

Sing and Sign
I am Australian
by The Seekers

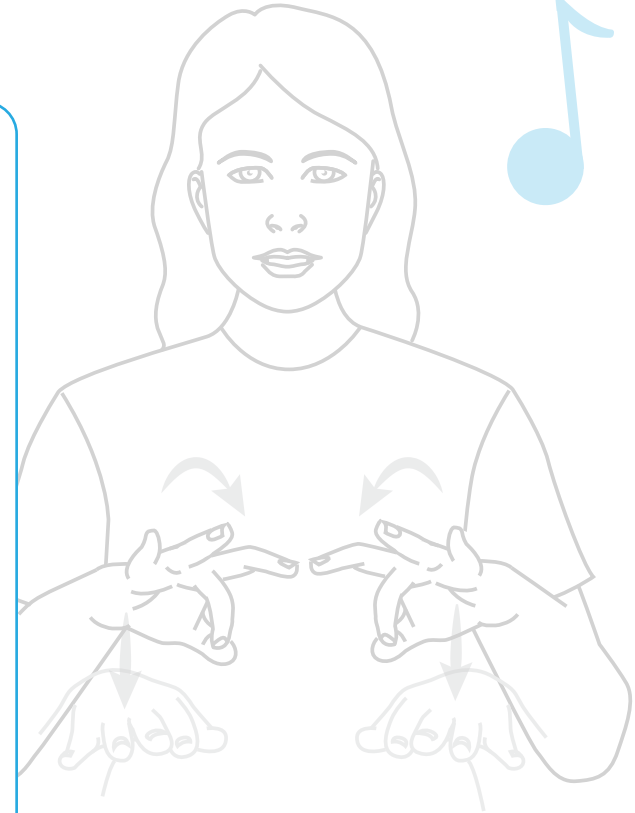


Lyrics

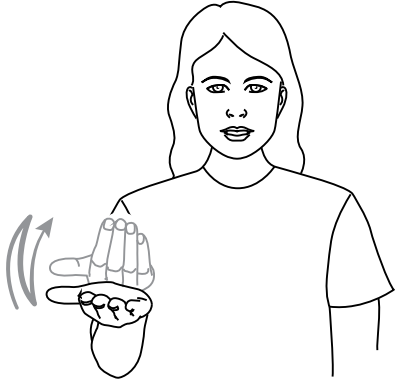
I **came** from the **dream**-time
From the **dusty red-soil plains**
I am the **ancient heart**
The **keeper** of the **flame**
I **stood** upon the **rocky shores**
I **watched** the tall **ships** come
For **forty thousand years** I've been
The **first Australian.**

We are **one**, but **we** are **many**
And from **all** the **lands** on Earth we **come**
We'll **share** a **dream**, and **sing** with **one** voice
I am, **you** are, **we** are **Australian.**

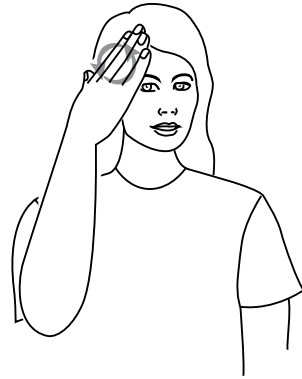
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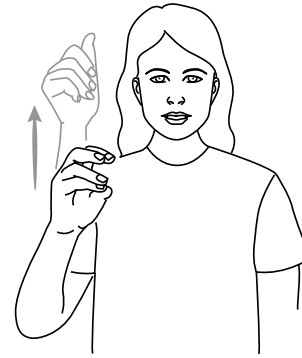
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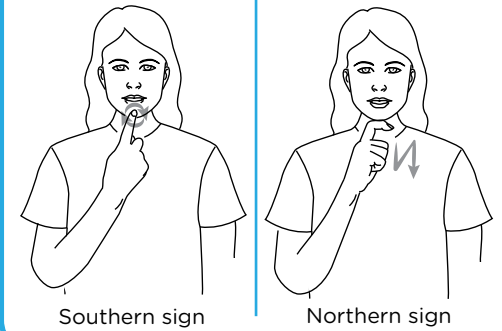
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From the **dusty**



