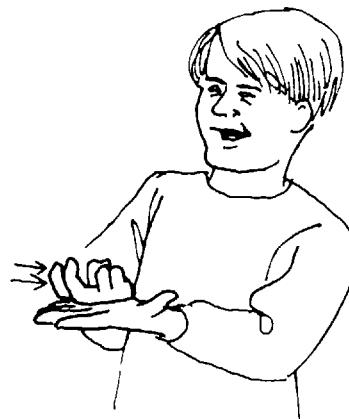
2-Hand SIGNS • BENT V

**squirrel**

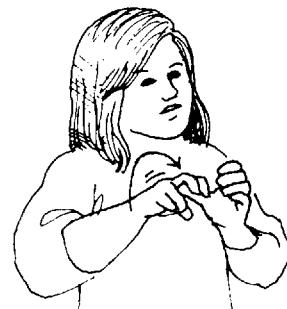
Handshape: Bent V : Bent V
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right
Location: right hand above mouth; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move right hand down to left hand, then tap fingertips together several times
Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; head lowered; cheeks puffed

**hilarious, laughter,
rolling in the aisles
(slang)**

Handshape: Bent V : Open B
Orientation: palms up, right hand on left palm
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand across left palm while straightening and bending right index and middle fingers
Nonmanual signal: mouth open; head tilted back

**kneel**

Handshape: Bent V : Open B
Orientation: right palm in, knuckles above left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand down onto left palm

get in

Handshape: Bent V : C
Orientation: right palm up; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: flip right hand down to perch on left thumb



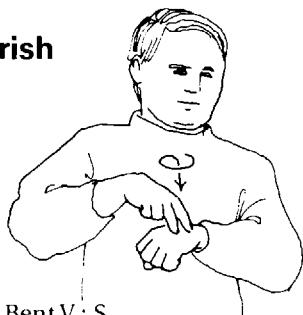
BENT V • 2-Hand SIGNS

get out

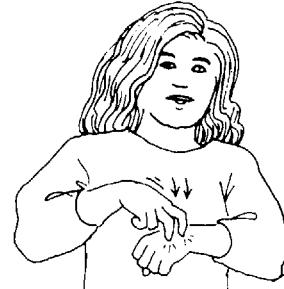
Handshape: Bent V : C
Orientation: right palm down, fingers on left thumb; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: flip right hand off left thumb

hard

Handshape: Bent V : S
Orientation: right palm in, hand above left hand; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring right hand down onto back of left hand
Nonmanual signal: lips tight

Ireland, Irish

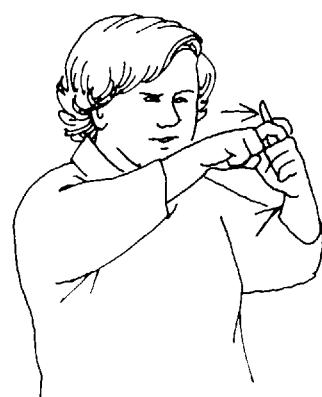
Handshape: Bent V : S
Orientation: palms down, right fingertips above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle right hand above left hand, then land on left hand

potato

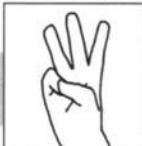
Handshape: Bent V : S
Orientation: palms down, right fingertips above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right fingertips on back of left hand twice

nab,
caught in the act,
contact, corner (v.)

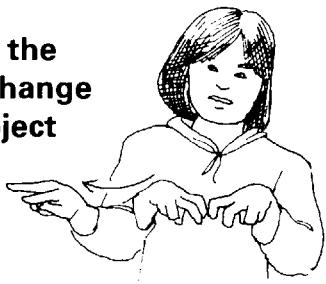
Handshape: Bent V : I
Orientation: right palm down, hand in back of left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand forward to trap left index finger between right knuckles
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed



2-Hand SIGNS ➞ W



change the topic, change the subject



Handshape: Bent V > V : Bent V

Orientation: palms down, index fingers touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc right hand to the right, straightening bent fingers

war



Handshape: W : W

Orientation: palms down, fingertips pointing toward each other

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands side to side in unison

winter



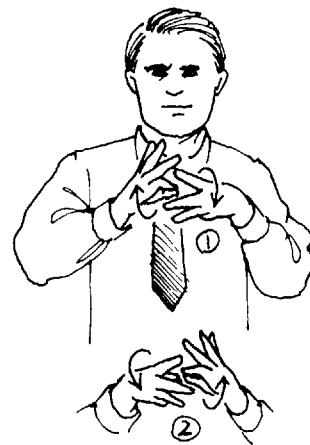
Handshape: W : W

Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: tap pinkies and thumbs together twice

weather

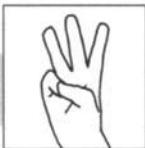


Handshape: W : W

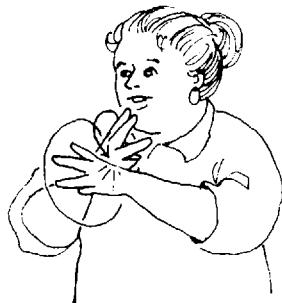
Orientation: palms facing, thumbs and pinkies touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: twist hands in opposite directions twice



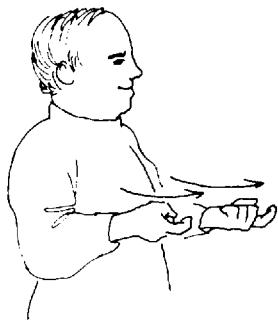
W 2-Hand SIGNS

world**Handshape:** W : W**Orientation:** right palm left; hand on top of left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** circle hands around each other**worship****Handshape:** W : W**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm down**Location:** right index finger on right side of head; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** right hand twists down, ending with hand on top of left hand**Nonmanual signal:** "earnest" expression**dangerous,
hazardous****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** palms up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** flip hands over sharply**Nonmanual signal:** eyes widen;

"frightened" expression

**give, award, contribute,
present, reward (SM); gift,
award, contribution,
present, reward (DM)****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** palms facing, index fingers up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend wrists forward and down

2-Hand SIGNS ➤ X

**ski**

Handshape: X : X

Orientation: palms up

Location: neutral space

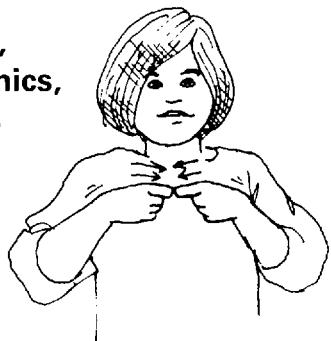
Movement: glide hands forward and back slightly

**urge,
coax,
persuade,
prod**

Handshape: X : X

Orientation: palms up, right hand closer to body

Location: neutral space

Movement: tug hands in toward body twice
Nonmanual signal: "earnest" expression**electric,
electronics,
physics**

Handshape: X : X

Orientation: palms in, knuckles touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: hit knuckles together twice

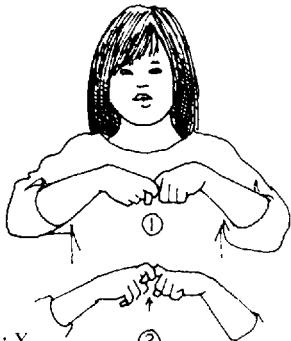
**Spain, Spanish
(Spaniard)**

Handshape: X : X

Orientation: palms in

Location: shoulders

Movement: move hands forward, ending with index fingers clasped

**suspend,
hold up**

Handshape: X : X

Orientation: palms down, index fingers clasped

Location: neutral space

Movement: sharply bring wrists up

best friend

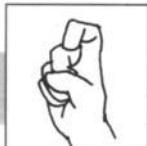
Handshape: X : X

Orientation: right palm down; left palm up, index fingers clasped

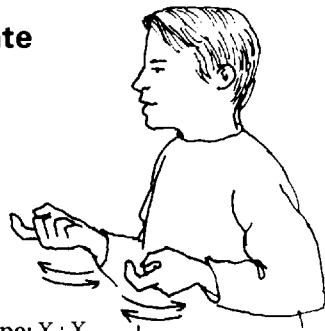
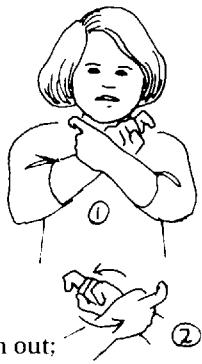
Location: neutral space

Movement: arc hands sharply forward and down

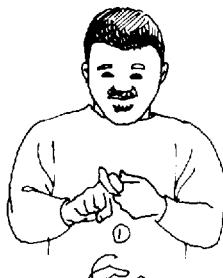
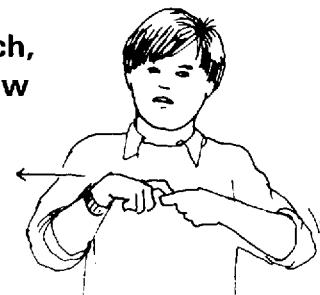
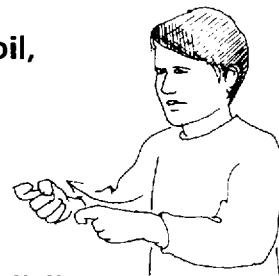
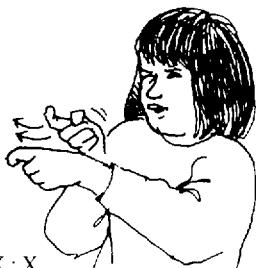
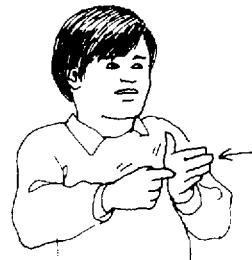
Nonmanual signal: lips taut; "earnest" expression



X 2-Hand SIGNS

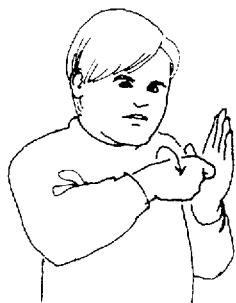
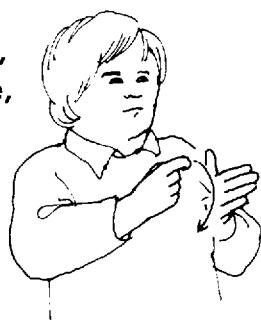
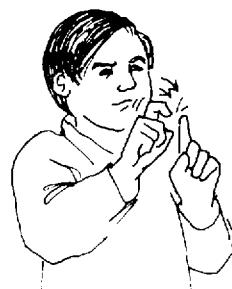
**expression,
grimace****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** right hand near temple; left hand near cheek**Movement:** move hands alternately up and down**Nonmanual signal:** lips pursed**ice skate****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** palms up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide hands side to side twice**Nonmanual signal:** body sways**change, adapt,
adjust, modify****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** right palm out; left palm in; hands crossed at wrists**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** twist hands around, reversing palm positions**exchange,
switch, trade****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm right, closer to body**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** rotate hands so right hand is closer to body**direct, control, discipline,
govern, manage, regulate,
reign, rule****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** palms facing, right hand closer to body**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands back and forth in alternating motion**Nonmanual signal:** shoulders thrust back; erect posture

2-Hand SIGNS X

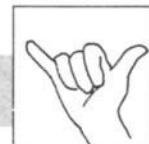
**friend****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm up; index fingers clasped**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** rotate hands to switch palm positions**pull, hitch,
hook, tow****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm in; index fingers clasped**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** use right hand to pull left hand to the right**cards,
play cards****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** palms in, right hand above left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right hand off left hand several times while moving hands right**ruin, spoil,
torment****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** right palm left, above and in back of left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right hand across left hand, arcing wrist forward and up**Nonmanual signal:** "cha" mouth utterance**tease****Handshape:** X : X**Orientation:** right palm left, above and in back of left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right hand across left hand twice**Nonmanual signal:** head tilts right; "taunting" expression**demand,
command,
insist, require****Handshape:** X : Open B**Orientation:** right palm in, index fingertip on left palm; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** sharply pull hands in toward body**Nonmanual signal:** "insistent" expression



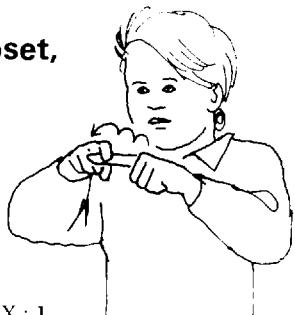
X 2-Hand SIGNS

key, lock**Handshape:** X : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down; index finger knuckle on left palm; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** twist right hand on left palm**charge, cost,
expense, fee,
fine, price,
tax, toll****Handshape:** X : Open B**Orientation:** right palm in; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right index finger down left palm**time
(passive)****Handshape:** X : S**Orientation:** palms down; right index finger above left wrist**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap right fingertip on left wrist twice**tempt,
temptation
(passive)****Handshape:** X : passive**Orientation:** palms in; right index fingertip on left arm below elbow**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap right index finger on left elbow twice**from****Handshape:** X : 1**Orientation:** right palm left; index finger against left index finger; left palm out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** pull right hand back, away from left index finger**pick on,
henpeck,
nag****Handshape:** X : 1**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** peck right index finger on left index finger twice**Nonmanual signal:** lips pursed

2-Hand SIGNS ▶ Y



**hang, closet,
hanger**



Handshape: X : 1

Orientation: palms down, right index finger crooked over left index finger

Location: neutral space

Movement: bounce right hand on left index fingertip several times

**telegram, call
(by TTY)**



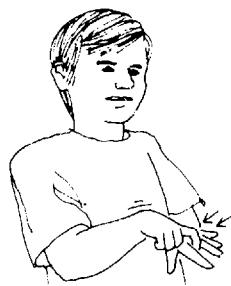
Handshape: X : 1

Orientation: right palm down, index fingertip at base of left index finger; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right fingertip off left index finger

**sandals,
thongs**



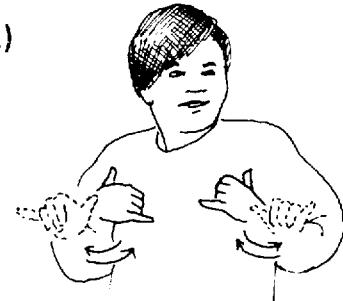
Handshape: X : 5

Orientation: palms down, right index finger between left index and middle fingers

Location: neutral space

Movement: move right index finger forward and back twice

play (v.)



