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Alternate AUSLAN word with intended meaning

Fingerspell

British Sign Language

Natural Gesture

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This guy [\[man\]](#) is called [\[name\]](#) Macca.  
He's an [alpaca](#)!

He [likes eating](#)...pickles [\[cucumber\]](#)  
And [loves](#) getting [tickles](#)!

That guy [\[man\]](#) is [called](#) Al.  
He's Macca's [best](#) pal [\[friend\]](#)  
He's an [alpaca](#) too.  
(With a [shaggy](#) hair-do.)

Al has [\[have\]](#) a [BIG heart](#)...

...But isn't [\[no\]](#) that smart! [\[clever\]](#)  
Geronimo! [\[falling\]](#)

**Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!**

These buddies [\[friends\]](#) are tight [\[close\]](#).  
From [morning](#) to [night](#).  
Always [looking](#) for ways [\[way\]](#), to [brighten](#) their [days](#).

'A talent [show](#).  
Let's give it a go!' [\[try out\]](#)  
Al [said](#) with a [grin](#), 'I BET [\[think\]](#) we could [WIN](#)!'  
Macca [beamed](#) back,

'All we need is an act!

So, most earnest [serious] and gallant [effort],  
They searched for their talent.  
They tried strumming  
And drumming.  
And crashing.  
And THRASHING!  
But the sound from the boys was a horrible noise!

They tried dancing [ballet]  
And prancing [jump].  
And blowing [trumpet].  
And throwing [juggle].  
But the cuddly duo [two], were utterly so-so

Their magic was tragic [appalling].  
Their choir was dire [bad].  
Their tumbling [roll] was bumbling [stupid].  
Their falling APPALLING!  
'It's hopeless!' Al hissed,  
And then he shook his fist.

Macca stared [look] at his pal [friend]  
'You're a genius Al!  
We can't [no] sing or play [music] brother,  
But we can shake like no other.  
We don't [no] need a big fracas [party]!  
We just need...'  
MARACAS! [NG]

On talent show [performance] day,  
They began to sashay [sway].  
They shimmied, they grooved. They wiggled, they moved.  
Chika Chika cha cha cha!  
Ticka ticka ta ta ta!

Well the crowd all went crackers.  
For the alpacas *with* maracas  
The pair had a blast [celebrate]!  
Even though they came LAST.

Then they shook to the max,  
With the yaks [bull] playing sax!

