

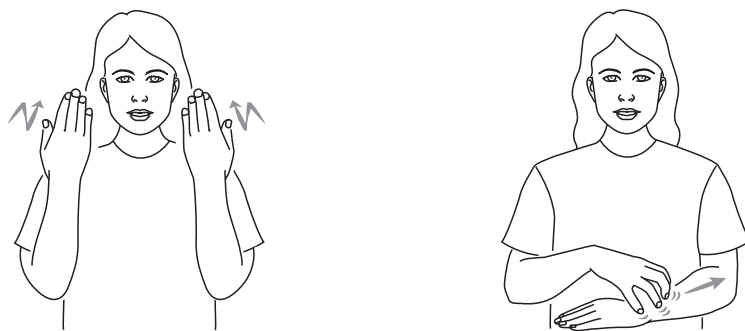
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The **Very Busy Spider** by Eric Carle

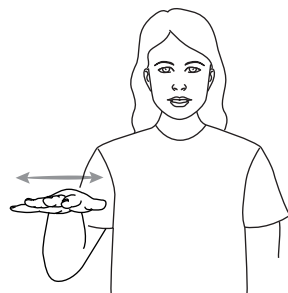




Early one morning



the wind blew a spider



across the field.



A thin, silky thread



trailed from her body.



The **spider landed** on a **fence** post



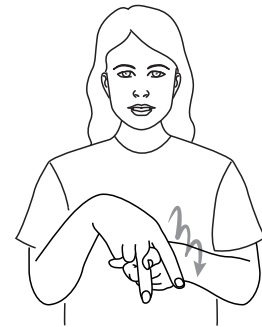
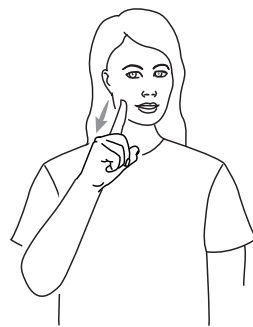
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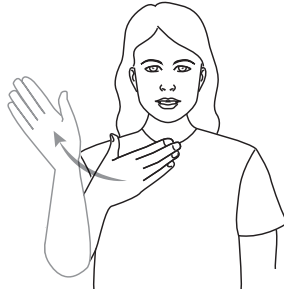
and **began** to spin a **web**



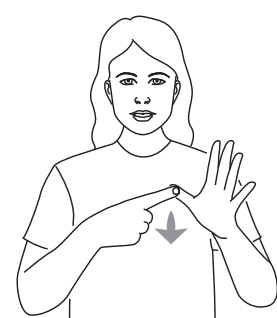
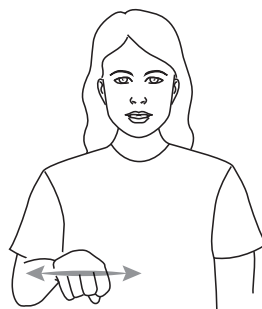
with her **silky thread**.



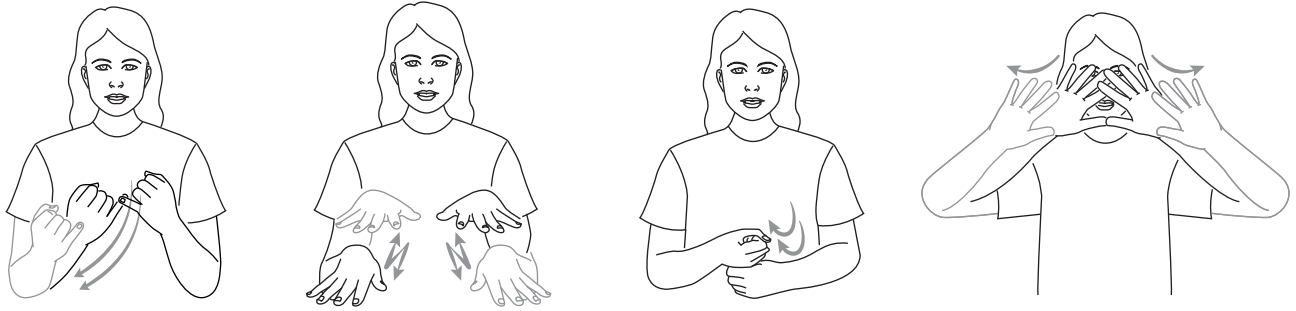
“Neigh! Neigh!” said the **horse**.



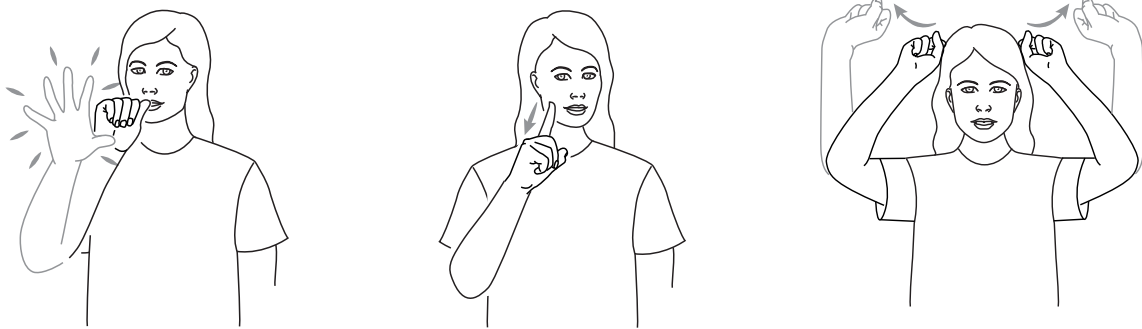
“Want to go for a ride?”



The **spider** didn't **answer**.