Handshape: Y : Y

Orientation: palms out

Location: neutral space

Movement: twist wrists in and out twice

Nonmanual signal: body bounces

**now,
presently,
today**



Handshape: Y : Y

Orientation: palms up

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands down sharply

Nonmanual signal: "cz" mouth utterance

**contrary,
antagonistic,
bullheaded,
cantankerous**



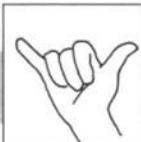
Handshape: Y : Y

Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring heels of hands together twice

Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression



Y 2-Hand SIGNS

**measure, ruler,
size**



Handshape: Y : Y
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap thumbs together twice

still, yet



Handshape: Y : Y
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands forward,
bending wrists up

**uniform,
in common,
same,
standard,
universal**



Handshape: Y : Y
Orientation: palms down, thumbs
touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands in a large circle

**cow,
bull**



Handshape: Y : Y
Orientation: palms down
Location: thumbs at temples
Movement: bend wrists down and up
Note: See page 113 for a one-hand
variation of this sign.

**humorous,
comical**



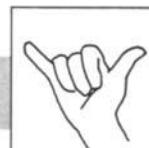
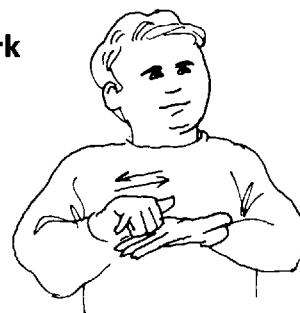
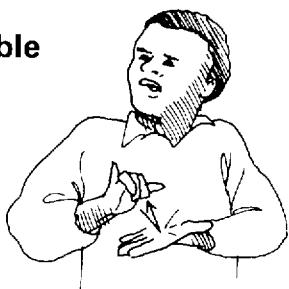
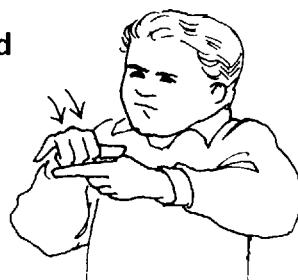
Handshape: Y : Y
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right
Location: right hand in front of nose; left
hand in neutral space
Movement: twist wrists up and down twice
Nonmanual signal: smile

**drafting,
engineering
(engineer)**



Handshape: Y : Y
Orientation: palms down, thumbs
touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist right hand down twice

2-Hand SIGNS • Y

**that****Handshape:** Y : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bring right hand down onto left palm**New York****Handshape:** Y : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand back and forth along left palm**impossible****Handshape:** Y : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bring right hand down sharply onto left palm, then bounce hand up**Nonmanual signal:** head shakes "no"**fat (demeaning),
obese****Handshape:** Y : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** rock right knuckles side to side on left palm**Nonmanual signal:** "cha" mouth utterance**country
(foreign)
(passive)****Handshape:** Y : passive**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** make a clockwise circle with right hand in front of left elbow**big word****Handshape:** Y : I**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand down so knuckles hit left index finger



Y 2-Hand SIGNS

swear, curse

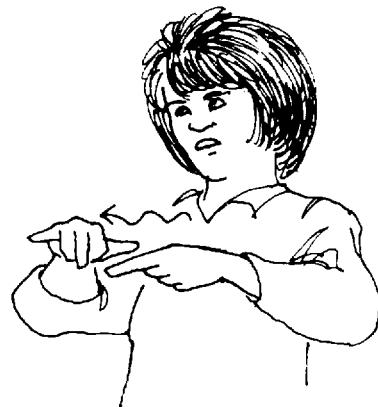
Handshape: Y : 1

Orientation: right palm down; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: wiggle right hand down and off left index finger

Nonmanual signal: "cha" mouth utterance



today

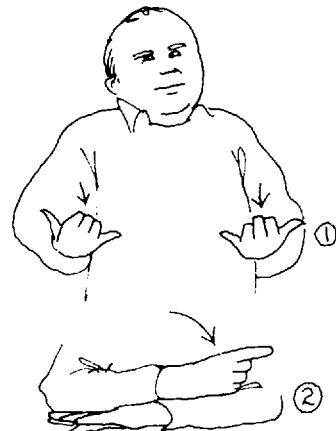
(compound: now + day)

Handshape: Y > 1 : Y > B

Orientation: palms up

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands down, then change right hand to 1 handshape, palm left, and left hand to B handshape, palm down, right elbow on left fingers, bend right arm down onto left arm



I love you (casual)



Handshape: L-L : L-L

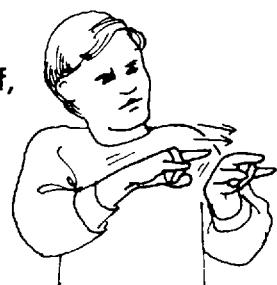
Orientation: palms out

Location: neutral space

Movement: shake hands slightly side to side

Nonmanual signal: smile

mock, make fun of, ridicule



Handshape: 1-1 : 1-1

Orientation: palms down, right hand closer to body, hands angled to left

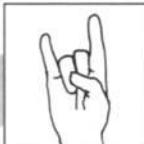
Location: neutral space

Movement: double bounce hands forward

Nonmanual signal: "smirking" expression

2-Hand SIGNS 2-1-1

**tent, camping****Handshape:** 1-I : 1-I**Orientation:** palms facing, fingertips touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands down at an angle**Note:** See page 283 for a variation of this sign.**sarcasm, cynical,
ironic****Handshape:** 1-I : 1-I**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** right index finger on tip of nose; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** move right hand down to meet left hand, then brush hands past each other**Nonmanual signal:** "smirking" expression**liquor,
whiskey****Handshape:** 1-I : 1-I**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** double bounce right hand down on left hand**Note:** See page 306 for a variation of this sign.**trick, deceive,
defraud, fraud****Handshape:** 1-I : 1-I**Orientation:** palms down, fingertips forward, right hand above left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand off left hand**Nonmanual signal:** lips pursed



1-I 2-Hand SIGNS

**liquor,
whiskey**



Handshape: 1-I : S

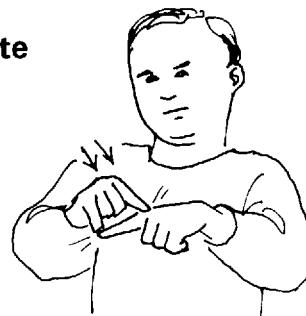
Orientation: right palm in; left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: double bounce right hand down on left hand

Note: See page 305 for a variation of this sign.

cigarette



Handshape: 1-I : I

Orientation: palms down

Location: neutral space

Movement: tap right index finger and pinky on left index finger twice

sin



Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: palms facing, index fingers angled toward each other

Location: index fingertips at corners of mouth

Movement: arc hands out, then rotate hands, ending with palms in

**hurt, ache,
injure, harm,
pain**



Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: right palm out; left palm in

Location: neutral space

Movement: twist hands in opposite directions

Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; "pained" expression

**opposite, contrast,
oppose, reverse
(enemy, foe, opponent)**



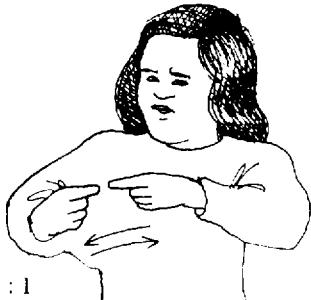
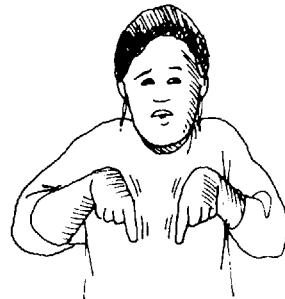
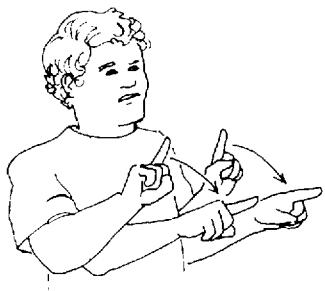
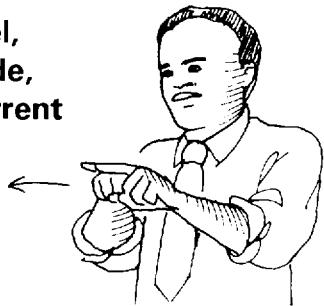
Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: palms in, fingertips touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: arc hands up then out to opposite sides

2-Hand SIGNS 1

**struggle****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands side to side in unison**Nonmanual signal:** lips tight; "pained" expression**quake,
scared****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands together and apart in short, quick shakes**Nonmanual signal:** "frightened" expression**go to,
attend****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms out, right hand slightly behind left hand**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend wrists down while moving hands forward**come****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms up, right hand slightly closer to body**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bring hands in toward the body while bending wrists in**parallel,
coincide,
concurrent****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms down, index fingers touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands forward**during,
meantime,
meanwhile,
while****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms in, index fingers angled in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc index fingers down and out while moving hands forward



1 • 2-Hand SIGNS

**happen, event,
incident, occur**



Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: flip hands over

**accomplish, achieve,
prosper, succeed, triumph**



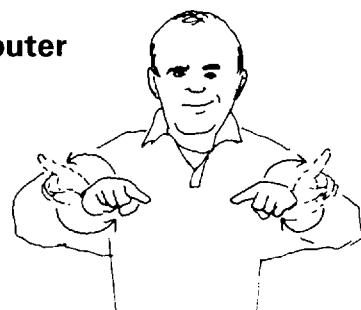
Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms in
Location: index fingers at sides of forehead
Movement: move hands forward in two spiraling motions, ending with palms out
Nonmanual signal: shoulders and head thrust back

**finally,
pah!**



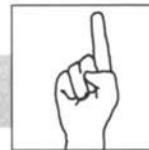
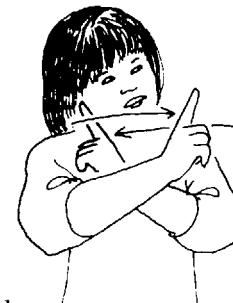
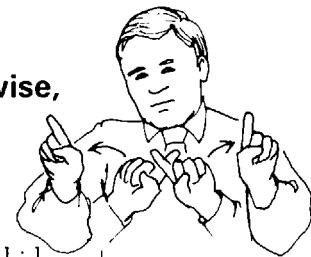
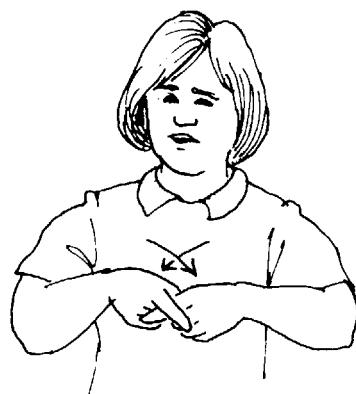
Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms in
Location: sides of head
Movement: twist wrists out in an exaggerated motion, ending with palms out
Nonmanual signal: body and head thrust back; "pah" mouth utterance

computer



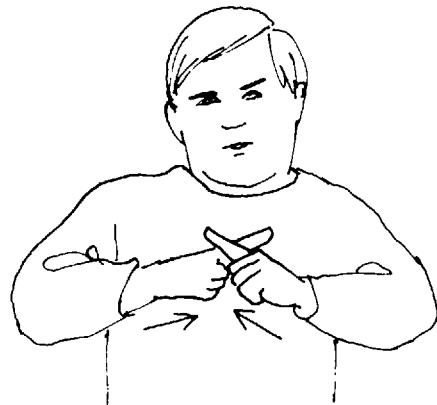
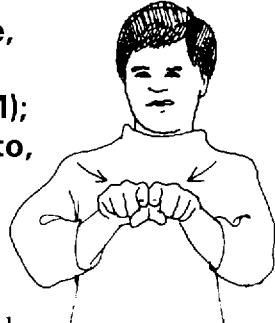
Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms out
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle hands out in opposite directions