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heart



The **keeper**



of the **flame**



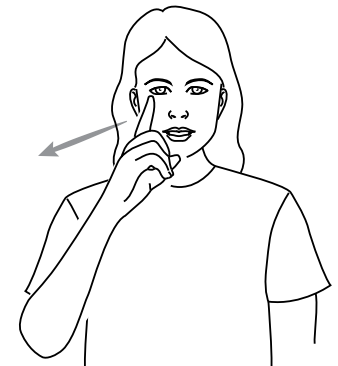
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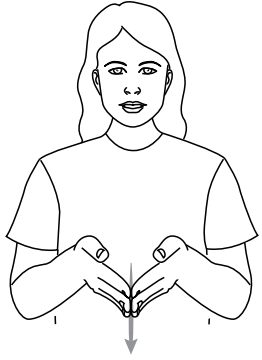
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the tall **ships** come



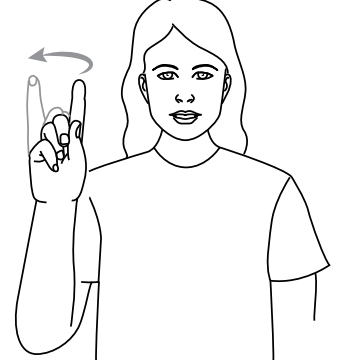
For **forty thousand**



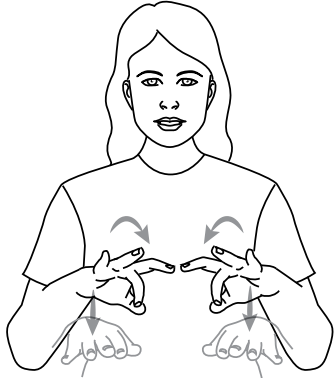
years I've been



The **first**



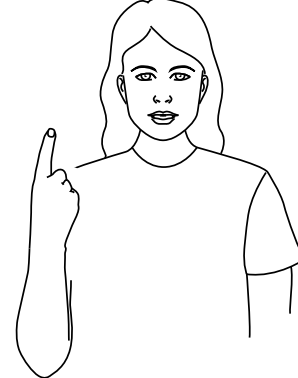
Australian



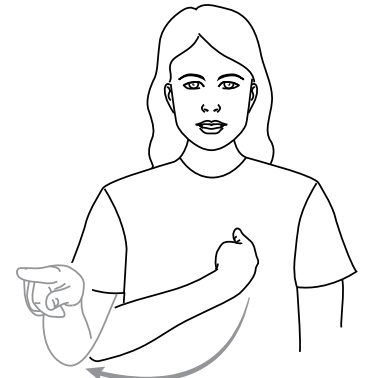
We



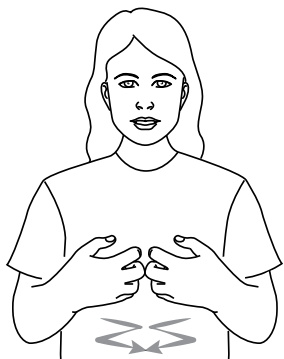
are **one**



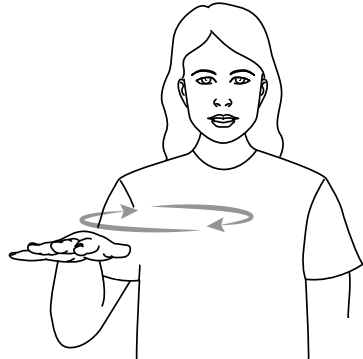
but **we**



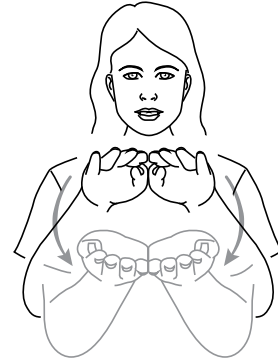
are **many**



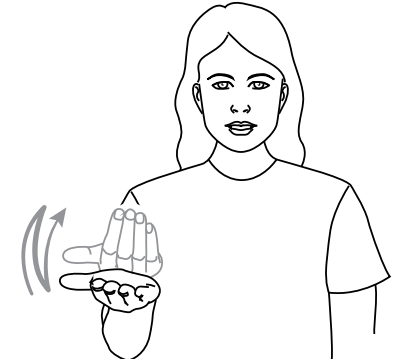