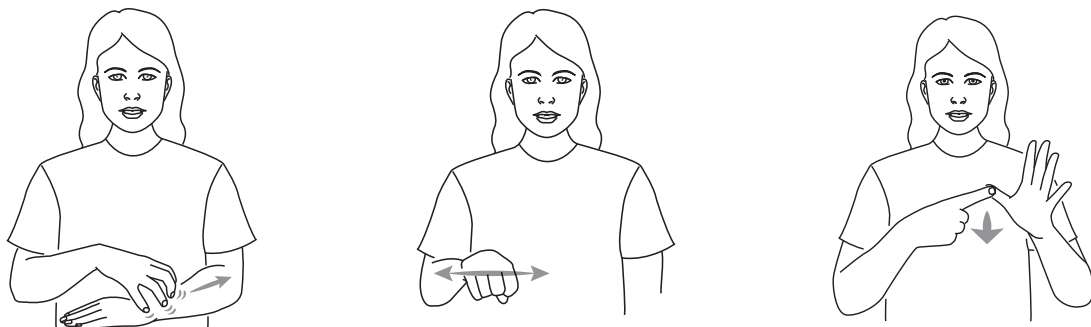
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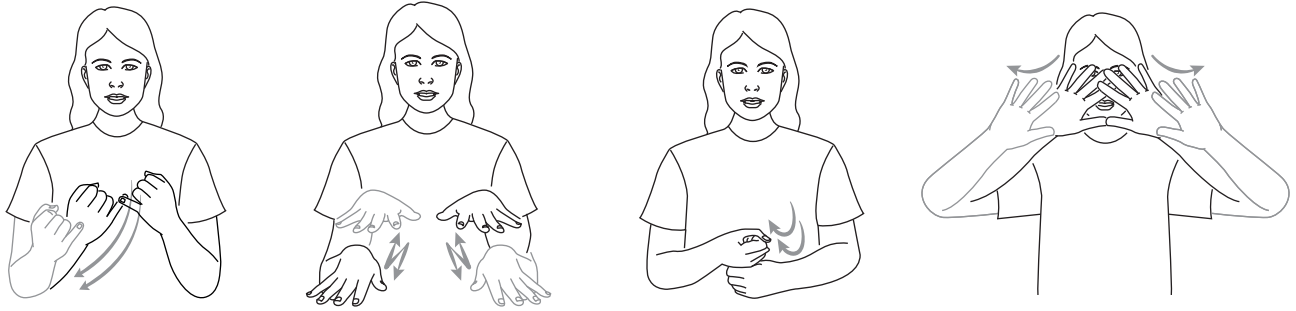
“Moo! Moo!” said the **cow**.



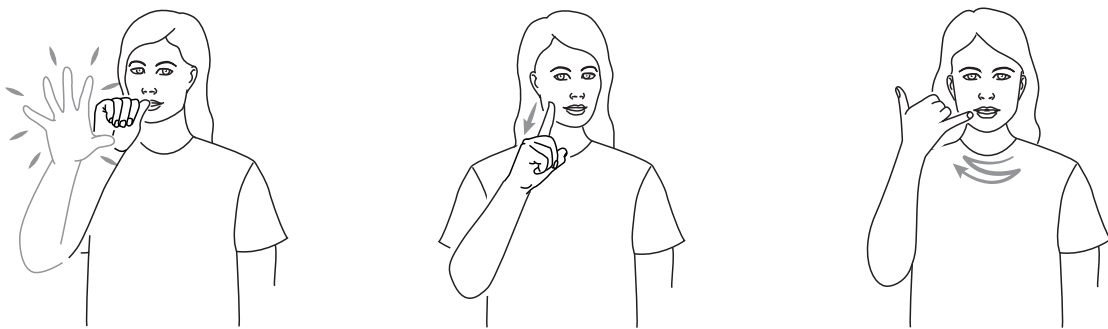
“Want to eat some grass?”



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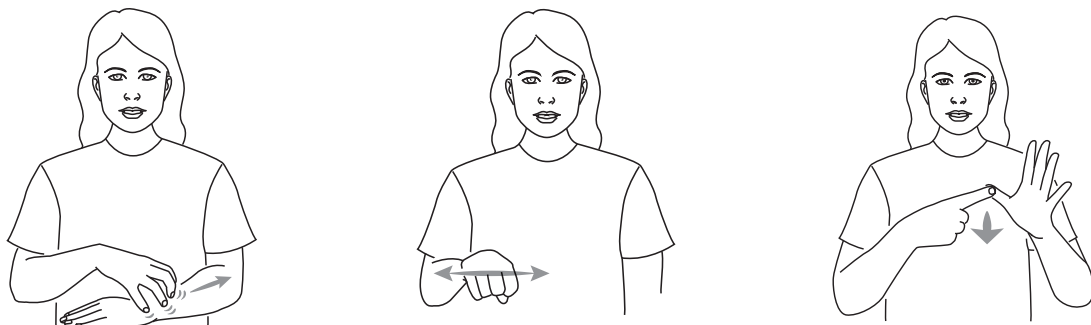
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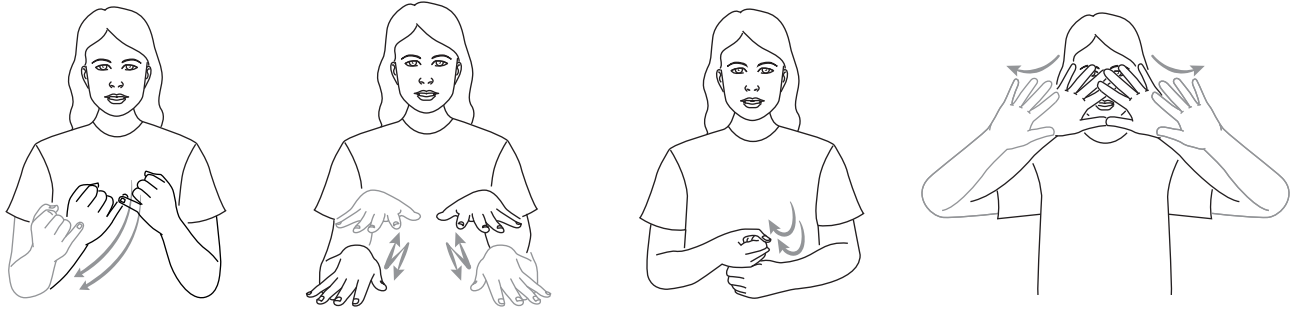
“Baa! Baa!” bleated the **sheep**.