2-Hand SIGNS 1

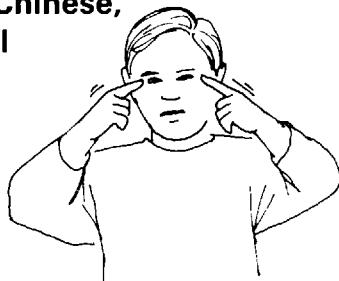
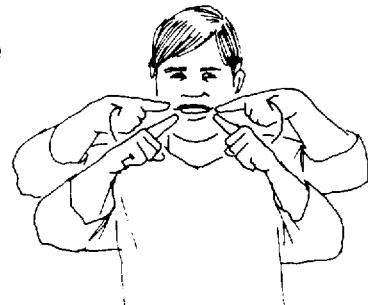
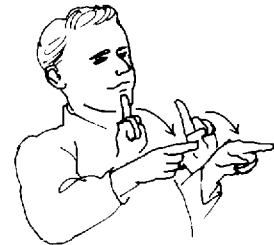
**wheelchair****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** outside of thighs**Movement:** circle index fingers forward twice**pass by****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms facing, right hand closer to body**Location:** near shoulders**Movement:** move hands toward and past each other**meet, encounter,
face-to-face,
one-to-one****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** right palm out, right hand closer to body; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands toward each other until they meet**but,
contrariwise,
however****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms out, index fingers crossed**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc hands out in opposite directions**Nonmanual signal:** body and head thrust back; eyes widen**intersect, conflict,
cross****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms in, index fingers angled toward each other**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bring hands together so that index fingers cross



1 2-Hand SIGNS

**conflict, clash,
cross-purposes****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms down, index fingers angled up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bring hands together sharply until index fingers cross and knuckles clash**Nonmanual signal:** brows furrowed; "serious" expression**same, alike,
identical,
similar (SM);
according to,
also,
too (DM)****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms down, hands parallel**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bring hands together so index fingers touch**as,
according to,
also****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms down, hands parallel**Location:** right side of neutral space**Movement:** bring hands together and tap index fingers together, then move hands to the left and tap index fingers again**since,
all along,
ever since,
so far****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms in, index fingers angled toward right shoulder**Location:** in front of right shoulder**Movement:** slowly arc hands out, ending with palms up**corn on the cob****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** in front of mouth**Movement:** move hands left and right in unison

2-Hand SIGNS 2 1

**China, Chinese,
Oriental****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** corners of eyes**Movement:** rotate fingertips back and forth**Note:** See page 126 for the preferred sign.**smile****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms facing, index fingers angled up**Location:** corners of mouth**Movement:** slide index fingers up cheeks**Nonmanual signal:** smile**laugh,
laughter****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms in, index fingers angled toward each other**Location:** corners of mouth**Movement:** brush index fingers off cheeks twice**Nonmanual signal:** mimic laughter**answer,
comment,
order, reply,
respond****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** back of right index finger on lips; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** bend wrists forward, ending with palms down**Nonmanual signal:** body jerks forward slightly**announce, declare,
proclaim****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** palms in, index fingers angled toward each other**Location:** corners of mouth**Movement:** swing hands out to opposite sides, ending with palms out**Nonmanual signal:** body leans forward; head tilts back



1 2-Hand SIGNS

**famous, fame,
popular, renown**

Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: palms in, index fingers angled toward each other

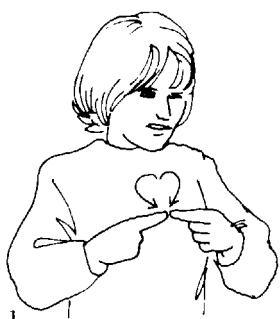
Location: corners of mouth

Movement: move hands out and spiral forward

Nonmanual signal: shoulders and head thrust back



**heart
(romantic)**



Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: palms in, index fingertips touching

Location: left side of chest

Movement: outline the shape of a heart with the index fingers

knit



Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: right palm left; left palm out, index fingertips crossed

Location: neutral space

Movement: twist wrists forward

quarrel, argue



Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: palms in, right index finger up, left index finger down

Location: neutral space

Movement: shake index fingers alternately up and down

Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression

2-Hand SIGNS 1

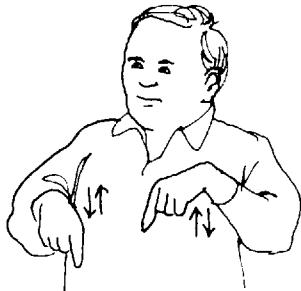


**variety, assorted, different,
diverse, etcetera**



Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms down, right hand higher than left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands out to the sides while alternately bending wrists up and down
Nonmanual signal: body jerks slightly

**crippled,
lame**



Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands alternately up and down
Nonmanual signal: left shoulder dips twice

tornado



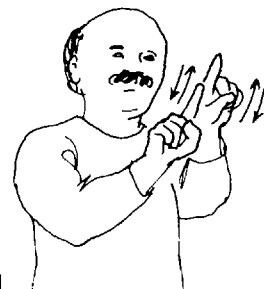
Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms in
Location: right side of body
Movement: rapidly spiral index fingers around one another while moving hands left
Nonmanual signal: lips blow out air

**travel, journey,
roam, trip,
wander**



Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: spiral index fingers around each other while moving hands forward
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

**stars,
astrology**



Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms out, right index finger against base of left thumb
Location: neutral space
Movement: alternately brush one index finger up and off the other
Nonmanual signal: gaze upward



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**sign language,
signs**



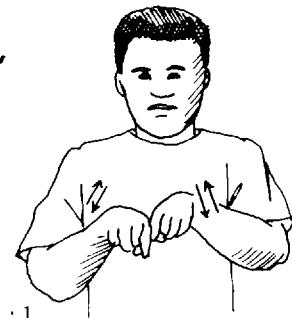
Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: palms in

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands in alternating circles toward the body

**stockings,
socks**



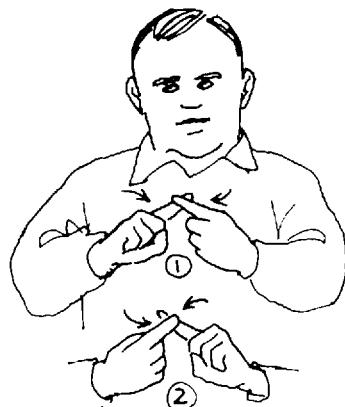
Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: palms down, index fingers touching

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide index fingers alternately back and forth against each other

relatives



Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: right palm out, right hand slightly higher than left hand; left palm in

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring index fingers together until tips touch, then rotate hands to switch positions

**consider, contemplate,
ponder, reckon,
speculate, wonder**



Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: palms in, index fingers angled up

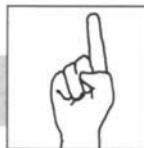
Location: near temples

Movement: move hands in small, alternating circles

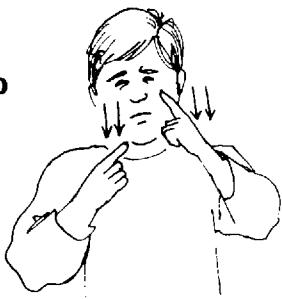
Nonmanual signal: shoulders raise; head tilts right; "pensive" expression

Note: See page 120 for a one-hand variation of this sign.

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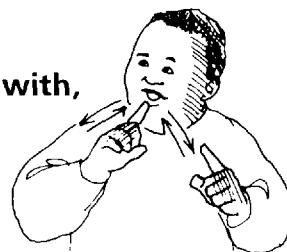


**cry, bawl,
tears, weep**



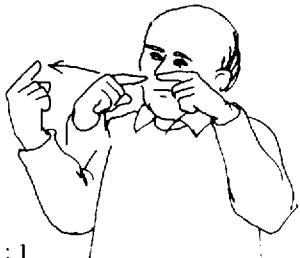
Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms in
Location: index fingers below eyes
Movement: brush alternating index fingers down cheeks
Nonmanual signal: "sad" expression

**talk,
converse with,
dialogue**



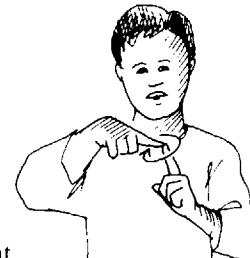
Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right
Location: right index fingertip on lips; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move hands in opposition forward and back from mouth
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

allergy



Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms facing, right hand slightly higher than left
Location: in front of nose
Movement: pull right hand away from nose sharply
Nonmanual signal: body pulls away from the offending source

when



Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: right palm down; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: rotate right finger clockwise around left index finger, ending with index fingers touching
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; head tilts right; eyebrows knit

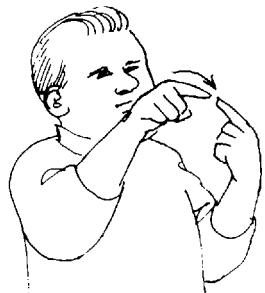
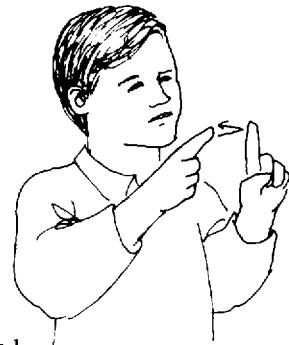
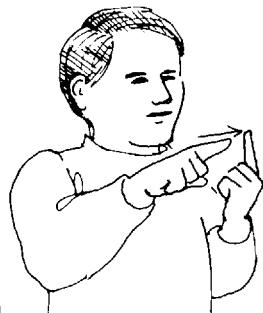
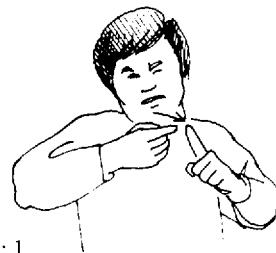
**objective, aim, ambition,
goal, purpose**



Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: right palm left; left palm out
Location: right hand at right temple; left hand in front of face
Movement: move right hand to left index finger
Nonmanual signal: head tilts right; eyes on left index finger



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until**Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** right palm out; left palm in
Location: right hand near right shoulder;
left hand in neutral space**Movement:** arc right hand up then down
until fingertips touch**point (n.)****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm out
Location: neutral space**Movement:** tap right index finger on left
index finger twice**to, toward****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** right palm out, right hand
closer to body; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand forward to
meet left index finger**specific****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** right palm in, right hand
closer to body; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** sharply hit left index fingertip
with right index fingertip**Nonmanual signal:** lips tight; "strained"
expression; right shoulder raised**digress, distracted,
off the subject****Handshape:** 1 : 1**Orientation:** right palm in; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand toward left index
finger, then bounce right index finger off left
index finger, detouring to the left**Nonmanual signal:** lips pursed; "annoyed"
expression

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**stray,
deviate,
divert**



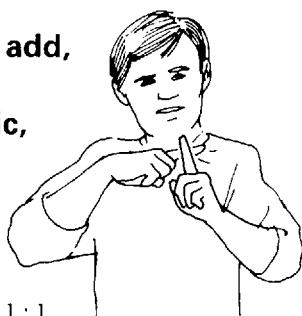
Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms down, index fingers touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right index finger off to the left

**turn back,
go back,
return,
turn around**



Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle right index finger counterclockwise around left hand

**positive, add,
addition,
optimistic,
plus**



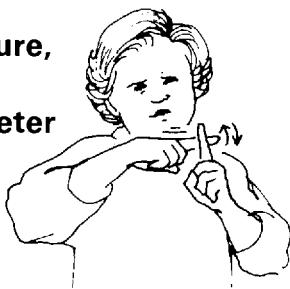
Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: right palm down; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce right index finger on middle of left index finger

**month (SM),
monthly (DM)**



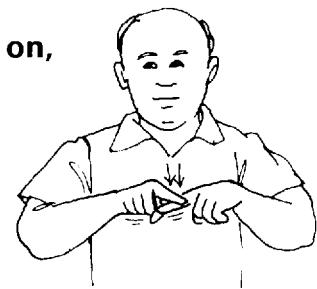
Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: right palm in; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right index finger down edge of left index finger

**temperature,
fever,
thermometer**



Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: right palm down; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right index finger up and down edge of left index finger

**depend on,
rely**



Handshape: 1 : 1
Orientation: palms down, index fingers crossed
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce index fingers down twice



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**cannot, can't,
unable**



Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: palms down, index fingers perpendicular, right hand above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring right index finger down, hitting left index finger

Nonmanual signal: head shakes "no"

cut (skin)



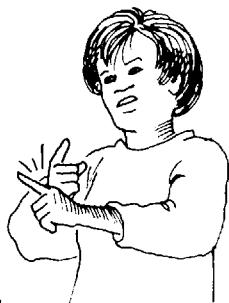
Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: right palm in; left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right index finger across left index finger

**correct,
accurate,
decent,
exact,
proper,
right**



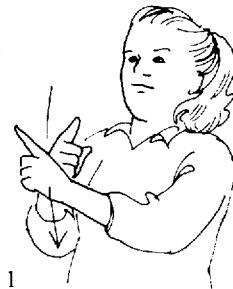
Handshape: 1 : 1

Orientation: right palm left, right hand above left hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring right hand down, landing on left hand

**consistent,
faithful,
regular**



Handshape: 1 : 1

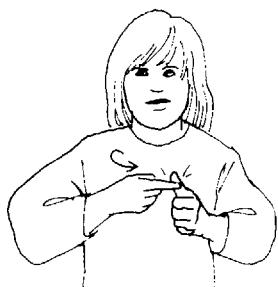
Orientation: right palm left, right hand on left hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring hands down in an exaggerated motion

Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

first



Handshape: 1 : Open A

Orientation: right palm left, index finger forward; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: swing right index finger around to hit left thumb

