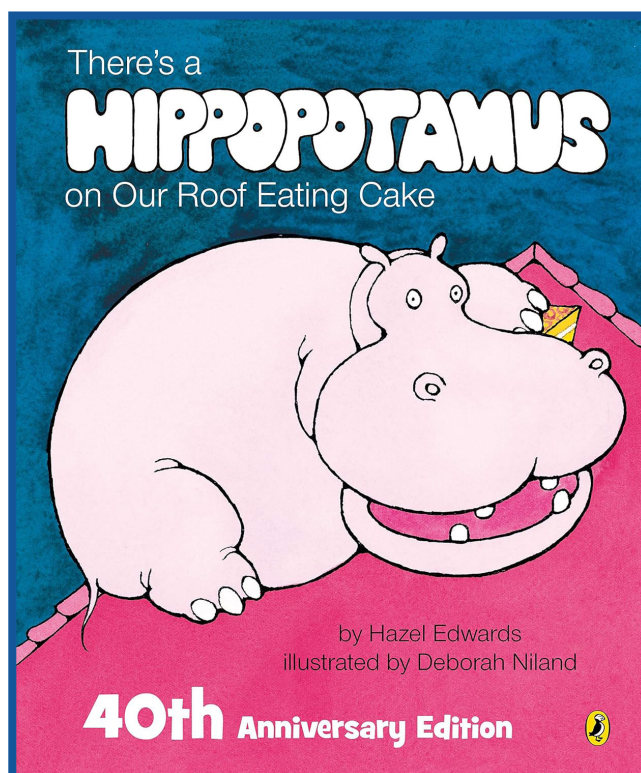




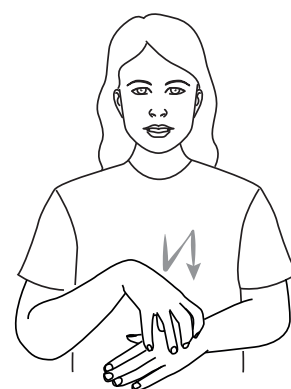
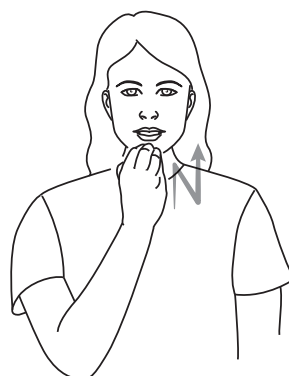
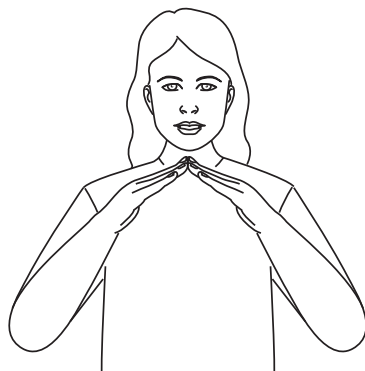
Key Word Sign™
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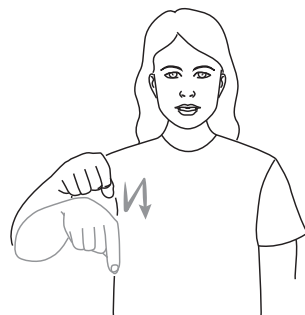
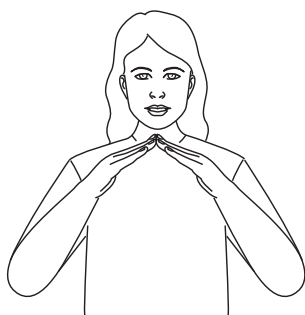


Key Word Sign Guide (Northern) for

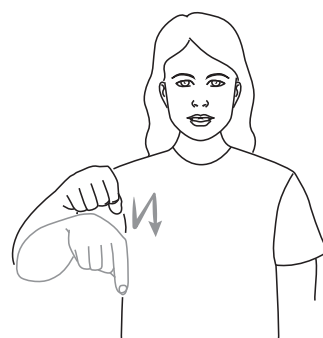
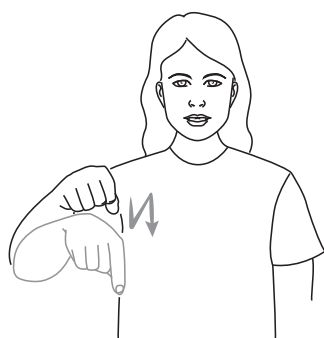
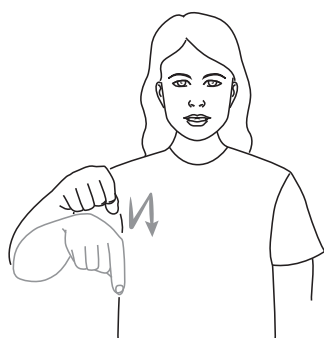
There's a **Hippopotamus** on our **Roof Eating Cake**