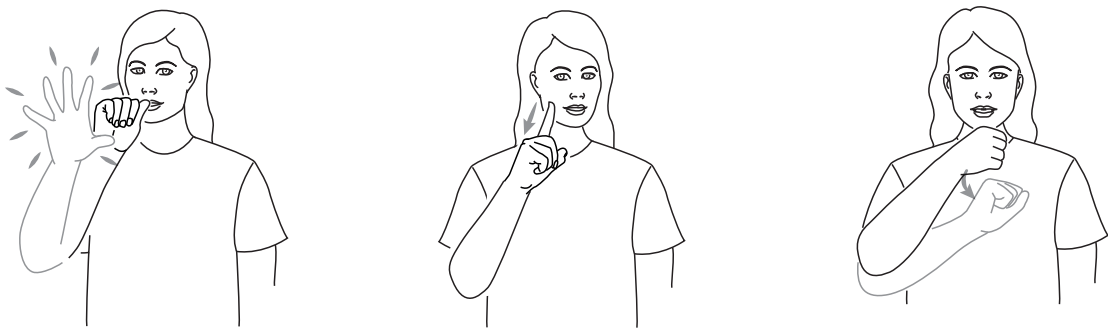
“Want to run in the meadow?”



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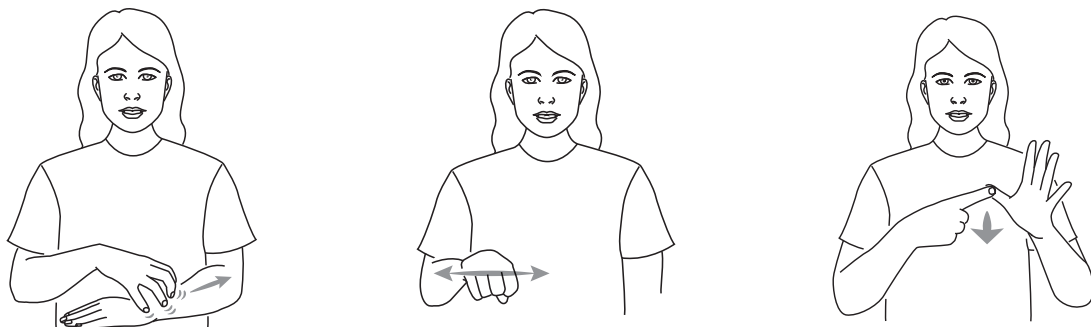
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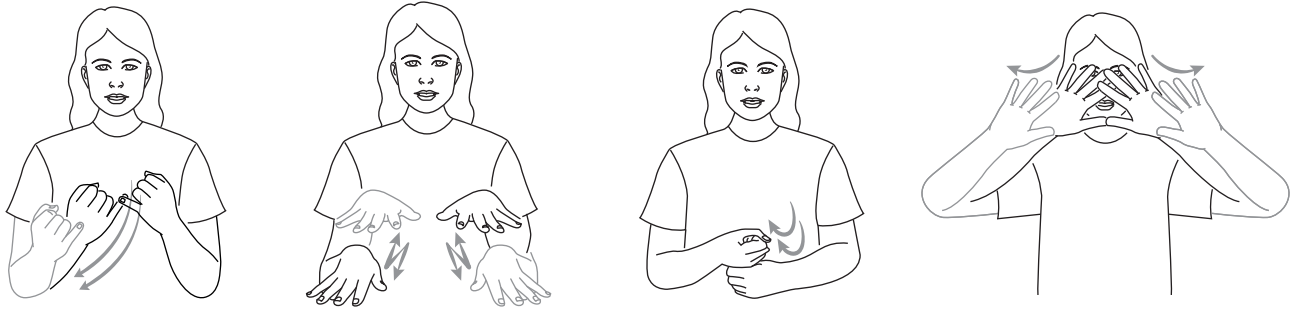
“Maa! Maa!” said the **goat**.



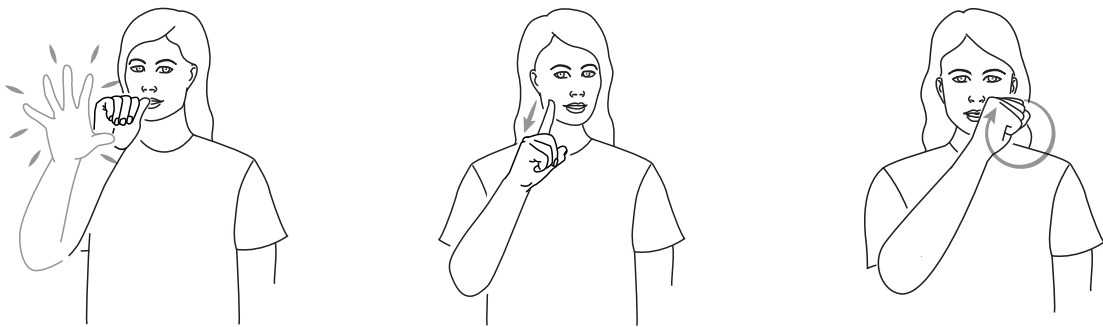
“Want to jump on the rocks”



