

Supplement For Lesson 6

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Objectives

- I have completed the objectives for this lesson.
- I am able to read the numbers 100–999.
- I am able to show the meaning and form of the symbol groups in the body category in order.
- I know which base symbols are in Symbol Groups contact and finger.
- I am able to draw the flat palmshape in all forms.
- I am able to draw and demonstrate what fill five means.
- I am able to read, write, and sign the ASL handshapes in symbol group four.
- I am able to recognize the vocabulary for this lesson.
- I am able to read the practice sentences for this lesson.
- I am able to read the practice story for this lesson.

The Numbers 100 Through 999

In SignWriting you will also see this simply as a vertical list of the digits for zero through nine for page numbers and similar contexts. In fact, you are more likely to see these written that way because adjusting several dozen page numbers to make the two digit numbers look good is a viable amount of work, but doing that for hundreds of pages is not.

Regardless of those uses, you should be using the correct signs in speaking and in writing for these lessons.

100	200	300	400	500
				
600	700	800	900	
				

The Body Category

The official name for this category also happens to be “Body” and it has only two base symbols in it.

Symbol Group	Name	Example	Symbol Group	Name	Example
27	Trunk	—	28	Limbs	×

The Symbol Groups Contact and Finger

In prior lessons we have only talked the types of symbols that are in these groups, primarily because we are and will be covering each of them in detail throughout these supplements. From this point on, we will instead be all of the base symbols *in order* to see how these symbols are organized. The order will be important in things like dictionaries (touch single, then multiple, then between, then grasp single) but honestly the goal from this point is more about generally knowing which symbols are where, what they mean, and a *general feel* for which order they are in.

The eleventh Symbol Group we informally call contact, and it’s official name also happens to be contact. Symbol Group Contact has all the different ways that touch happens while moving.

Base Symbol	Example	Base Symbol	Example
Touch Single	*	Touch Multiple	**
Touch Between	*	Grasp Single	+
Grasp Multiple	++	Grasp Between	+
Strike Single	#	Strike Multiple	##
Strike Between	#	Brush Single	o
Brush Multiple	oo	Brush Between	o
Rub Single	@	Rub Multiple	@@
Rub Between	@	Surface Symbols	^
Surface Between	o		

Each of the “Between” versions also has a “Multiple Between” version as an additional fill.

The twelfth Symbol Group we informally call finger, though it’s official name is “Finger Movement”. Symbol Group Finger Movement (Finger) has all ways the fingers can move.

The directional movement forms, you may notice, have either one or two tails. The reasons for this will be explored in future lessons.

Base Symbol	Example	Base Symbol	Example
Squeeze Large Single	•	Squeeze Small Single	•
Squeeze Large Multiple	••	Squeeze Small Multiple	••
Squeeze Sequential	⌈	Flick Large Single	o
Flick Small Single	o	Flick Large Multiple	oo
Flick Small Multiple	oo	Flick Sequential	⌈
Squeeze Flick Alternating	o•o	Hinge Movement, Up Down Large	^
Hinge Movement, Up Down Small	^	Hinge Movement, Up Sequential	⌈
Hinge Movement, Down Sequential	⌋	Hinge Movement, Up Down Alternating Large	⋈
Hinge Movement, Up Down Alternating Small	⋈	Hinge Movement, Side to Side Scissors	⌘
Finger Contact Movement, Wall Plane	⋈	Finger Contact Movement, Floor Plane	⋈













Before you can consider this lesson complete, you need to be able to list off the symbol groups as: “one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, thumb;” “contact, finger.”

One thing I want to point out that may have been missed is that there is now a semicolon (instead of a comma) after thumb. The thirty base symbols are most often thought of as being in three groups of ten, and you should take full advantage of that as you learn the names of the base symbols in order. The requirement is that you can list off the symbol groups, *not* that you can list off the symbol groups *in less than x seconds!*

The first ten are handshapes — which should have proven fairly easy for you. The second ten are movements — which will required a bit more work but we have some additional helps in the next lesson. The third ten are categories three through seven — you still remember those right?