by Hazel Edwards and Deborah Niland

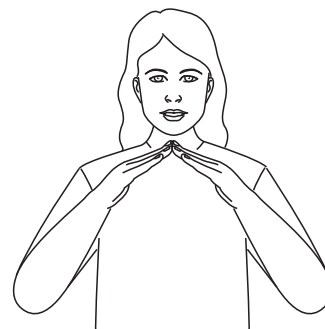
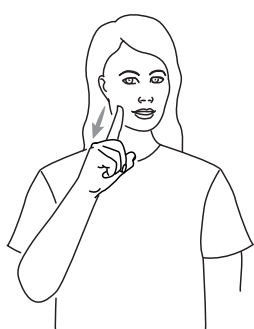




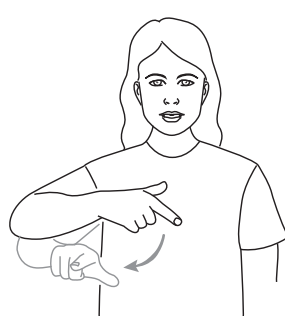
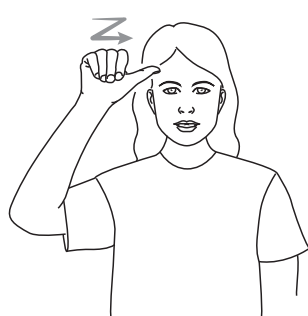
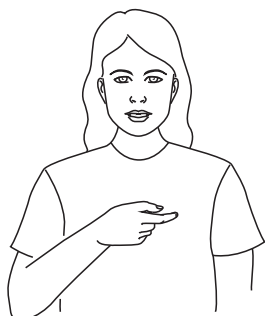
Our **roof** leaks.



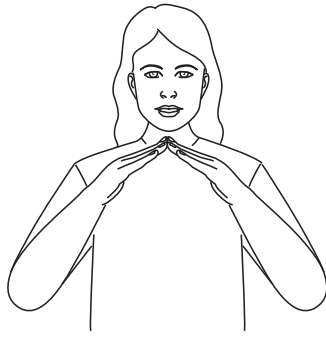
Drip! Drip! Drip!



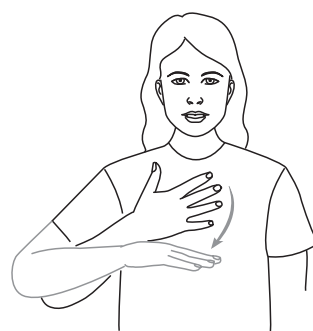
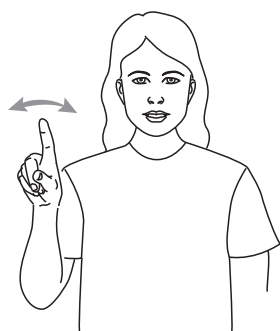
My **daddy** says there's a **hole** in our **roof**.



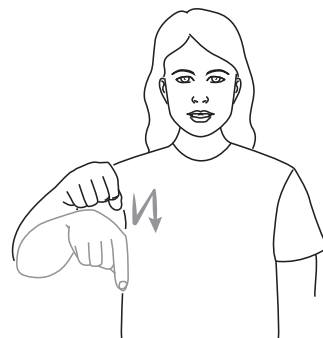
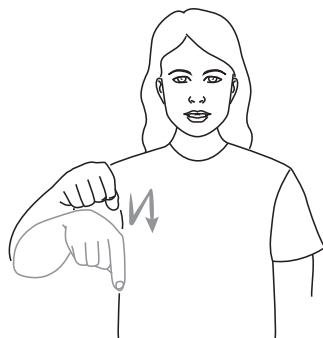
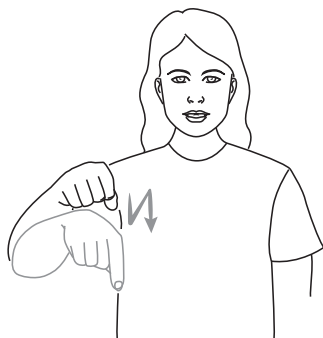
I know why there is a **hole**.



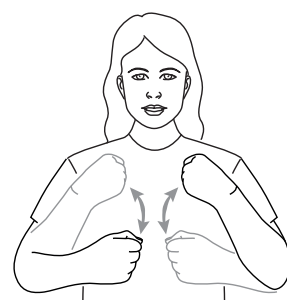
There's a **hippopotamus** on our **roof** eating **cake**.



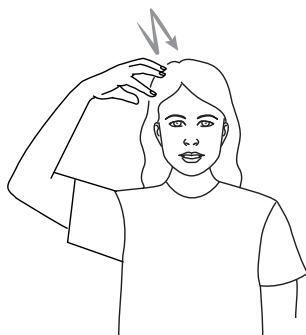
He can do **what** he **likes**.