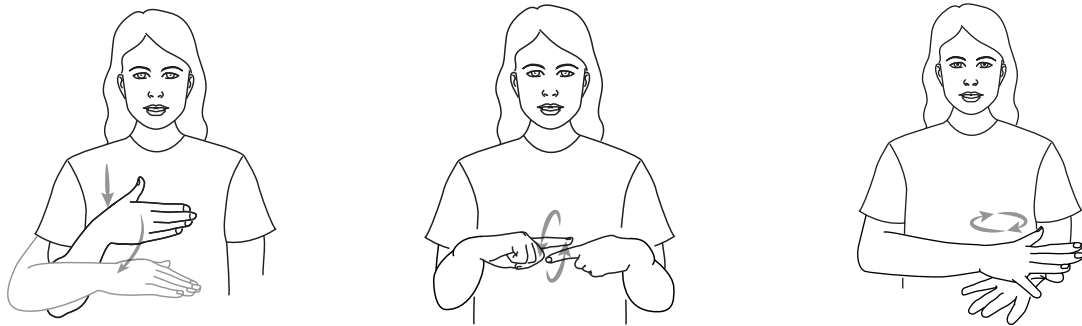
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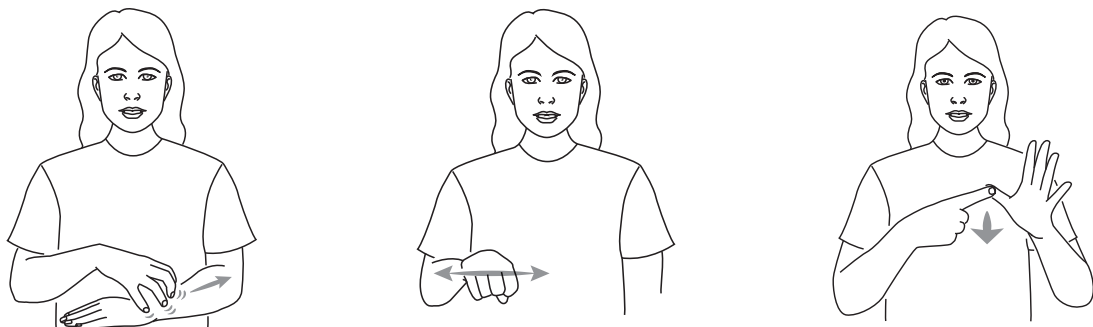
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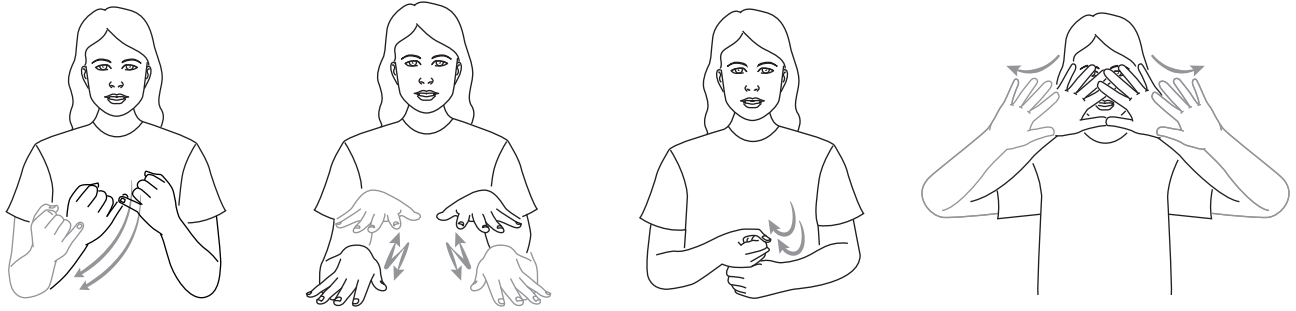
“Oink! Oink!” grunted the **pig**.



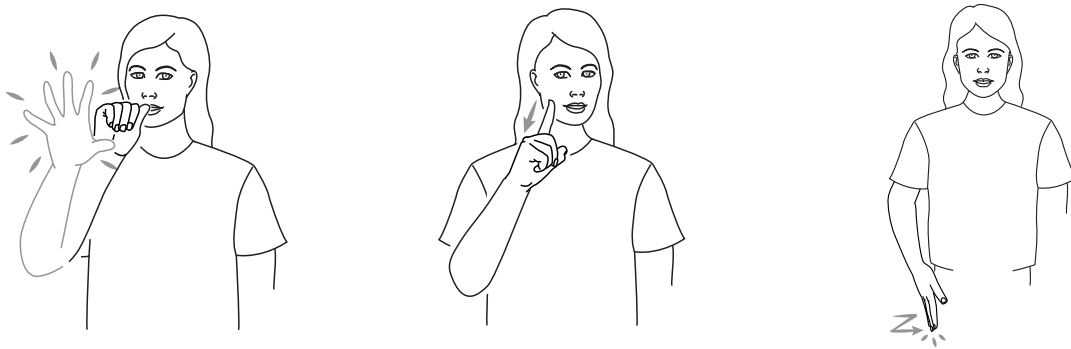
“Want to roll in the mud?”