**begin,
commence,
initiate,
originate,
start**



Handshape: 1 : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, index finger between left index and middle fingers; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: twist right index finger forward

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**escape, flee,
get away,
runaway**

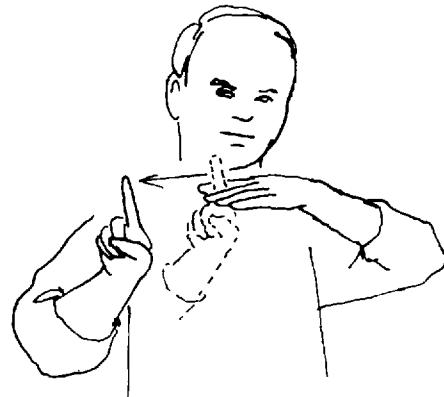
Handshape: 1 : Open B

Orientation: right palm out, index finger between left index and middle fingers; left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: sharply slide right index finger out of left hand

Nonmanual signal: "poo" mouth utterance



**appear, pop up,
show up**

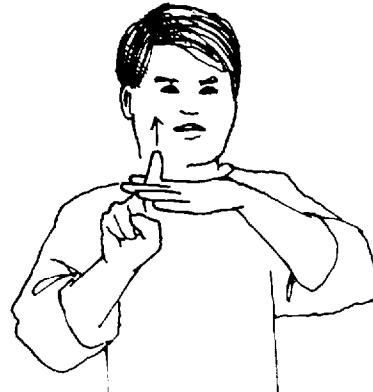
Handshape: 1 : Open B

Orientation: right palm out, right hand below left hand; left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: lift right index finger up between left index and middle fingers

Nonmanual signal: body and head thrust back; "surprised" expression



disappear

Handshape: 1 : Open B

Orientation: right palm out, index finger between left index and middle fingers; left palm down

Location: neutral space

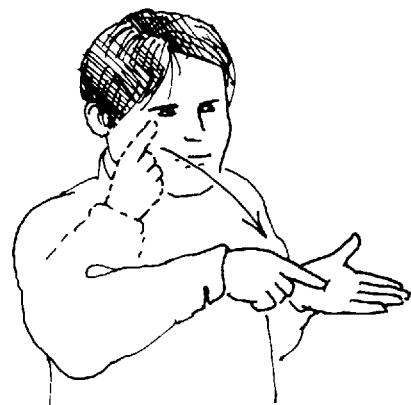
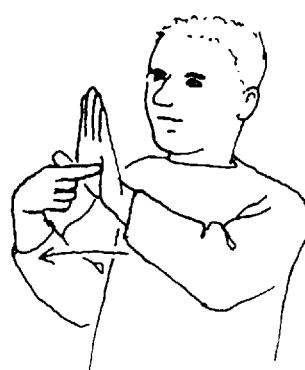
Movement: slide right index finger down and away from left hand

Nonmanual signal: "surprised" expression

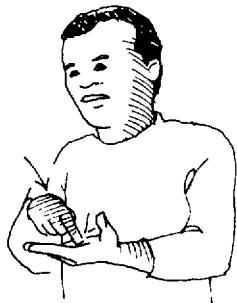
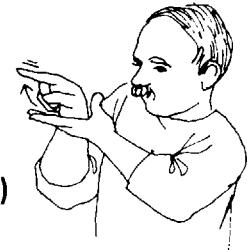
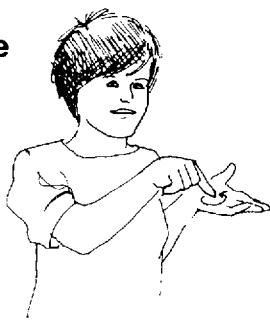
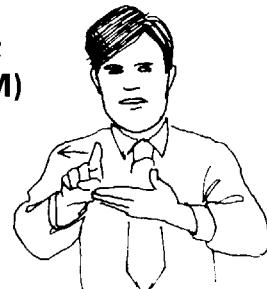




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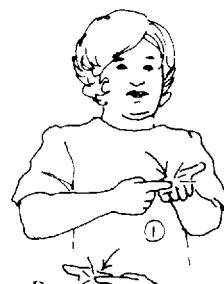
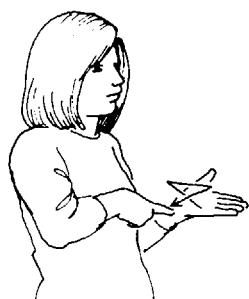
kill, murder**Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** palms down, right hand closer to body**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** pass right hand under left hand, sharply brushing against left palm while moving forward**Nonmanual signal:** "angry" expression**notice, observe,
recognize****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm in; left palm up**Location:** right index finger on right eye; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** move right hand down, ending with right index finger on left palm**Nonmanual signal:** lips pursed; body and head lean back**show, demonstrate, display,
exhibit (v.), illustrate, indicate,
represent, signify (SM);
demonstration, exhibit (n.),
example (DM)****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm in, index finger on left palm; left palm out**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** push both hands forward

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**this****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, right hand above left hand; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right index finger down to stab center of left palm**owe, afford,
debt, due****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, right hand above left hand; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right index finger down and sharply poke left palm twice**Nonmanual signal:** lips pursed**pay****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush right index finger down and off left palm**check (SM);
inspect,
examine,
investigate,
research (DM)****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm up**Location:** in front of shoulders**Movement:** slide right index finger off left fingertips**Nonmanual signal:** shoulders rounded; head lowered; "inquiring" expression**coin, change****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** draw a small circle on left palm with right index finger**week (SM);
weekly (DM)****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** place right hand on heel of left palm, then slide right hand down to left fingertips

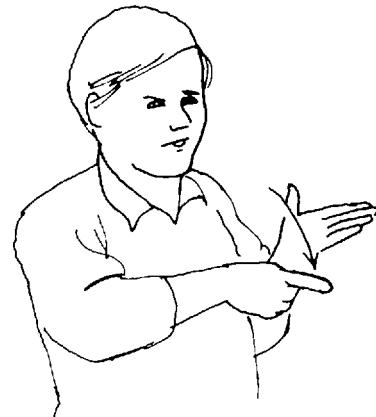


1 ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

discuss**Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm in, index finger above left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bring right index finger down and tap left palm twice**debate****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm in, (1) index finger above left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bring right index finger down and tap left palm, then reverse handshapes and repeat or run down hand**last week,
one week ago****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, hand on heel of left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand off left fingertips, then arc hand back toward right shoulder**Nonmanual signal:** head and right shoulder tilt toward each other; "cz" mouth utterance**next week****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, hand on heel of left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand off left fingertips, then arc hand forward**cancel,
correct,
criticize,
find fault****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm down, index finger above left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** draw a large X on left palm with right index finger

**what**

Handshape: I : Open B
Orientation: right palm in; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right index finger down
left palm
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward;
head tilts right; eyebrows knit

**once (SM); sometimes (DM)**

Handshape: I : Open B
Orientation: right palm in, index finger
on left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right index finger up
and off left palm

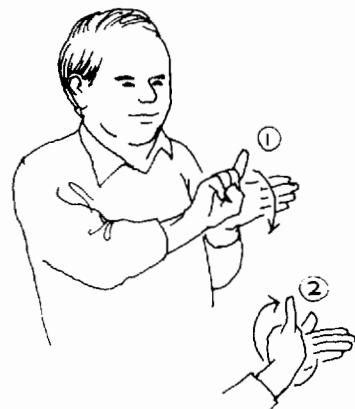
**occasionally,
once in a while**

Handshape: I : Open B
Orientation: right palm in, index finger
on left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right index finger up
and off left palm twice in a slow,
elliptical motion





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tall, height**Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm out, right hand below
left hand; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right index finger up and off
left palm**Nonmanual signal:** eyes gaze upward**hour****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm out, edge of hand
against left palm; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** rotate right index finger around left
palm, ending with palm in**half hour****Handshape:** 1 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm out, edge of hand against
left palm; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend right wrist down, ending with
index finger down

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**minute, moment**

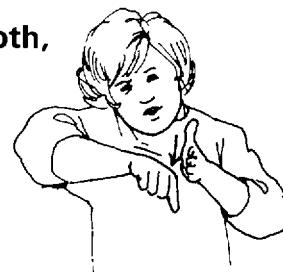
Handshape: 1 : Open B
Orientation: right palm out, edge of hand against left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend right index finger forward slightly
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder lifts up; head tilts right, "cz" mouth utterance

**alarm**

Handshape: 1 : Open B
Orientation: right palm angled out; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply smack right hand against left palm several times
Nonmanual signal: "alarmed" expression

**deep, depth, detail**

Handshape: 1 : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, edge of index finger on left palm; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right index finger across left palm and down

**minus, negative**

Handshape: 1 : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, hand in front of left palm; left palm out
Location: neutral space
Movement: sharply smack right index finger against left palm

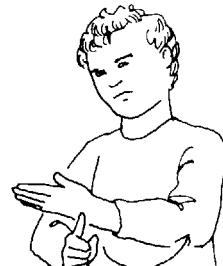
**day (passive)**

Handshape: 1 : passive
Orientation: right palm in, index finger up, elbow on left fingertips; left palm down, arm across body
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring right arm down onto left arm





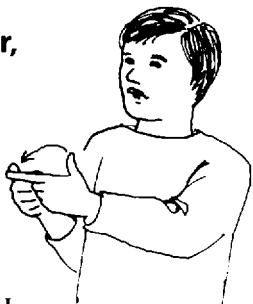
1 • 2-Hand SIGNS

**length, long
(passive)****Handshape:** 1 : passive**Orientation:** palms down, right index finger on back of left wrist, left arm extended forward**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right index finger along left forearm toward elbow**pail, bucket
(passive)****Handshape:** 1 : passive**Orientation:** right palm left, index finger touching underside of left wrist; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc right index finger along left arm, ending at left elbow**Episcopal (passive)****Handshape:** 1 : passive**Orientation:** right palm left, index finger on left wrist; left palm down, arm across body**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc right index finger out and around to left elbow**swallow****Handshape:** 1 : C**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm in**Location:** right index finger under chin; left hand in front of neck**Movement:** slide right index fingertip down neck**Note:** See page 125 for a variation of this sign.

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**then, either,
or**



Handshape: 1 : L

Orientation: right palm in, index finger on left thumb; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: bounce right index finger from left thumb to left index finger

**about,
concerning**



Handshape: 1 : Flattened O

Orientation: right palm in; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: circle right index finger around left fingertips

tomato



Handshape: 1 : S

Orientation: right palm in, index finger up; left palm down

Location: right index finger in front of lips; left hand in neutral space

Movement: brush right index finger down lips, then turn palm out and brush down edge of left hand

**penalty, punish
(passive)**



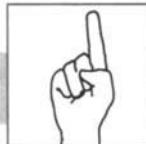
Handshape: 1 : passive

Orientation: right palm down, index finger in front of left elbow; left palm down, arm across body

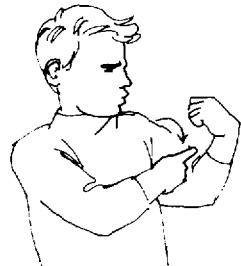
Location: neutral space

Movement: sharply brush right index finger down left elbow

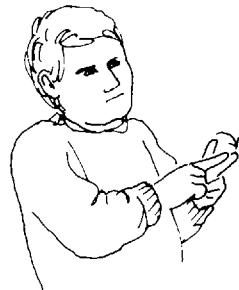
Nonmanual signal: lips tight



1 • 2-Hand SIGNS

**might, power
(passive)**

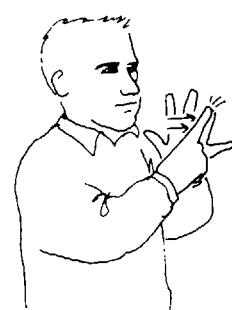
Handshape: 1 : passive
Orientation: right palm down; left palm in
Location: right index fingertip on left shoulder; left hand in neutral space
Movement: arc right index finger down to crook of left arm
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed

**second,
secondly**

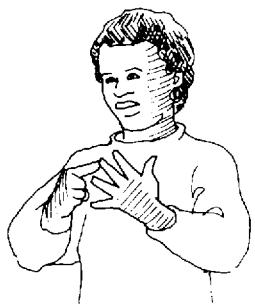
Handshape: I : V
Orientation: right palm out, index finger above left middle finger; left palm angled right
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right index finger on left middle finger

**preparatory
(year)**

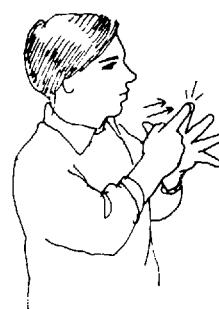
Handshape: 1 : 5
Orientation: right palm left, index finger near left pinky; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap left pinky twice with right index finger

freshman

Handshape: 1 : 5
Orientation: right palm left, index finger near left ring finger; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right index finger on left ring finger twice

sophomore

Handshape: 1 : 5
Orientation: right palm left, index finger near left middle finger; left palm angled up
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right index finger on left middle finger twice

junior

Handshape: 1 : 5
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right index finger on left index finger twice

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**among,
amid**



Handshape: 1 : 5
Orientation: right palm down, index finger above left index finger; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: weave right index finger between left fingers, ending at left pinky

review



Handshape: 1 : 5
Orientation: right palm in, index finger on left pinky; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: arc right index finger backward across left fingertips, ending at left thumb

insult

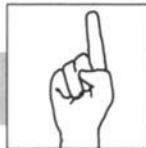


Handshape: 1 : 5
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right
Location: right hand in front of right shoulder; left hand in front of left shoulder
Movement: propel right index finger through left index and middle fingers
Nonmanual signal: tongue protrudes

**skip class, absent,
cut class**



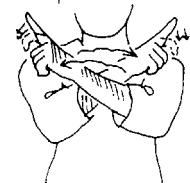
Handshape: 1 : Open 8
Orientation: right palm down, index finger above left middle finger; left palm down
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right index finger sharply past left middle finger
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed
Note: See page 364 for a variation of this sign.