and from **all**



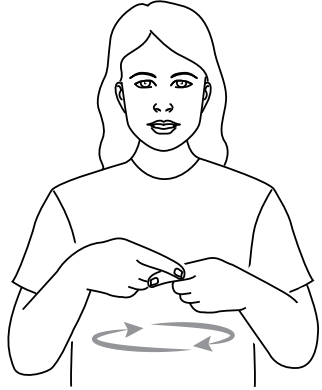
the lands



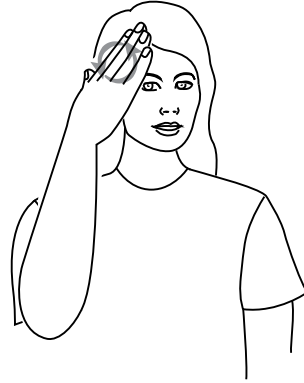
on Earth we **come**



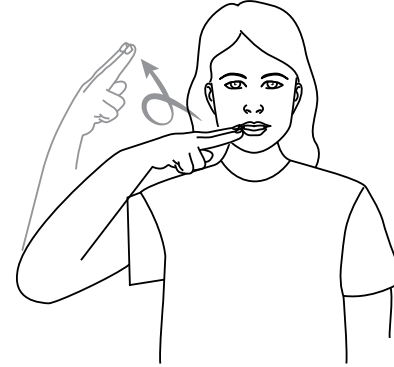
We'll **share**



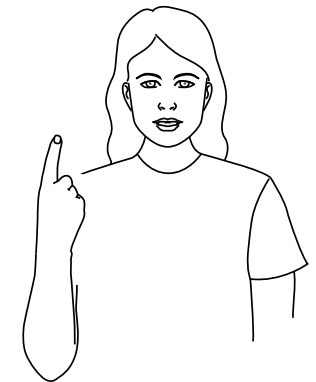
a **dream**



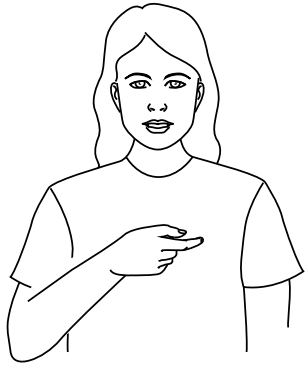
and **sing**



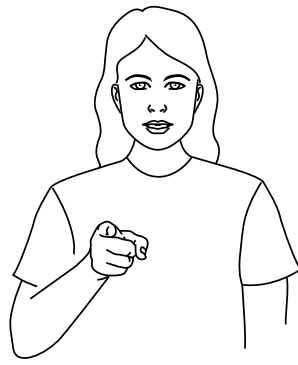
with **one** voice



I am



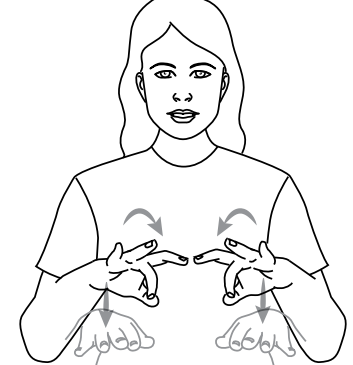
you are



we are

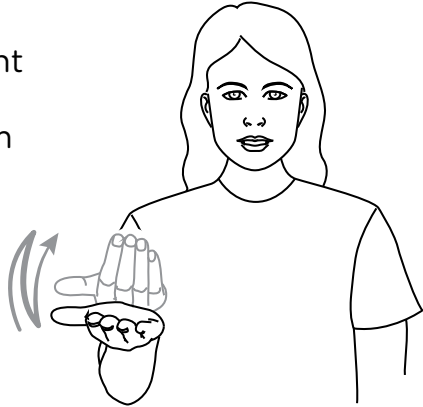


Australian



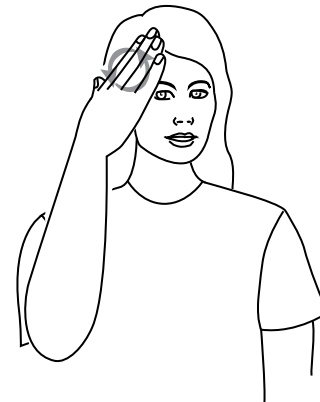
CAME/COME

Bend dominant hand at third knuckles, palm toward body, several times.



DREAM TIME / DREAM

Open dominant hand, palm facing body, at side of head near temple, move hand in small circles, twice.