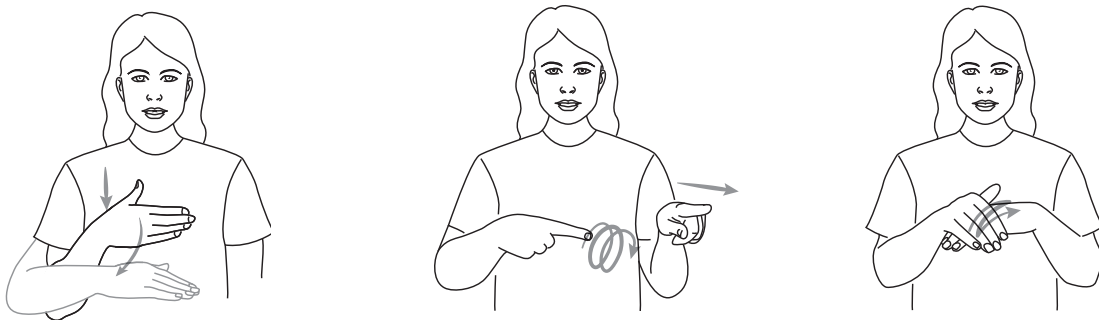
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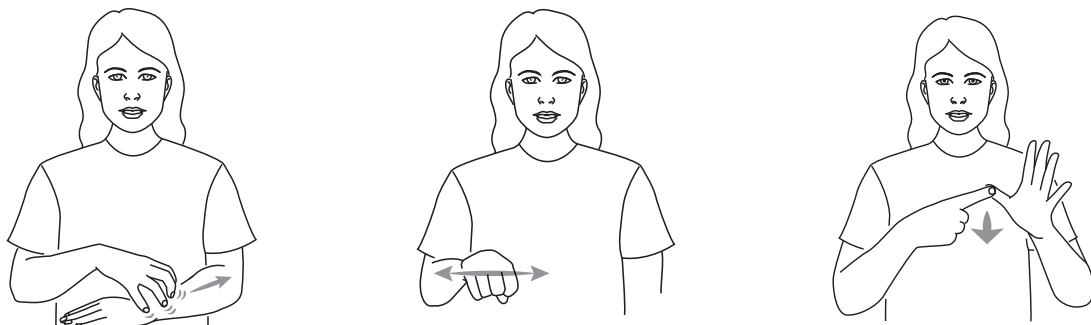
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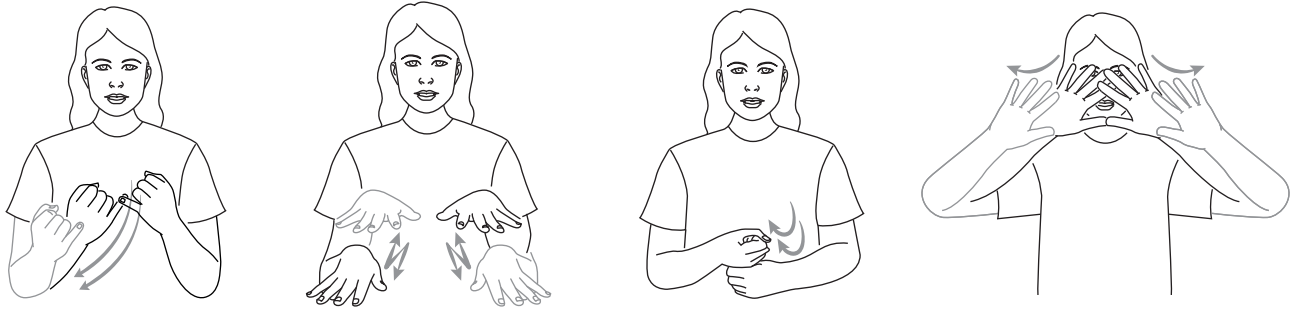
“Woof! Woof!” barked the **dog**.



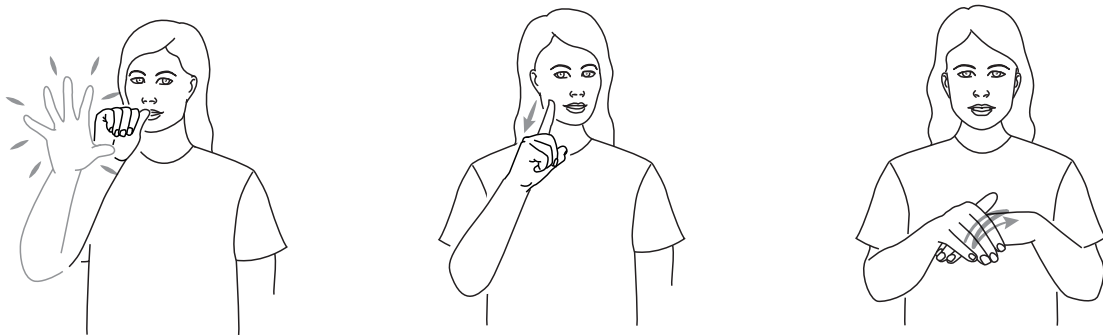
“Want to chase a cat?”



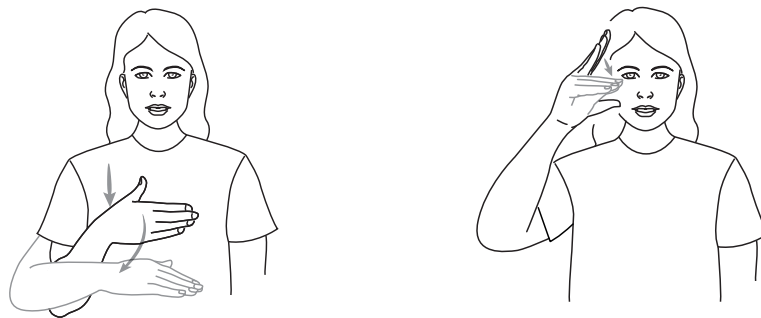
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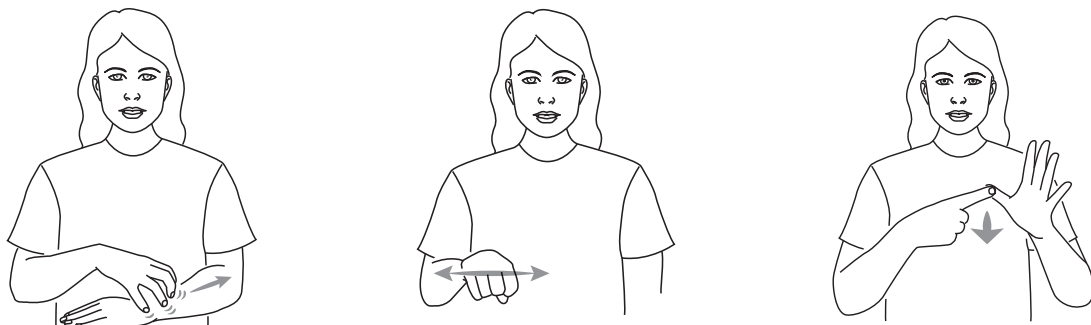
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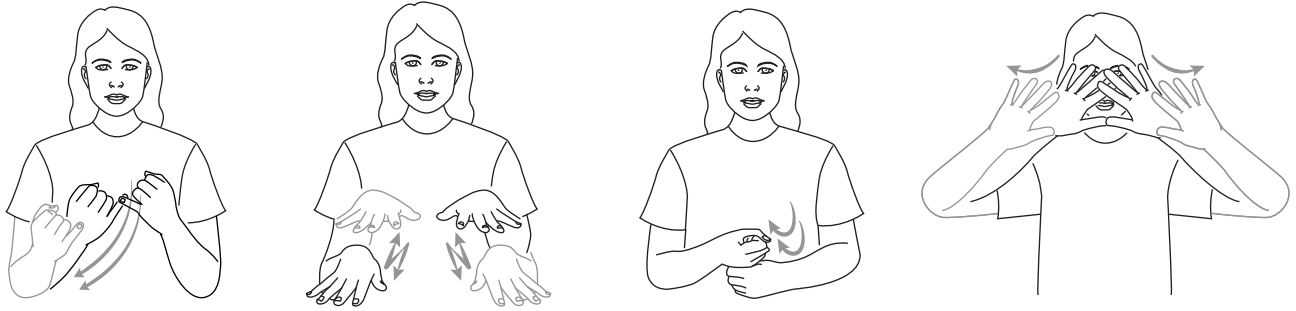
“Meow! Meow!” cried the **cat**.