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complex, complicated

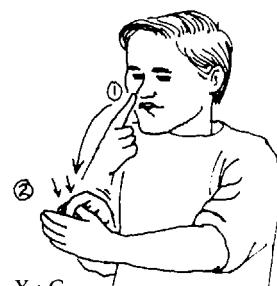
Handshape: 1 > X : 1 > X
Orientation: palms facing, right hand behind left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands toward opposite shoulders while bending index fingers several times
Nonmanual signal: "serious" expression

**ugly, homely**

Handshape: 1 > X : 1 > X
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right, wrists crossed
Location: under nose
Movement: move hands apart while bending index fingers to X handshape
Nonmanual signal: "revolted" grimace
Note: See page 127 for a one-hand variation of this sign.

**test,
exam,
quiz**

Handshape: 1 > X : 1 > X
Orientation: palms out
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands down, changing both index fingers to X handshape

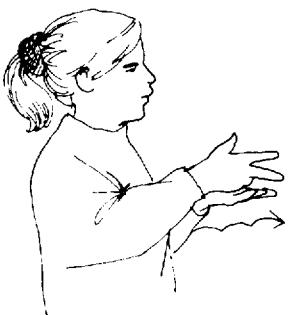
**pry,
meddle,
nosy**

Handshape: 1 > X : C
Orientation: right palm in; left palm angled in
Location: right index fingertip on nose; left hand in neutral space
Movement: bring right index finger down to left palm, changing to X handshape

2-Hand SIGNS 3

**walk****Handshape:** 3 : 3**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** swing hands alternately forward and back**awkward,
clumsy****Handshape:** 3 : 3**Orientation:** palms

down, right hand lower than left hand

Location: neutral space**Movement:** move hands alternately up and down**Nonmanual signal:** body shifts awkwardly; bite tongue**garage****Handshape:** 3 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm left, hand close to body; left palm down, fingers angled right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand under left hand**park
(vehicle)****Handshape:** 3 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm left, hand above left hand; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bring right hand down, landing on left palm**ship****Handshape:** 3 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm left, hand on left palm; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** gently bounce hands forward**cheat****Handshape:** 3 : Open B**Orientation:** right palm in; left palm down, hands parallel**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand left, catching left fingers between right index and middle fingers twice



3 2-Hand SIGNS

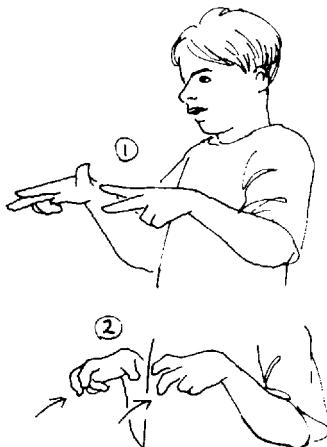
**accident (car),
collide, collision**

Handshape: 3 > Open A : 3 > Open A
Orientation: palms in, fingertips pointing toward each other
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands toward each other, closing hands, until they collide
Nonmanual signal: lips tight



**greedy, selfish,
stingy**

Handshape: 3 > Bent 3 : 3 > Bent 3
Orientation: palms down, hands parallel
Location: neutral space
Movement: pull hands back in a sharp, quick motion while bending index and middle fingers
Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression



**mischiefous,
devilish**

Handshape: 3 > Bent 3 : 3 > Bent 3
Orientation: palms out
Location: near temples
Movement: circle hands toward head, brushing thumbs down temples and bending index and middle fingers
Nonmanual signal: "mischiefous" expression





devil, demon, Satan



Handshape: 3 > Bent 3 : 3 > Bent 3

Orientation: palms out

Location: thumbs on temples

Movement: bend index and middle fingers down twice

Nonmanual signal: "mischievous" expression

Note: See page 134 for a one-hand variation of this sign.

ticket



Handshape: Bent 3 : Open B

Orientation: right palm in; left palm up, hands parallel

Location: neutral space

Movement: move right hand left, sandwiching edge of left hand between right index and middle fingers

champion



Handshape: Bent 3 : 1

Orientation: right palm down, hand above left index finger; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: bounce right palm off left index finger

Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back; erect posture

war, battle



Handshape: 4 : 4

Orientation: palms down, fingertips facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands left and right in unison

curtains, drapes



Handshape: 4 : 4

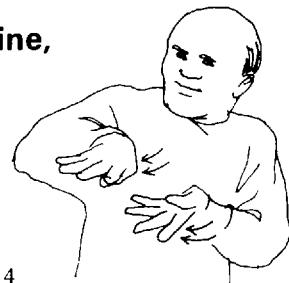
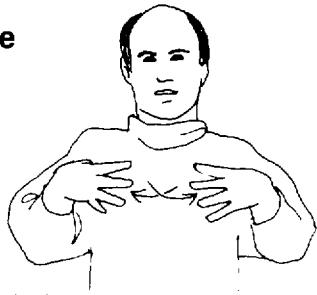
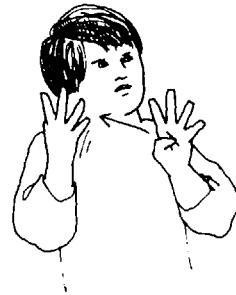
Orientation: palms out

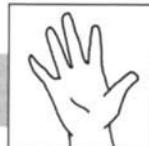
Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands down and slightly apart



4 2-Hand SIGNS

**Chanukah,
Hanukkah****Handshape:** 4 : 4**Orientation:** palms out, index fingers touching**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc hands down and out to sides**assembly line,
mass
production****Handshape:** 4 : 4**Orientation:** right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide hands to the left in short quick motions**Nonmanual signal:** "mm" mouth utterance**net, sieve****Handshape:** 4 : 4**Orientation:** palms in, back of right fingers against left fingers**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** hands slowly arc down and out to opposite sides**line,
form a line,
line up****Handshape:** 4 : 4**Orientation:** right palm left, pinky almost touching left index finger; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move right hand back toward right shoulder**jail, cage, prison****Handshape:** 4 : 4**Orientation:** palms in, fingers angled toward each other, right hand closer to body**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** smack back of right hand into left palm

**well! so!****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** arc hands down, ending with palms up**Nonmanual signal:** body jerks forward; head tilts back; eyes widen**what?****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** shake hands back and forth toward center**Nonmanual signal:** body leans forward; head tilts right; eyebrows knit**catch
(catcher)****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms up,

right hand in front of left hand

Location: neutral space**Movement:** bring hands together while moving in toward body**Nonmanual signal:** lips tight; "strained" expression**chat****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** right palm angled left; left palm angled right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** shake hands down at an angle twice**Nonmanual signal:** lips pursed; body and head lean back



5 • 2-Hand SIGNS

**abandon,
desert (v.),
forsake,
leave,
leftover**



Handshape: 5 : 5
Orientation: palms facing, fingers up
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend wrists down, ending with fingers pointing forward

**wind, breeze,
storm**



Handshape: 5 : 5
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: sway hands side to side
Nonmanual signal: mouth blows out air

**party (v.),
good time**



Handshape: 5 : 5
Orientation: palms facing, right hand higher than left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: shake hands exaggeratedly out to opposite sides twice
Nonmanual signal: body sways; smile

**piano,
play piano**



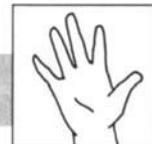
Handshape: 5 : 5
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: wiggle fingers as hands move side to side in unison

**excellent, fantastic, grand,
marvelous, splendid,
wonderful**



Handshape: 5 : 5
Orientation: palms out
Location: above shoulders
Movement: double bounce hands forward
Nonmanual signal: smile

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**friendly,
amiable,
cheerful,
pleasant**



Handshape: 5 : 5
Orientation: palms in
Location: in front of cheeks
Movement: wiggle fingers as hands move back toward ears
Nonmanual signal: smile

**cool, air,
fresh**



Handshape: 5 : 5
Orientation: palms in
Location: in front of shoulders
Movement: bend wrists slightly to fan face twice
Nonmanual signal: mouth blows out air; body and head lean back

**sad,
dejected,
frown**



Handshape: 5 : 5
Orientation: palms in, right hand higher than left hand
Location: in front of face
Movement: bring hands down in a sharp, slight motion
Nonmanual signal: "sad" expression; head lowered

**embarrass,
blush, flush**



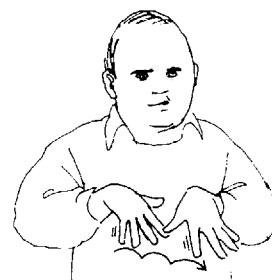
Handshape: 5 : 5
Orientation: palms facing, fingers up
Location: in front of cheeks
Movement: move hands up cheeks slowly
Nonmanual signal: head and eyes lowered; "embarrassed" expression

**traffic,
bumper-to-
bumper,
gridlock**

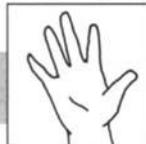


Handshape: 5 : 5
Orientation: palms down, fingertips forward, right hand closer to body
Location: neutral space
Movement: double bounce hands forward with exaggerated motion
Nonmanual signal: "weary" expression

**parade,
march,
procession**



Handshape: 5 : 5
Orientation: palms in, fingers pointing down, right hand in back of left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands forward in a marching motion



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snow**Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** above shoulders**Movement:** wiggle fingers as hands slowly move down**fire, arson,
burn****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms toward body, fingers up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** wiggle fingers as hands move up**Nonmanual signal:** shoulders raised**wait****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms angled up, right hand closer to body**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** wiggle fingers**nervous,
anxious****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** shake hands while moving them down**Nonmanual signal:** "nervous" expression**fear, afraid, dread,
frightened, scared, terror****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms in, fingertips facing**Location:** in front of chest**Movement:** move hands toward each other twice**Nonmanual signal:** shoulders rounded;

"frightened" expression



**finish, already, done,
end, over, then**



Handshape: 5 : 5

Orientation: palms in

Location: neutral space

Movement: flip wrists out to sides, ending
with palms out

flirt



Handshape: 5 : 5

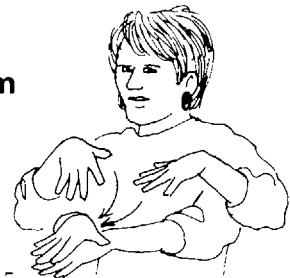
Orientation: palms angled out

Location: in front of face

Movement: flutter fingers

Nonmanual signal: head tilts; "coy"
expression

**merge,
mainstream**



Handshape: 5 : 5

Orientation: palms angled in

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands toward each
other, then forward, ending with right
hand on top of left hand and fingers
forward

America



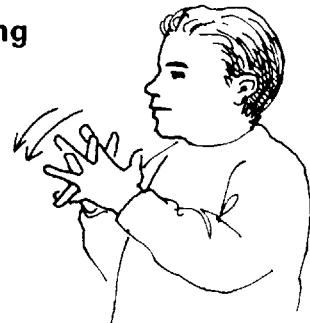
Handshape: 5 : 5

Orientation: palms angled in, fingers
meshed

Location: neutral space

Movement: circle hands clockwise

wrestling



Handshape: 5 : 5

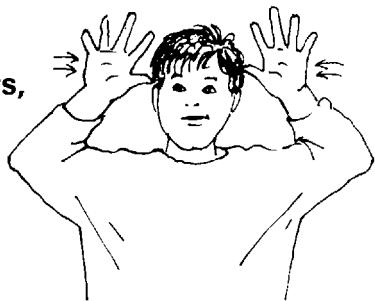
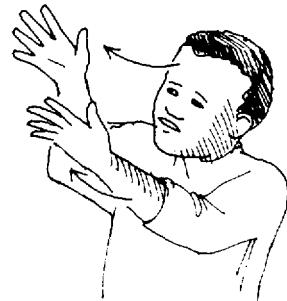
Orientation: palms facing, fingers meshed

Location: neutral space

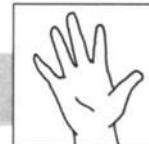
Movement: bend wrists down slightly twice



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football**Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands toward each other, interlocking fingers twice**pregnant,
conceive****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms facing, fingers forward**Location:** in front of abdomen**Movement:** bring hands together, ending with fingers interlocking**Germany,
German****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms in, right hand at base of left thumb**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** wiggle fingers**Note:** See page 122 for the preferred sign.**moose****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** thumbs on temples**Movement:** move hands out and up**deer,
antlers,
elk****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms out**Location:** thumbs near temples**Movement:** tap thumbs on temples twice**father
(honorific)****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm right**Location:** right thumb at temple; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** arc hands up to the right