More helps to come.

The Flat Palmshape

	Fill 1	Fill 2	Fill 3	Fill 4	Fill 5	Fill 6
Right						
Left						

The Fifth Fill

Hand Symbols



Any handshape symbol drawn in the fifth fill means that the signer's thumb is facing up. For all the hand symbols, the empty portion represents the signer's palm and the filled portion represents the back of the hand. So for fill five you would see your thumb — leaving fill five half filled in.

Everything Else















The fills for other categories tend to be a bit more variable. Here we have the right eyebrow raised by itself.













ASL Handshapes From Symbol Group Four

The four handshapes in Symbol Group Four used by ASL in order are: *Four Fingers Spread*; *Four Fingers Spread Bent*; *Four Fingers Unit*; and *Four Fingers Unit Bent*;

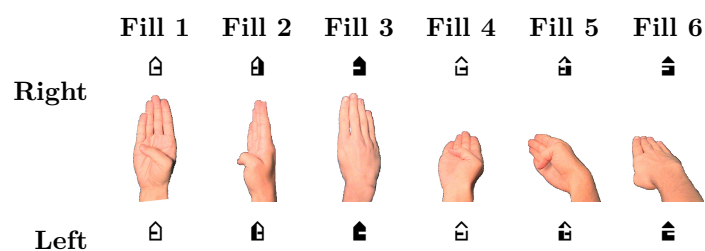
The Four Fingers Spread Handshape

	Fill 1	Fill 2	Fill 3	Fill 4	Fill 5	Fill 6
Right						
Left						

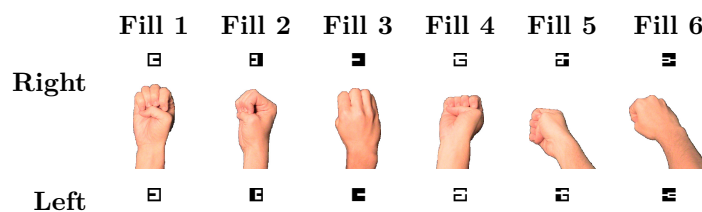
The Four Fingers Spread Bent Handshape

	Fill 1	Fill 2	Fill 3	Fill 4	Fill 5	Fill 6
Right						
Left						

The Four Fingers Unit Handshape



The Four Fingers Unit Bent Handshape



Vocabulary

100		annual		draw			
200		before		every day			
300		black		far in the future			
400		blue		finish			
500		brown		future			
600		color		green			
700		current		last year			
800		daily		later			
900		dictionary		long			