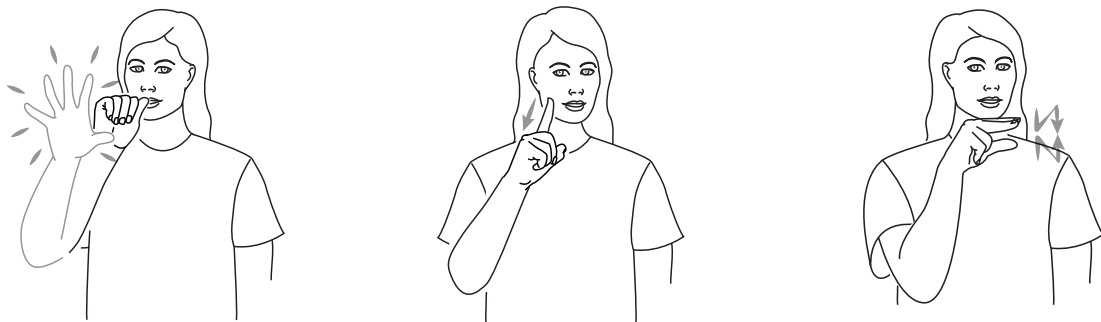
“Want to take a nap?”



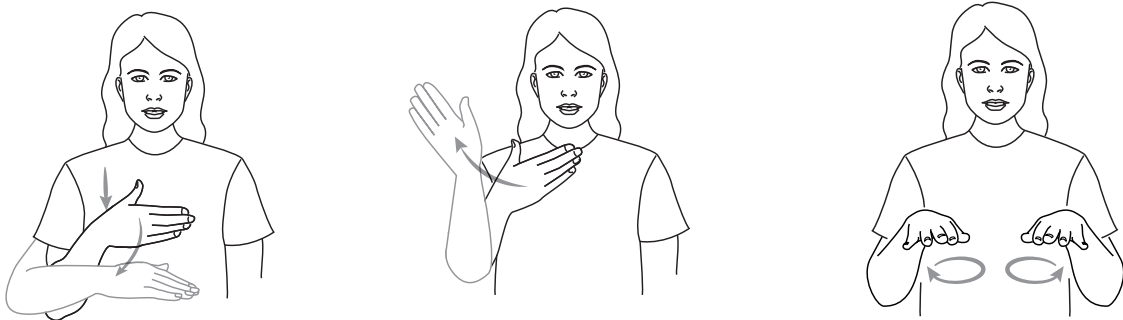
The **spider** **didn't answer**.



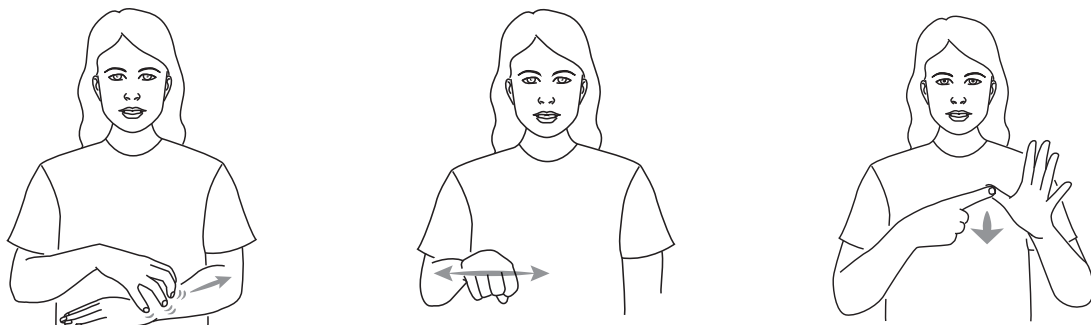
She was **very busy spinning** her **web**.



“Quack! Quack!” called the **duck**.



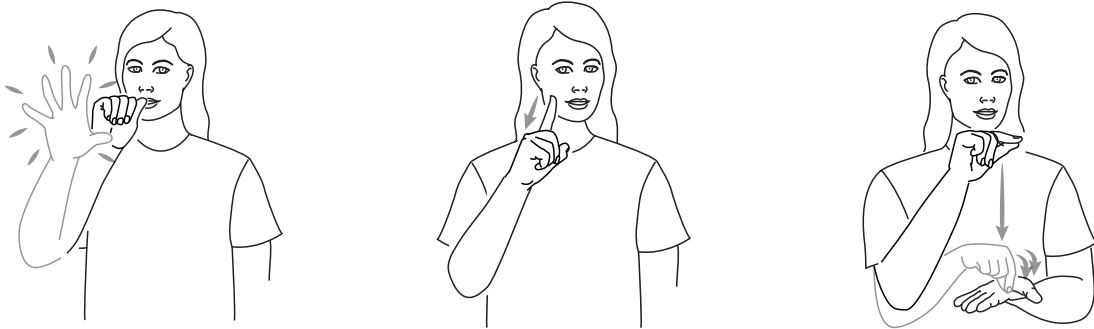
“Want to go for a swim?”