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**mother
(honorific)**



Handshape: 5 : 5

Orientation: right palm left; left palm right

Location: right thumb on chin; left hand in neutral space

Movement: arc hands up to the right

**vomit, detest,
loathe**



Handshape: 5 : 5

Orientation: right palm left; left palm right

Location: right thumb on lip; left hand below right hand

Movement: sharply thrust hands out and down to the right

Nonmanual signal: tongue sticks out; head tilts away from offender

**dress (v.), wear (SM);
clothes, dress (n.),
garment, gown (DM)**

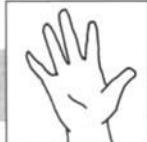


Handshape: 5 : 5

Orientation: palms in

Location: thumbs on chest

Movement: brush thumbs down chest



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retired, idle

Handshape: 5 : 5

Orientation: palms facing, fingertips up

Location: in front of shoulders

Movement: rest thumbs on shoulders while wiggling fingers

Nonmanual signal: body leans back; lips pursed



retired, idle (SM); holiday, leisure, retirement, vacation (DM)

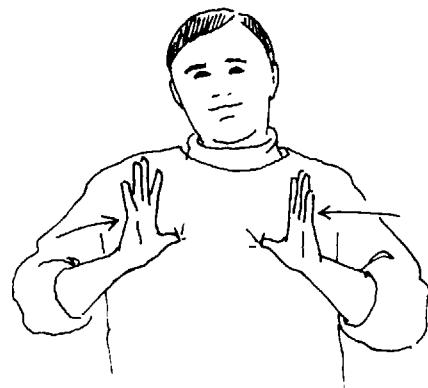
Handshape: 5 : 5

Orientation: palms facing, fingers up

Location: in front of shoulders

Movement: bring hands back so thumbs hit chest

Nonmanual signal: smile



Russia, Russian



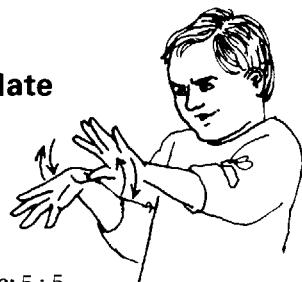
Handshape: 5 : 5

Orientation: palms down

Location: thumbs at sides of waist

Movement: tap thumbs on waist twice

flatter, manipulate



Handshape: 5 : 5

Orientation: palms out, thumbs touching

Location: neutral space

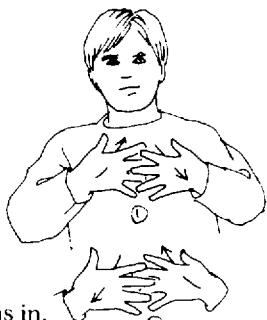
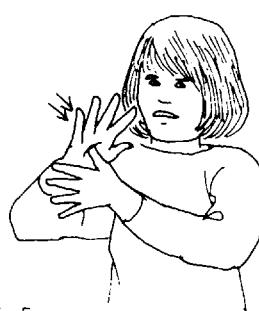
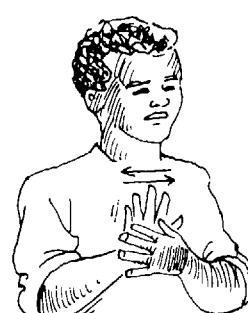
Movement: bend wrists alternately down and up

Nonmanual signal: head tilts; "devious" expression

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**traffic****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms facing, fingertips up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** brush fingers against each other as hands move alternately forward and back**crowded****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms

facing and touching, fingers up

Location: in front of face**Movement:** press hands together and rub palms back and forth**Nonmanual signal:** shoulders raised; "disgusted" expression**gray, grey****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms in, right hand closer to body**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** pass fingers through each other as hands alternately move forward and back**senior****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** right palm down, hand above left thumb; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bounce right palm on left thumb twice**blood****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** palms in, right hand above left hand**Location:** right index finger on lips; left hand in neutral space**Movement:** wiggle right fingers while moving right hand down back of left fingers**film, motion picture, movie****Handshape:** 5 : 5**Orientation:** right palm out, heel on heel of left hand; left palm in**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** slide right hand back and forth on left palm several times



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**blurry,
obscure,
unclear,
vague**



Handshape: 5 : 5

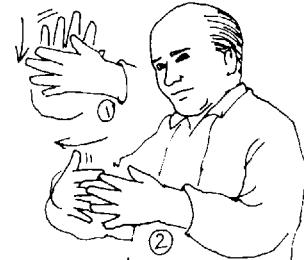
Orientation: right palm out, palm on left palm; left palm in

Location: in front of face

Movement: rub right palm back and forth on left palm

Nonmanual signal: shoulders raised; tongue protruding

schedule



Handshape: 5 : 5

Orientation: right palm out, hand above left palm; left palm in

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush right fingertips down left palm, then flip right hand over and brush across left fingers

study



Handshape: 5 : Open B

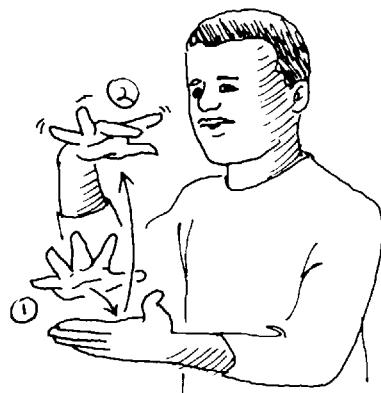
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left hand; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: wiggle right fingers

Nonmanual signal: lips taut; "earnest" expression

glory, glorious



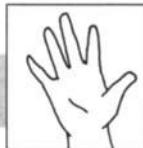
Handshape: 5 : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, fingertips on left palm; left palm up

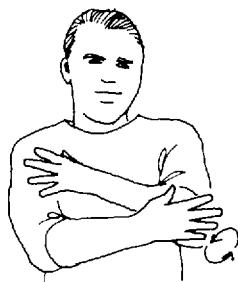
Location: neutral space

Movement: wiggle right fingers as hand moves up

Nonmanual signal: smile



**country
(passive)**



Handshape: 5 : passive

Orientation: palms in, right hand in front of left elbow, left arm across body

Location: neutral space

Movement: rub right palm counterclockwise on left elbow

**tree (SM);
forest
(passive) (DM)**



Handshape: 5 : passive

Orientation: right palm left, elbow on back of left hand; left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: shake right hand back and forth

**enough, adequate, abundant,
ample, plenty, sufficient**



Handshape: 5 : S

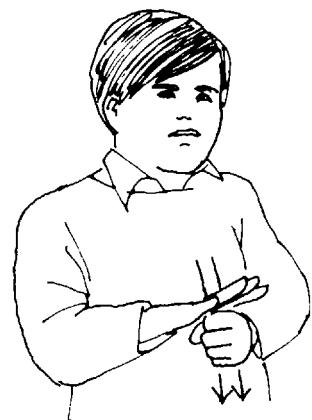
Orientation: right palm down, hand on top of left hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right palm forward and off left hand

Nonmanual signal: lips pursed; cheeks puffed

pressure, oppress, stress



Handshape: 5 : S

Orientation: right palm down, on top of left hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: press right hand down on left hand twice

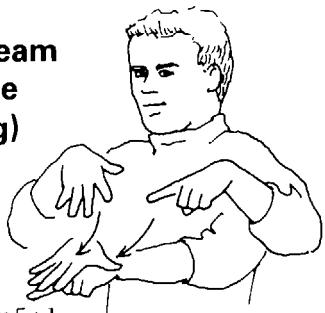
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; head lowers; "stressed" expression

Note: See page 198 for the verb form.



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**mainstream
(negative
meaning)**



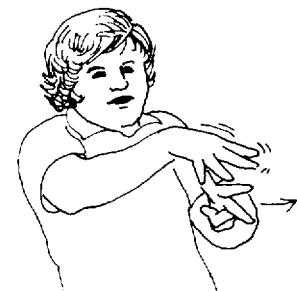
Handshape: 5 : 1

Orientation: palms down, fingertips facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring hands together, then forward, ending with right hand covering left index finger

helicopter



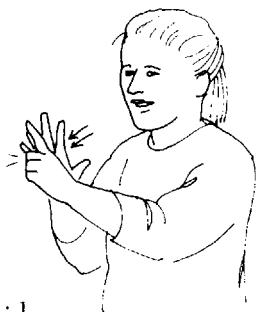
Handshape: 5 : 3

Orientation: right palm down, hand on left thumb; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: shake right hand slightly as hands move forward

**popular,
flock to**



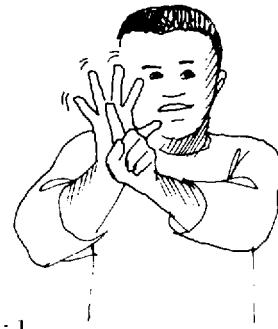
Handshape: 5 : 1

Orientation: right palm out; left palm right, index finger up

Location: neutral space

Movement: hit right palm against left index finger twice

candle



Handshape: 5 : 1

Orientation: right palm out; left palm right, index finger on heel of right hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: flicker right fingers

**dissolve, decay,
fade, melt, rot**



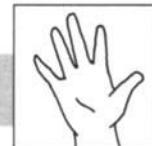
Handshape: 5 > A : 5 > A

Orientation: palms in

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush thumbs across fingertips as hands separate, ending with hands closed

Nonmanual signal: lips pursed



**pants, jeans, slacks,
trousers**

Handshape: 5 > Bent B : 5 > Bent B
Orientation: palms in, fingertips down
Location: in front of thighs
Movement: bend fingers as hands brush up thighs twice



**belong, annex,
attach, enlist,
enroll, join, unite**

Handshape: 5 > F : 5 > F
Orientation: right palm out, hand closer to body; left palm in
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring hands together, linking thumbs and index fingers



**damp, humid,
moist, wet**



Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palms in
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands down, closing thumb to fingers, twice
Nonmanual signal: "disgusted" expression

**total, add up,
altogether,
sum**

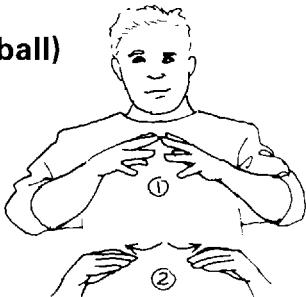


Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: right palm angled down, above left hand; left palm angled up
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring hands together in an exaggerated motion, closing thumbs to fingers as fingertips touch



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football (ball)



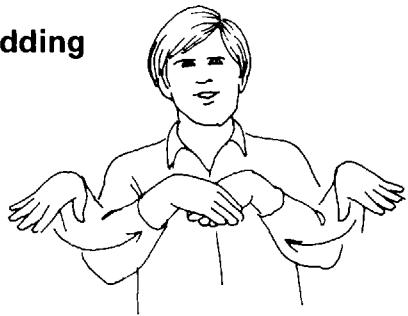
Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palms facing, fingertips touching
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands and close thumbs to fingers

**meeting,
conference,
gathering**



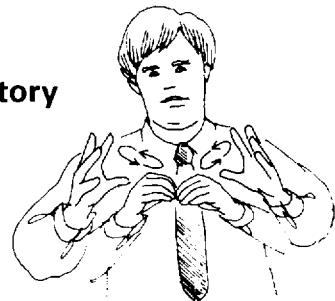
Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palms angled out
Location: neutral space
Movement: bring hands together twice, closing thumbs to fingers as fingertips touch

wedding



Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist hands up and clasp hands

**story,
tell a story**



Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palms facing
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle hands twice in toward center, closing thumbs to fingers as fingertips brush past each other

accept



Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands in to chest, closing thumbs to fingers
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed; "contented" expression



fascinate

Handshape: 5 > S : 5 > S

Orientation: right palm left; left palm right

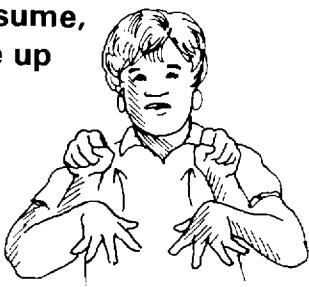
Location: right index finger on nose; left hand in neutral space

Movement: move hands down and close hands, ending with right hand on top of left hand

Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; eyes widen; tongue protruding



adopt, assume, host, take up



Handshape: 5 > S : 5 > S

Orientation: palms down

Location: neutral space

Movement: bend wrists up and close hands

acquire, get, obtain, procure, receive



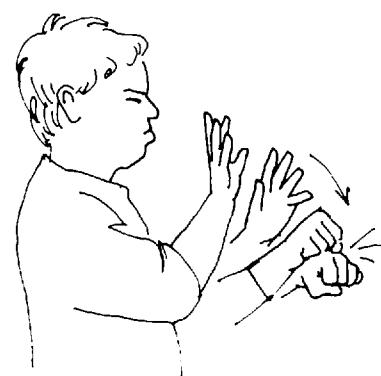
Handshape: 5 > S : 5 > S

Orientation: right palm left, hand above left hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: pull hands in, closing hands and ending with right hand on top of left hand

arrest, capture, grab, seize



Handshape: 5 > S : 5 > S

Orientation: palms out, right hand above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: slowly move hands down as hands close, ending with right hand on top of left hand

Nonmanual signal: "stern" expression



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**healthy, brave, bravery,
courage, well**