DUSTY (SAND)

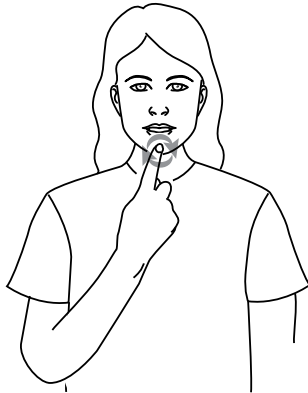
Brush ball of dominant thumb across fingertips while moving arm up slowly - end with a fist, thumb resting on edge of index finger.



RED

Place extended dominant index finger on chin. Move in small circle.

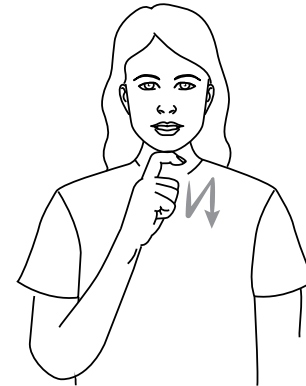
Note: This is the Southern version. (VIC, SA, WA, NT, TAS)



RED

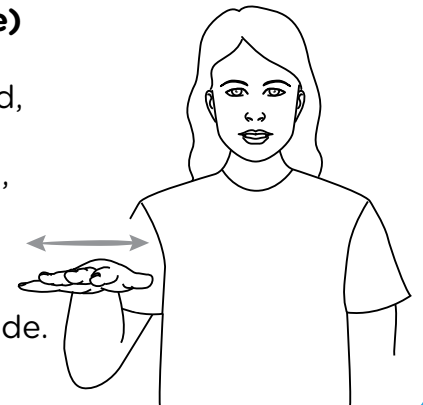
Place crooked extended index finger of dominant hand below lower lip. Pull formation down chin, twice.

Note: This is the Northern version. (NSW, QLD)



PLAINS (place)

Hold open dominant hand, palm down, fingers spread, in front of body. Move hand gently from side to side.



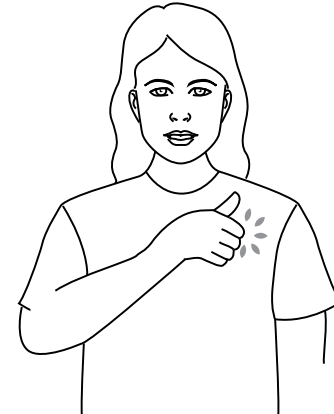
ANCIENT (old)

Crook and slightly spread index and middle fingers of dominant hand. Move this formation down in front of nose.



HEART

Bend fingers at third knuckle, tap twice on non-dominant side of chest.



KEEPER (KEEP)

Move blade of slightly cupped dominant hand, across open palm of non-dominant hand towards body.



FLAME (fire)

Open both hands palms facing, fingers spread. Move dominant hand in a rippling motion as it moves like a flame.



STOOD (stand)

Extend dominant index and middle fingers and “stand” tips of this formation on palm of non-dominant hand.



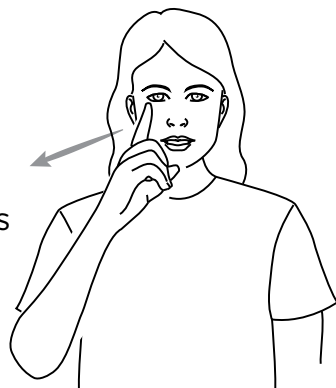
SHORES (beach)

Mime waves breaking on the beach with open spread hands in front of body.



WATCHED (look)

Move dominant index finger forward from eye (may use index and middle fingers slightly apart).



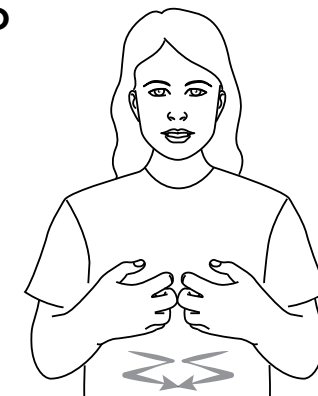
SHIPS (boat)

Place fingertips of both slightly cupped hands together, palms facing. Move formation forward away from the body.



FORTY-THOUSAND (many)

Bend fingers of both hands, palms facing body, quickly hit second joints of each hand together (x2).