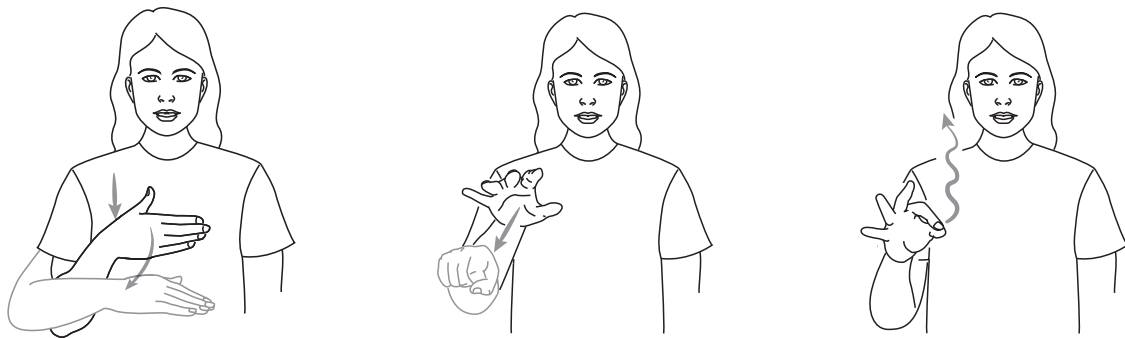
The **spider** didn't **answer**.



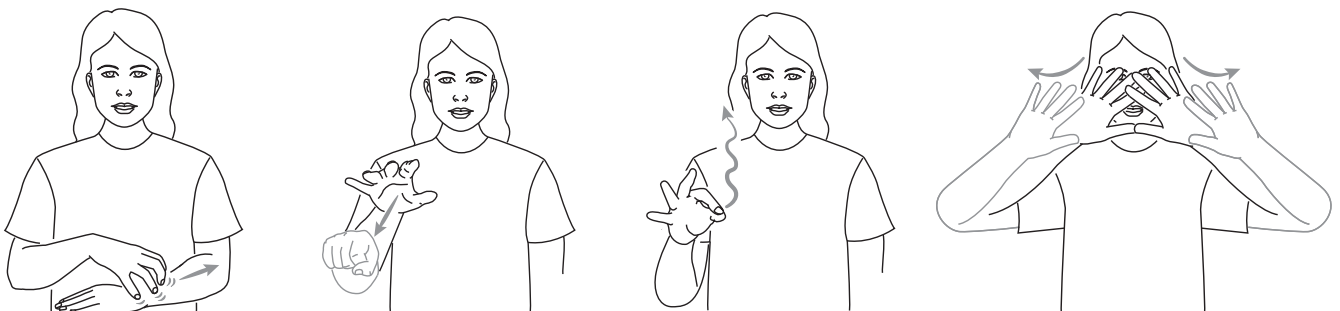
She was **very busy spinning** her **web**.



“Cock-a-doodle do!” crowed the **rooster**.



“Want to catch a pesty fly?”



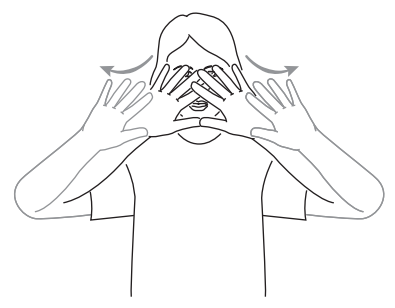
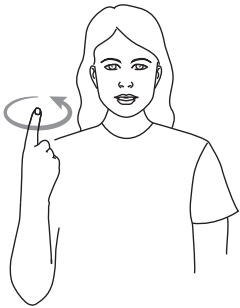
And the **spider caught** the **fly** in her **web**...



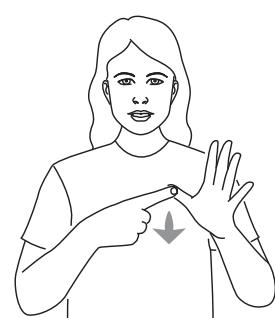
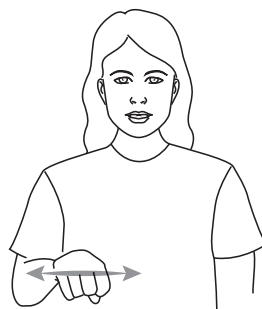
just like that!



“Who? Who?” asked the owl.



“Who built this beautiful web?”



The spider didn't answer.



She had fallen **asleep**.



It had been a **very, very busy day**.

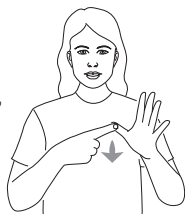
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ANSWER

Hold non-dominant hand at side of body, fingers spread, palm forward. Point to thumb using dominant index finger. Move whole formation forward.



ASKED

Place tips of dominant index finger and thumb together, other fingers spread, palm facing non-dominant side. Place formation at side of mouth and move forward in a small arc.



ASLEEP / NAP (SLEEP)

Place thumb of non-dominant hand at side of eye, flat hand open and palm facing the midline. Close fingers down onto thumb.



ANIMAL NOISE (SHOUT)

Make a "fist" handshape with dominant hand, place at side of mouth with palm facing forward, open hand whilst moving formation forward.
*Use this sign for all animal noises throughout the book.



BEAUTIFUL

Place open dominant hand on chin, non-dominant side. Brush fingers across chin, closing to a fist with thumb extended.



BEGAN (BEGIN / START)

Extend index fingers of one or both hands. Hold with fingers pointing up, then drop formation down.



BUILT (MAKE / DO)

Make fists with both hands. Bounce dominant fist on non-dominant, while making small circles towards body.



BUSY

Place both open hands, fingers spread and palms down, at waist height. Alternately move hands forward and back.



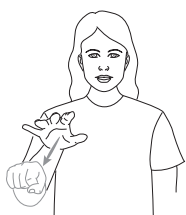
CAT

Stroke back of open non-dominant hand with fingers of open dominant hand, twice.



CATCH / CAUGHT

Extend dominant hand with palm down and fingers spread. Close fingers into a fist, with emphasis, as formation moves forward slightly.



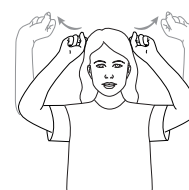
CHASE

Extend index fingers of both hands, dominant behind non-dominant, palms facing down. Move dominant hand in small circles as both formations move forwards.



