**Introduction**

**1.1 Introduction to Sing Language**

About 22 milling people in the world are deaf as well as dumb. These people of group use symbolic language to communicate with other people. This symbolic language is call sign language.

Sing language is a language which uses to convey message by hand movements, facial expression and body language to communication. It is mainly used by deaf and people who can hear but cannot speak. Sometime family member and relatives must learn sign language to interpreters which enable deaf and wider communities to communicate with each other.

**Mythologies and Misunderstandings about Sign Language**

The deaf sign language is surrounded by many myths and misconceptions. Most people who hear think that signing is merely a manual representation of the spoken language which is not true. In fact, the spoken language and the language of the deaf have very little in common. Sign language has the complexity of the spoken language but it is independent from the latter. The best evidence is British Sign Language (BSL) and American Sign Language (ASL) which are unintelligible despite the fact that the hearing people from the United States and Britain perfectly understand each other.

Another common misconception about sign language is that it universally intelligible which is of course not true. As mentioned earlier, the sign languages that are used by the deaf in the United States and Britain are very different. The two sign languages share about one third of the signs but a deaf person from Britain and a deaf person from the United States cannot communicate as fluently as hearing people from the two countries.

Since sign language is a language of its distinct language, finger spelling or the use of guidebook alphabet cannot be used as an alternative to signing. It is used in signing but only for words with an non-existent sign or when the sign is not known. In addition, Deaf person would take hours to convey a few minute messages through finger spelling.