Handshape: 5 > S : 5 > S

Orientation: palms in

Location: shoulders

Movement: bring hands forward slowly, closing hands

Nonmanual signal: shoulders thrust back;
posture erect; lips pursed



freeze, frost, frozen, ice

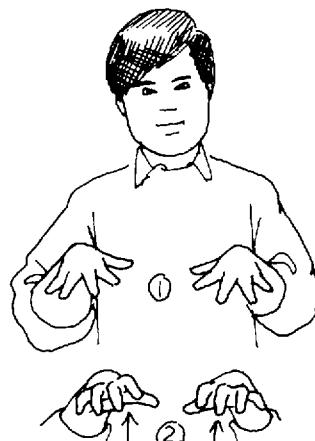
Handshape: 5 > Bent 5 : 5 > Bent 5

Orientation: palms down, fingers forward

Location: neutral space

Movement: pull hands back sharply while bending fingers

Nonmanual signal: body stiffens



**pretend,
deceive,
fool**

Handshape: 5 > A : 1

Orientation: palms out

Location: right index finger on tip of nose;
left hand in neutral space

Movement: move right hand down,
changing to A handshape before
knuckles hit left index finger

Nonmanual signal: lips pursed



**learn
(student,
pupil)**

Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, fingertips
on left palm; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: pull right hand up to head
while closing thumb to fingers

Nonmanual signal: lips taut; "earnest"
expression





**disappear, absent, gone,
vanish**

Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : C

Orientation: palms in, right wrist inside left palm

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right hand down and below left palm, closing thumb to fingers

Nonmanual signal: "surprised" expression



**include, everything,
incorporate, involve, whole**

Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : C

Orientation: right palm angled out, fingertips up,
hand above left hand; left palm in

Location: neutral space

Movement: circle right hand clockwise, closing
thumb to fingers as fingers tuck into left hand

Nonmanual signal: body jerks forward slightly



**additionally, amendment,
furthermore, in addition to**

Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : Flattened O

Orientation: right palm down, hand below left
hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: swing right hand up, closing thumb
to fingers as fingertips meet





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poor

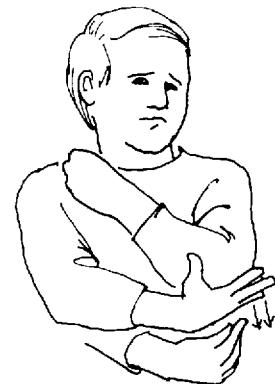
Handshape: 5 > Flattened O : passive

Orientation: right palm up, hand below left elbow;
left palm in

Location: right hand at left elbow; left hand in
neutral space

Movement: brush right fingers down and off left
elbow twice, closing thumb to fingers

Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; head
lowered; "pained" expression

**ball, sphere**

Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5

Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: move hands together until
fingertips bounce off each other

**much, a lot**

Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5

Orientation: palms facing, fingertips touching

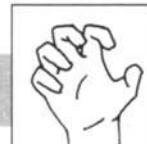
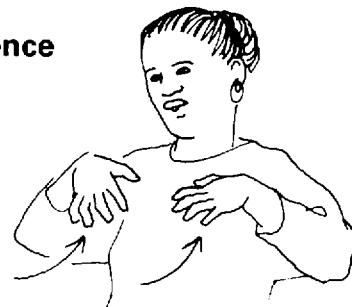
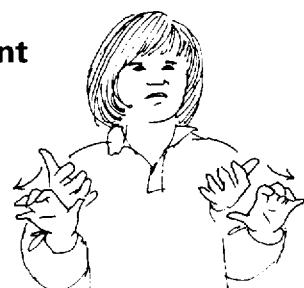
Location: neutral space

Movement: separate hands in an
exaggerated motion

Nonmanual signal: body and head jerk slightly



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**rain****Handshape:** Bent 5 : Bent 5**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** above shoulders**Movement:** double bounce hands down**audience****Handshape:** Bent 5 : Bent 5**Orientation:** palms down**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands back and up toward body**radio,
audiology
(audiologist)****Handshape:** Bent 5 : Bent 5**Orientation:** right palm left; left palm right**Location:** ears**Movement:** twist wrists forward and back twice**Note:** See page 143 for a one-hand variation of this sign.**don't want****Handshape:** Bent 5 : Bent 5**Orientation:** palms up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** sharply flip hands over, ending with palms down**Nonmanual signal:** head shakes "no"**roommate****Handshape:** Bent 5 : Bent 5**Orientation:** palms in, fingers facing**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bring hands together and interlock fingers twice**want,
desire****Handshape:** Bent 5 : Bent 5**Orientation:** palms up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move arms back and forth slightly**Nonmanual signal:** "desirous" expression



BENT 5 ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

spider

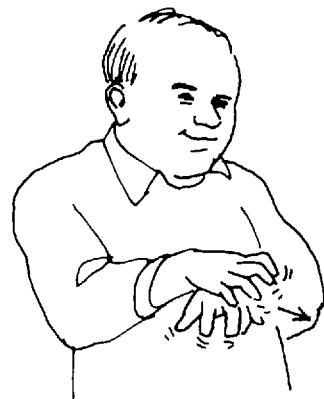
Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5

Orientation: palms down, right hand on left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: wiggle fingers while moving hands slowly forward

Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; head lowered



shock, at a loss, dumbfounded

Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5

Orientation: palms out

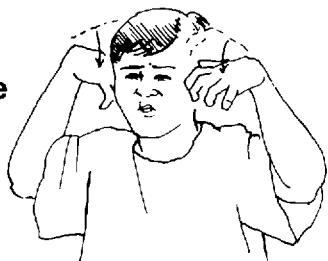
Location: right hand on right temple; left hand at left shoulder

Movement: move hands out and down slowly, ending with palms down

Nonmanual signal: mouth open; "shocked" expression



sweat, perspire



Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5

Orientation: palms out, fingers up

Location: knuckles on forehead

Movement: bend wrists down and off forehead, ending with palms down

Nonmanual signal: "uncomfortable" expression

fat, obese



Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5

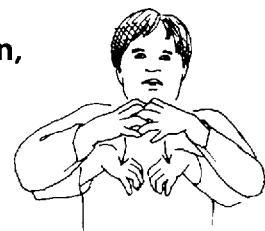
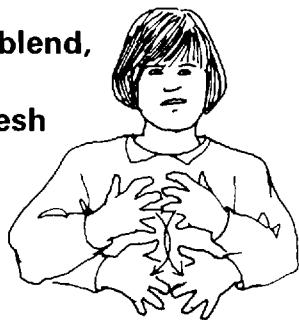
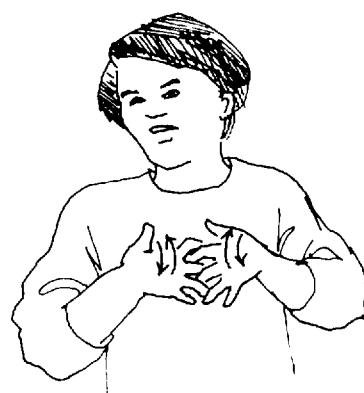
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right

Location: cheeks

Movement: move hands out to side with exaggerated motion

Nonmanual signal: cheeks puffed; "cha" mouth utterance

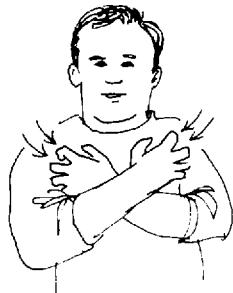
2-Hand SIGNS • BENT 5

**salad****Handshape:** Bent 5 : Bent 5**Orientation:** palms up, fingers angled toward each other**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** move hands up and toward each other twice**breakdown,
cave in,
collapse****Handshape:** Bent 5 : Bent 5**Orientation:** palms down, fingertips interlocked**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** collapse wrists down, ending with fingers down**Nonmanual signal:** head lowered; "sad" expression**combine, blend,
integrate,
merge, mesh****Handshape:** Bent 5 : Bent 5**Orientation:** palms in, fingers angled up**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend wrists toward each other and down, ending with fingers meshed**fit, match****Handshape:** Bent 5 : Bent 5**Orientation:** palms in, left hand closer to body, fingers toward each other**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bring hands together and interlock fingers**factory, engine,
machine, motor****Handshape:** Bent 5 : Bent 5**Orientation:** palms in, fingertips interlocked**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** bend wrists down and up twice**Nonmanual signal:** pursed lips



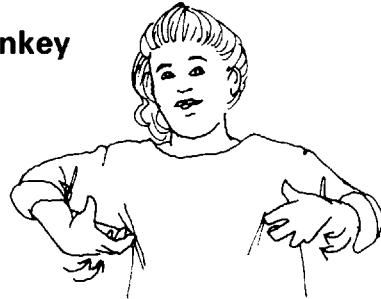
BENT 5 ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

bear, grizzly



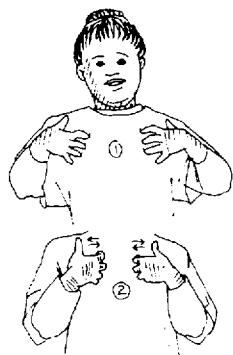
Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5
Orientation: palms in, arms crossed
Location: body
Movement: brush fingertips down chest twice

monkey



Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5
Orientation: palms in
Location: armpits
Movement: brush fingertips lightly up and off body twice

animal



Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5
Orientation: palms in
Location: fingertips on chest
Movement: bend fingers several times

**laugh
(hysterically)**



Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands alternately forward and back several times
Nonmanual signal: laugh; body jerks

**type,
typewriter**



Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5
Orientation: palms down
Location: neutral space
Movement: wiggle fingers while moving hands alternately up and down

**storm,
clouds**



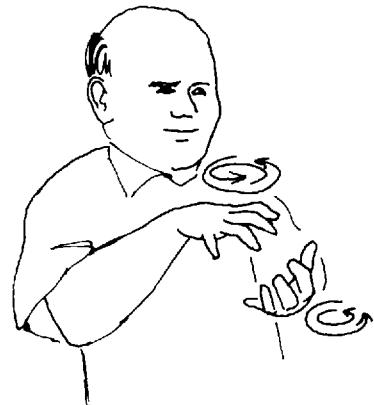
Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left palm; left palm up
Location: in front of head
Movement: spiral hands to the right

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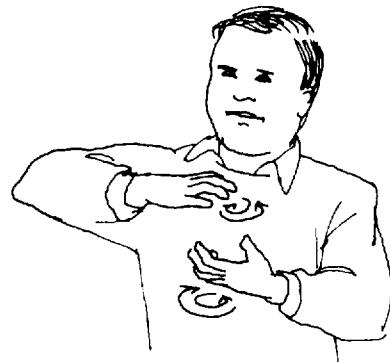
**mix, complicated,
confused, mingle,
puzzled, scramble**

Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left palm;
 left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: circle hands around each other
Nonmanual signal: "confused" expression



**washing machine,
wash (clothes)**

Handshape: Bent 5 : Bent 5
Orientation: right palm down, hand above left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: twist hands in opposite directions



crude, rough, rude

Handshape: Bent 5 : Open B
Orientation: right palm down, fingertips on left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right hand sharply down and off left fingertips
Nonmanual signal: "pained" expression





BENT 5 ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

boil, cook

Handshape: Bent 5 : Open B

Orientation: right palm up, hand below left hand;
left palm down

Location: neutral space

Movement: wiggle right fingers while
moving hand in small circles

Nonmanual signal: "mm" mouth utterance



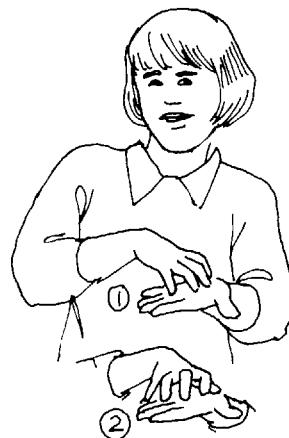
cookie

Handshape: Bent 5 : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, fingertips on left palm;
left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: bounce right hand up, twist to the right, and
land on left palm, then repeat twisting hand to the left



weak, feeble, frail

Handshape: Bent 5 : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, fingertips on left palm;
left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: slowly bend right fingers until knuckles
touch left palm twice

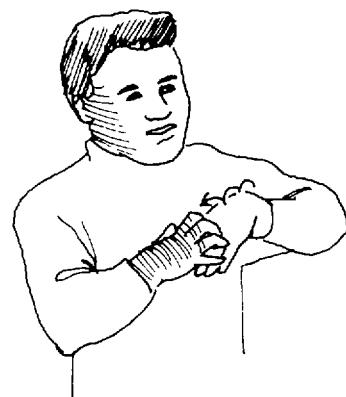
Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; head
lowered; "pained" expression



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**grapes**

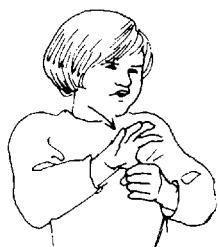
Handshape: Bent 5 : Open B
Orientation: palms down, right fingertips on left wrist
Location: neutral space
Movement: bounce right fingertips down left hand to fingertips

**beg, entreat, plea**

Handshape: Bent 5 : C
Orientation: palms up, back of right hand in left palm
Location: neutral space
Movement: bend right fingers as hand slides down left palm twice
Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; head lowered; "pained" expression

**darn, drat**

Handshape: Bent 5 : O
Orientation: right palm down, thumb down; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: move right hand down sharply, inserting thumb inside left hand
Nonmanual signal: body jerks; "angry" expression

**popular**

Handshape: Bent 5 : 1
Orientation: right palm out, hand closer to body; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: smack right hand against left index finger twice





BENT 5 ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

soft

Handshape: Bent 5 > Flattened O : Bent 5 > Flattened O
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: gently close hands while moving them down slightly twice
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed



**self-control,
suppress feelings**

Handshape: Bent 5 > S : Bent 5 > S
Orientation: palms up, right hand above left hand
Location: chest
Movement: move hands down in deliberate motion, closing hands
Nonmanual signal: shoulders rounded; head lowered; "pained" expression
Note: See page 145 for a one-hand variation of this sign.