COW

Place fists on either side of forehead, then simultaneously move both hands out and up in an arc.



DAY

Sweep open dominant hand, palm down or palm towards body, in an arc from waist height to shoulder height.



DIDN'T (NO / NOT)

Shake dominant fist, palm down, sideways in front of body.



DOG

Hit thigh with open dominant hand, twice.



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DUCK

Place tips of dominant index, middle fingers and thumb together. Place formation in front of chin and open and close formation, twice.



EARLY

Crook dominant index finger around thumb. Flick thumb up, while dropping formation from the wrist.



EAT

Close dominant fingertips onto ball of thumb. Tap formation on chin, twice.



FARM

Hold open flat dominant hand above waist, palm down. Move in arc to below waist level turning to palm up.



FENCE

Extend index, middle, ring and little fingers of both hands and tuck thumbs in. Place edge of dominant little finger on edge of non-dominant index finger. Move hands apart sideways in opposite directions.



FIELD (PLACE)

Hold dominant hand flat with palm facing down and make a small circular motion on same side of body.



FLY (BUG)

Form an 'O' with dominant index finger and thumb, palm away from body. Simultaneously move formation upwards and wiggle from side to side.



GO

Hold flat dominant hand close to body, palm facing in. Swing hand out finishing with fingers forward. *With directionality.



GOAT

Hold dominant fist under chin. Move formation down and slightly forward, ending with palm down.



GRASS

Hold open non-dominant hand, palm down in front of body. Place dominant hand palm facing in with fingers spread and pointing up, behind dominant elbow. Move along non-dominant forearm while moving fingers slightly.



HORSE / RIDE

Place extended dominant index and middle fingers over extended non-dominant index finger, bounce twice.



JUMP

"Jump" extended dominant index and middle fingers up on palm of open non-dominant hand. Sign may be varied for jumping on, off, over etc.



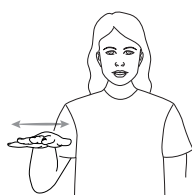
JUST LIKE THAT!

(CORRECT / RIGHT)
Extend thumb of dominant fist, palm down, and hold above open non-dominant hand, palm up, at waist height. Move dominant formation onto non-dominant hand.



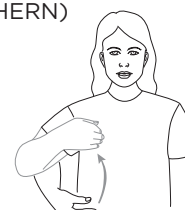
MEADOW

(PLACE / FIELD)
Hold open dominant hand, palm down, fingers spread, in front of body. Move hand gently from side to side.



MORNING (NORTHERN)

Open dominant hand, move fingertips in a shallow arc from waist to chest, dominant side. *May use two hands. (NSW, Qld)



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MORNING (SOUTHERN)

Place dominant hand, bent at third knuckles into armpit on opposite side of body, and tap fingertips into armpit twice. *May use armpit on dominant side of body. (Vic, SA, WA, NT, Tas)



MUD (DIRTY)

Rub palms of both hands together, in circular movement, fingers spread slightly.



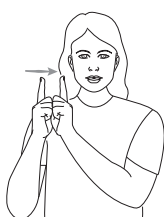
NAP (SLEEP)

Place thumb of non-dominant hand at side of eye, flat hand open and palm facing the midline. Close fingers down onto thumb.



NEAR (BESIDE)

Extend index fingers of both hands upwards with other fingers closed. Place hands together on dominant side of body and move formation up and down, twice.



OWL

Extend thumbs of both hands. Simultaneously draw outlines of circles around eyes (not touching face). Move from the outside in.



PIG

Move dominant fist in a small circle in front of nose.



ROCKS

(HARD / SOLID)
Crook extended dominant index finger and hold in front of body. Swing formation in an arc to tap chin, palm facing body.



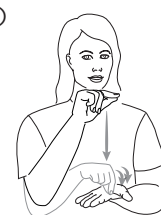
ROLL

Extend index fingers of both hands, palms facing body and roll one finger around the other.



ROOSTER (CHICKEN)

Extend dominant index finger and thumb and place back of hand under chin. Move dominant formation down to bounce twice on non-dominant hand, palm up.



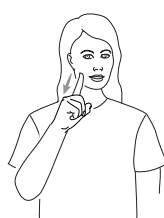
RUN

Move fists in alternate forward circles, as if running (natural gesture - mime the action).



SAID (SAY)

Move tip of extended dominant index finger forward away from mouth.
*Use this sign for all verbs describing animal noises.



SHEEP

Extend dominant little finger and thumb. Close other fingers. Place little finger at corner of mouth and brush backwards, twice.



SILKY (SILK)

Hold both hands in front of body, palms up. Slide thumbs across fingertips, multiple times.



SPIDER

Crook and slightly spread dominant fingers, palm down. Place on wrist of open non-dominant hand, palm down. Run dominant fingers up non-dominant forearm.



SWIM

Place open hands in front of body, palms down, move hands in outwards circles or arcs as though swimming breast stroke (natural gesture).



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THIN

Place both extended index fingers and thumbs together. Place fingertips of dominant hand formation on top of non-dominant fingertips. Move dominant hand formation up (or use natural gesture appropriate to the context).



THREAD

Touch index finger to thumb in both hands, other fingers spread. Place formations in front of face, palms facing out. Simultaneously move hands down and away in shallow arcs.



TRAILED FROM HER BODY

Touch index finger to thumb in both hands, other fingers spread. Hold formations in front of body, palms facing out. Move dominant hand forward and away in shallow arc.



VERY

Extend only little fingers of both hands, hold in front of body with palms facing. Sweep dominant finger tip along non-dominant finger tip, twice.



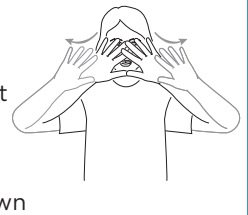
WANT

Move flat dominant hand down front of chest and turn to palm down.



WEB

Spread fingers of both hands and hold in front of face, palms facing out. Simultaneously move hands down and away in a shallow arc.



WHO

Point dominant index finger, palm facing body. Move hand in small forward circles.



WIND BLEW (WIND)

Simultaneously wave both open hands, palms facing body, at either side of face.





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