**SMOOTH, FLUENT**

Hold out both "AND" hands and draw the thumb along the tips of the fingers in the direction of the index fingers, at the same time moving the hands slightly away from each other.

Origin: Fingers feel smooth.

Usage: Everything went *smoothly*.
Robin uses signs *fluently*.

SHARP

Pass the tip of the middle finger of the right hand along the little-finger edge of the left open hand (as if feeling a sharp edge) and give the right hand a quick turn so the palm faces down.

Origin: as if feeling the edge of a knife

Usage: need a *sharp* knife

HARD

Strike the middle finger of the right bent "V" on the back of the left "S."

Origin: back of the hand is hard

Usage: *hard* as a rock

SOFT

Both open "AND" hands point upward; then draw them down into the closed "AND" position.

Origin: as if feeling something soft between the fingers

Usage: a *soft* bed
softhearted

MEDIUM

Place the little-finger edge of the right open hand crosswise on the index-finger edge of the left open hand. Move the right toward the tip of the left index and back several times.

Origin: indicating an area not as long as the finger, sort of medium in length

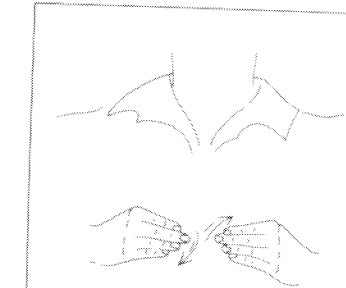
Usage: boiled eggs—hard, soft, or *medium*

FLEXIBLE

Place the closed "AND" hands in front of you, tips pointing toward each other; move them in and out alternately.

Origin: as if showing that something can be bent

Usage: easy to work with and *flexible*

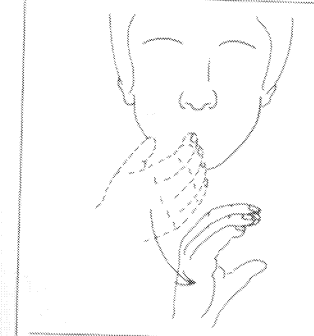
**HOT, HEAT**

Place the right "C" at the mouth, palm facing in; give the wrist a quick twist so the palm faces out.

Origin: something hot quickly taken from the mouth

Usage: *hot* water

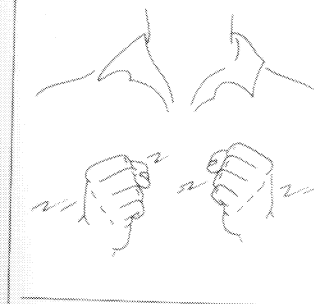
Can you feel the *heat*?

**COLD**

Shake both "S" hands, palms facing each other.

Origin: as if shivering

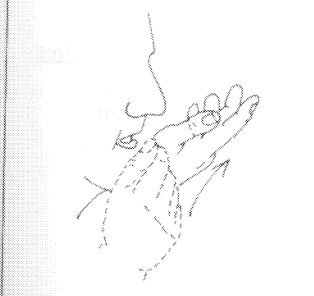
Usage: A *cold* day in January.

**WARM**

Place the "A" hand in front of the mouth, palm in, and open the hand gradually as it moves slightly up and out.

Origin: blowing into the hand to warm it

Usage: *Warm* yourself at the fireplace.

**WET**

Sign "WATER" ("W" at right side of mouth) and "SOFT."

Origin: feeling the water between the fingers

Usage: We had a leak and everything was *wet*.