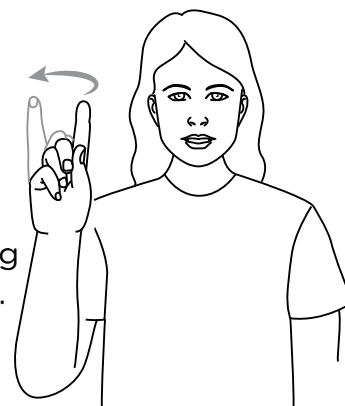
YEARS

Fingerspell “Y” with downward stress, and hold still in front of body.



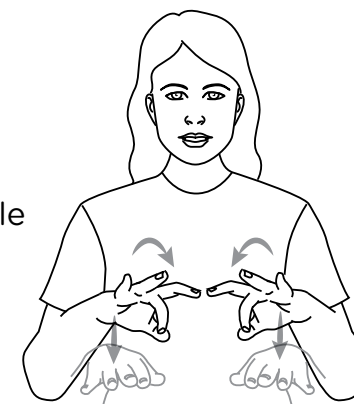
FIRST

Extend dominant index finger, palm facing away from body. Move formation up slightly and turning palm to face body.



AUSTRALIAN

Hold both hands open and palms down. Close middle fingers onto thumbs while raising hands. Move forward in a small arc while opening hands.

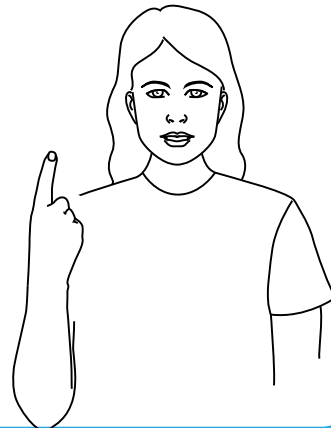


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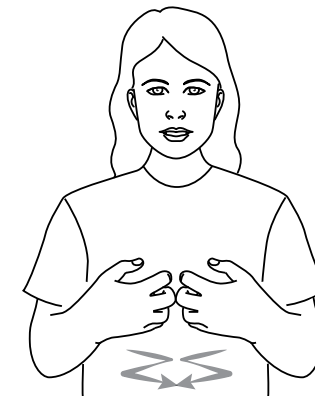
Point to self, using extended dominant index finger and move same finger in a sweeping motion to indicate others.

**ONE**

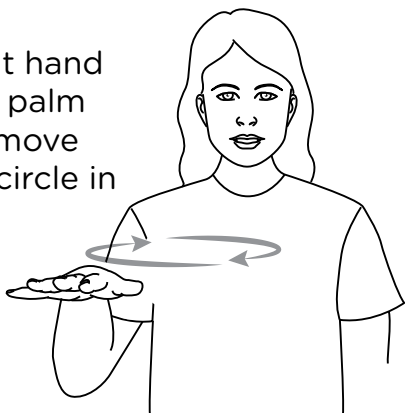
Extend dominant index finger, finger pointing up, palm toward body.

**MANY**

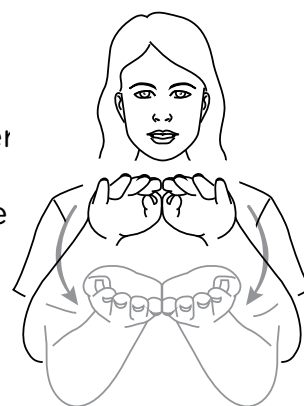
Bend fingers of both hands, palms facing body, quickly hit second joints of each hand together (x2).

**ALL**

Hold dominant hand open and flat, palm facing down, move hand in large circle in front of body.

**LANDS (world)**

Open both hands, palms down, thumbs folded in, index finger edges touching. Simultaneously move hands apart to make arcs at upper chest height, to finish with palms up, blades of hands touching.

**SHARE**

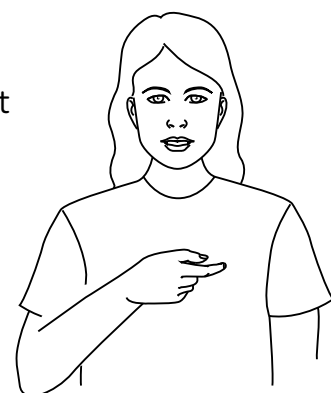
Place dominant finger onto non-dominant finger at midline. Trace around in a circular motion.

**SING**

Move tips of extended dominant index and middle fingers upwards from corner of mouth in two shallow arcs.

**I**

Point to self using extended dominant index finger (NG).

**YOU**

Point extended dominant index finger towards person or people (NG).