**drawer,
open drawer**

Handshape: Bent 5 > S : Bent 5 > S
Orientation: palms up
Location: neutral space
Movement: pull hands back while closing hands



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**trust,
confidence**

Handshape: Bent 5 > S : Bent 5 > S
Orientation: palms up, right hand slightly above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: move hands slightly down and out while closing hands
Nonmanual signal: lips tight

**cruel, mean**

Handshape: Bent 5 > S : Bent 5 > S
Orientation: right palm left; left palm right
Location: right index finger on tip of nose; left hand in neutral space
Movement: bring right hand down and left hand up, closing hands, then brush hands past each other
Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression

**destroy, damage,
demolish,
devastate**

Handshape: Bent 5 > S : Bent 5 > S
Orientation: right palm down, right hand above left palm; left palm up
Location: neutral space
Movement: separate hands then bring back to center while closing hands, then sharply brush hands past each other
Nonmanual signal: body jerks; "angry" expression





BENT 5 ➔ 2-Hand SIGNS

greedy, miser, selfish, stingy

Handshape: Bent 5 > A : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, fingertips on left palm;
left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: close right hand sharply

Nonmanual signal: shoulders raised; "disgusted"
expression



pear

Handshape: Bent 5 > Flattened O : Flattened O

Orientation: right palm left, fingers
covering left fingers; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: slide right fingers down and off left
fingers twice



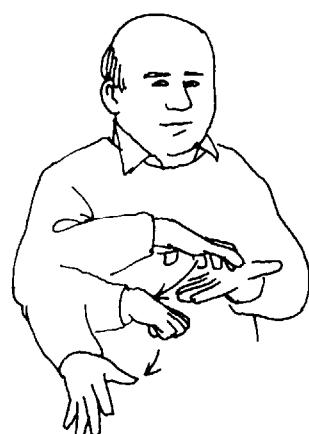
remove, abolish, discard, subtract, take away

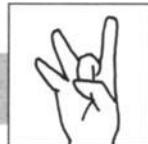
Handshape: Bent 5 > S > 5 : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, hand above left palm;
left hand up

Location: neutral space

Movement: brush back of right fingers down left
palm and close hand, then throw hand down,
opening fingers



**win**

Handshape: Bent 5 > S : S

Orientation: right palm left, above and to the right of left hand; left palm right

Location: neutral space

Movement: swoop right hand to the left, closing hand and brushing across left hand

Nonmanual signal: smile



**awful, disgusting, dreadful,
horrible, terrible**

Handshape: 8 > 5 : 8 > 5

Orientation: right palm left; left palm right

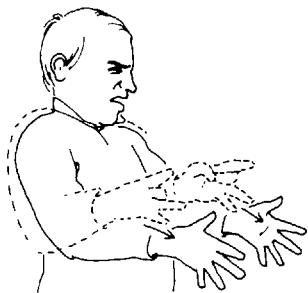
Location: temples

Movement: flick middle fingers out as hands move forward

Nonmanual signal: shoulders and head thrust back; "upset" expression



**hate,
despise,
detest**



Handshape: 8 > 5 : 8 > 5

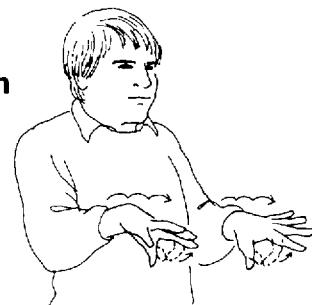
Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: sharply flick middle fingers out

Nonmanual signal: shoulders and head tilt away; "hateful" expression

**Australia,
Australian**

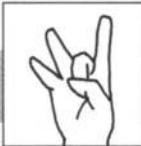


Handshape: 8 > Open 8 : 8 > Open 8

Orientation: palms down, fingers forward

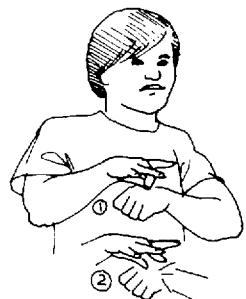
Location: neutral space

Movement: bounce hands forward and flick open middle fingers



8 • 2-Hand SIGNS

**melon,
pumpkin,
watermelon**



Handshape: 8 > Open 8 : S

Orientation: palms down, hands crossed,
right thumb slightly above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: flick right middle finger open
and thumb back of left hand

computer



Handshape: Open 8 : Open 8

Orientation: palms out

Location: neutral space

Movement: circle hands toward each other

**contact
(a person)**



Handshape: Open 8 : Open 8

Orientation: palms facing

Location: neutral space

Movement: bring middle fingers together
and tap twice

light (weight)



Handshape: Open 8 : Open 8

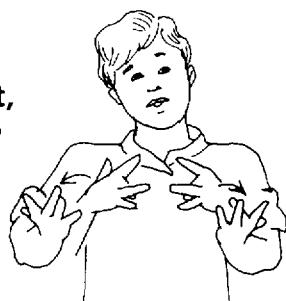
Orientation: palms down

Location: neutral space

Movement: slowly swing hands around,
ending with palms up

Nonmanual signal: body and shoulders lift

**what's up,
affair, event,
what's new**



Handshape: Open 8 : Open 8

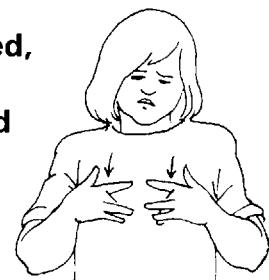
Orientation: palms in

Location: middle fingers on chest

Movement: flick wrists up and out off chest

Nonmanual signal: head tilts back; eyes
widen; "mm" mouth utterance

**disappointed,
depressed,
discouraged**



Handshape: Open 8 : Open 8

Orientation: palms in

Location: middle fingers on chest

Movement: slide middle fingers down chest

Nonmanual signal: head lowered; "sad"
expression

2-Hand SIGNS • OPEN 8

**sick, ill**

Handshape: Open 8 : Open 8
Orientation: palms in
Location: right hand in front of head; left hand in front of stomach
Movement: bring hands in sharply toward body
Nonmanual signal: "sickly" expression

disease, illness

Handshape: Open 8 : Open 8
Orientation: palms in
Location: right hand in front of head; left hand in front of chest
Movement: move hands in small circles
Nonmanual signal: lips pursed; "sad" expression

tend, inclined

Handshape: Open 8 : Open 8
Orientation: palms in, right hand above left hand
Location: middle fingers on left side of chest
Movement: move hands forward with an exaggerated motion
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; "pah" mouth utterance

cut class, absent, miss class

Handshape: Open 8 : Open 8
Orientation: palms down, right middle finger above left middle finger
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right middle finger past left middle finger
Note: See page 329 for a variation of this sign.



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excited

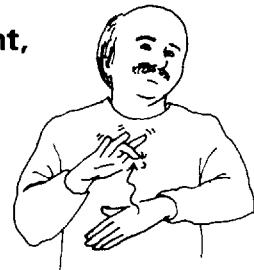
Handshape: Open 8 : Open 8

Orientation: palms in

Location: in front of chest

Movement: brush middle fingers
alternately up and off chest

Nonmanual signal: eyes widen; "excited"
expression

**shiny, bright,
glisten**

Handshape: Open 8 : Open B

Orientation: palms down, hands crossed,
right middle finger on left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: shake right hand as it moves up

Nonmanual signal: eyes widen

**touch,
been there**

Handshape: Open 8 : Open B

Orientation: palms down, right middle
finger above left hand

Location: neutral space

Movement: bounce right middle finger off
back of left hand

**take
advantage,
rip off**

Handshape: Open 8 : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, middle
finger above left palm; left palm angled up

Location: neutral space

Movement: sharply brush right middle
finger off left palm, ending with middle
finger bent

Nonmanual signal: "angry" expression

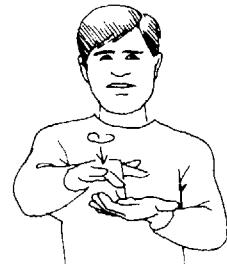
medicine

Handshape: Open 8 : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, middle
finger on left palm; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: bend right hand side to side

**center,
middle,
intermediate**

Handshape: Open 8 : Open B

Orientation: right palm down, hand
above left hand; left palm up

Location: neutral space

Movement: circle right hand above left
hand, then drop right middle finger
down in the center of left palm

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**technology
(technician)**



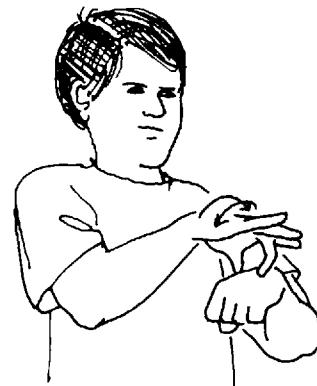
Handshape: Open 8 : Open B
Orientation: right palm in, hand below left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: tap right middle finger on edge of left hand twice

early



Handshape: Open 8 : S
Orientation: palms down, hands crossed, right middle finger above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right middle finger across back of left hand
Nonmanual signal: right shoulder raised

earth



Handshape: Open 8 : S
Orientation: palms down, hands crossed, right middle finger and thumb grip left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: rock right hand side to side

**bare, bald, blank,
empty, naked, nude,
vacant, void**



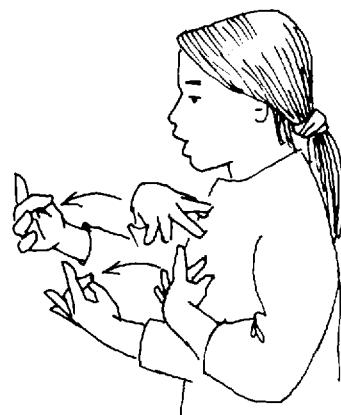
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Orientation: palms down, knuckles forward, right middle finger above left hand
Location: neutral space
Movement: slide right middle finger down back of left hand
Nonmanual signal: raise right shoulder



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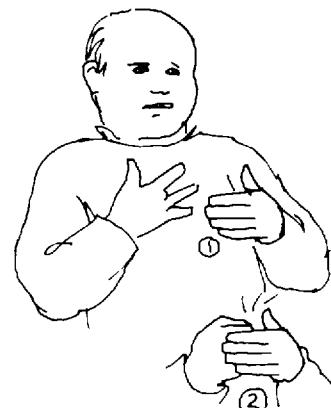
interesting

Handshape: Open 8 > 8 : Open 8 > 8
Orientation: palms in, right hand above left hand
Location: middle fingers and thumbs on chest
Movement: move hands forward with an exaggerated motion, closing thumbs and middle fingers
Nonmanual signal: body leans forward; eyes widen; mouth open



heart attack

Handshape: Open 8 > S : Open B
Orientation: palms in
Location: right middle finger on left side of chest; left hand in neutral space
Movement: move right hand out, closing hand, and smack hand into left palm
Nonmanual signal: body rigid when fist hits

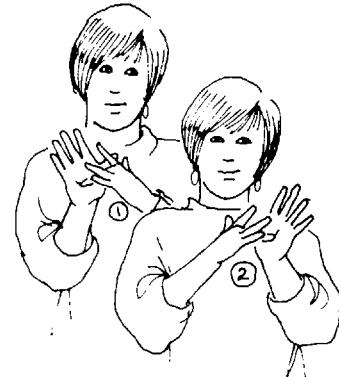
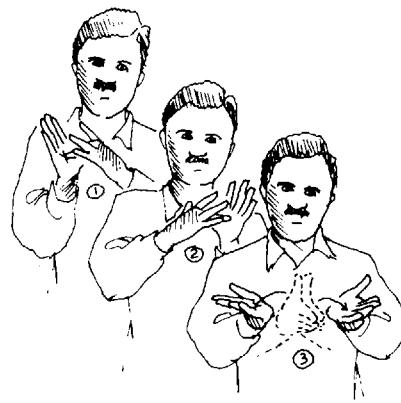


grease, fat, gravy, greasy, oil

Handshape: Open 8 > 8 : Open B
Orientation: right palm up, thumb and middle finger gripping edge of left hand; left palm right
Location: neutral space
Movement: brush right thumb and middle finger down and off edge of left hand twice
Nonmanual signal: "disgusted" expression



2-Hand SIGNS OPEN 8

**soda pop****Handshape:** Open 8 > 5 : S**Orientation:** right palm down, middle finger inside left index finger; left palm right**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** lift right hand up, opening hand, then smack down on top of left hand**Jesus****Handshape:** Open 8 > 5 : 5 > Open 8**Orientation:** palms facing**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap right middle finger on left palm, then tap left middle finger on right palm**Bible (Christian)**
(compound: Jesus + book)**Handshape:** Open 8 > 5 > Open B : Open 8 > 5 > Open B**Orientation:** palms facing**Location:** neutral space**Movement:** tap right middle finger on left palm, then tap left middle finger on right palm; change to Open B handshape, palms facing and touching, and open hands out

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