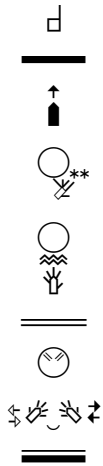


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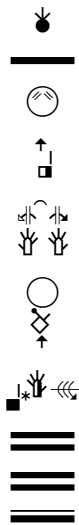
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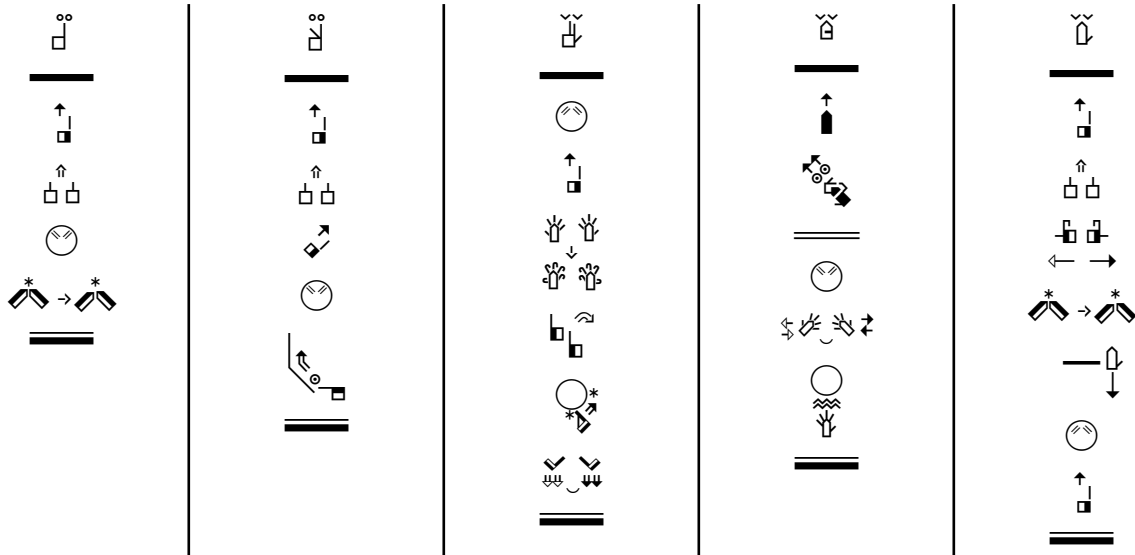
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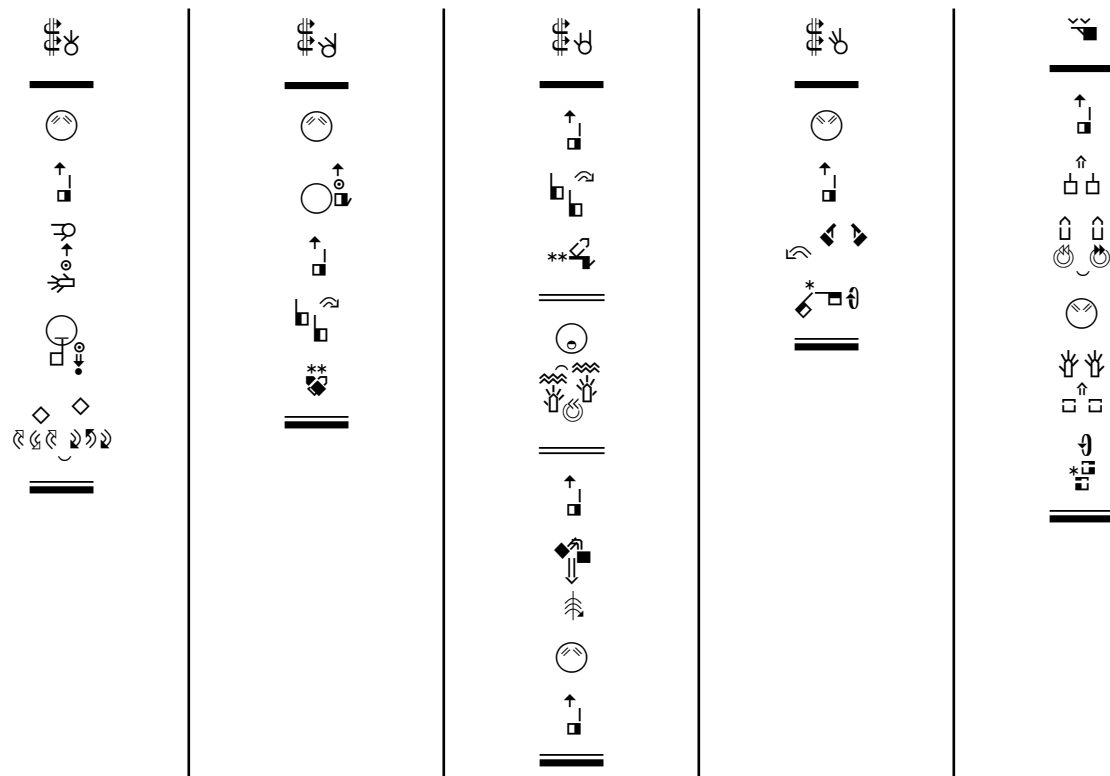
Practice Sheet 6.B



Practice Sheet 6.C



Practice Sheet 6.D



Story 6