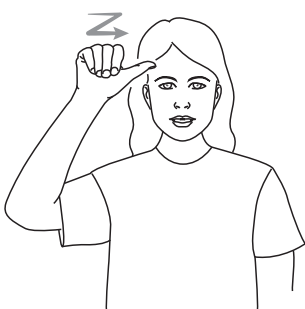
Drip! Drip! Drip!



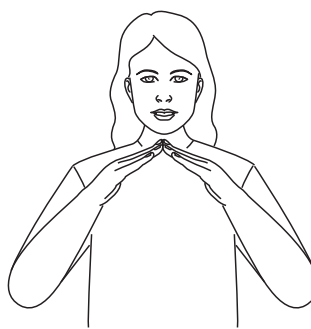
My hippopotamus doesn't like baths.



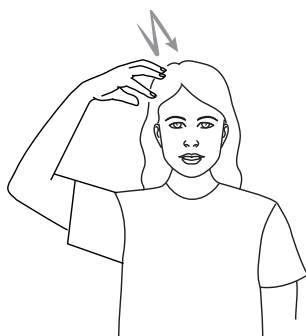
He's having a **shower**.



I know, because I **heard** him.



There's a **hippopotamus** on our **roof**



having a **shower**.



Mummy is on a **diet**.



She **eats** **lettuce**, **tomato** and **cheese**.



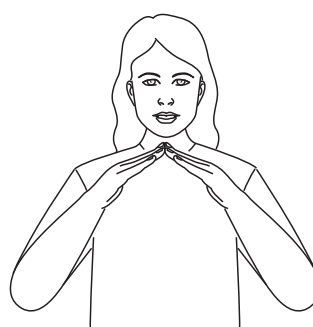
My **big** **brother** **eats**



peanut **butter** **sandwiches**.



I eat honey sandwiches.



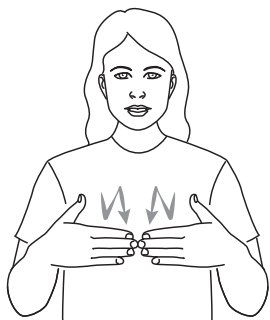
The hippopotamus on our roof



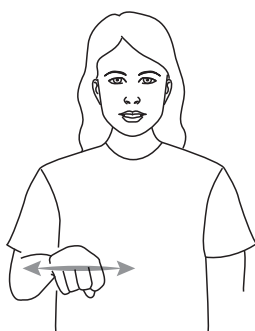
eats cake all the time.



Mummy asked about the cake.



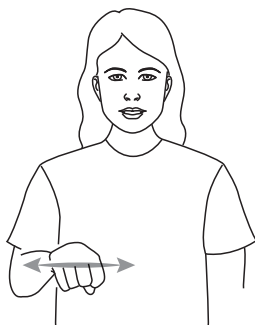
“Is it **birthday cake**?”



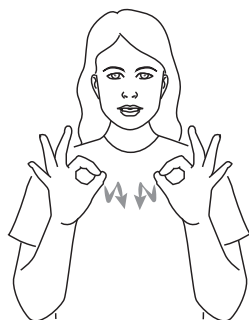
“**No.**”



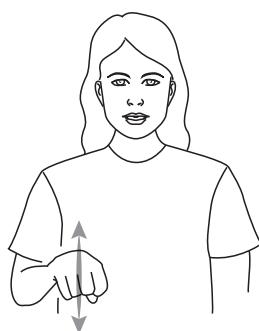
“Is it **chocolate cake**?”



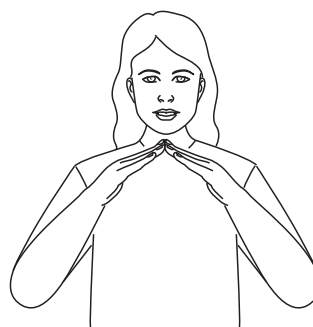
“**No.**”



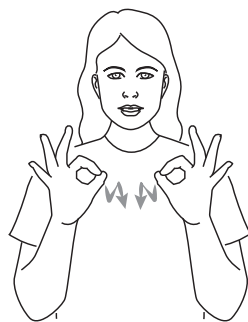
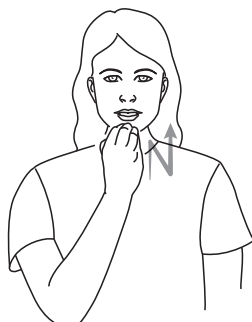
“Is it **special cake?**”



“**Yes!**”



There's a **hippopotamus** on our **roof**



eating special cake.



Yesterday | fell over



Natural gesture.
Point to knee.

and cut my knee.



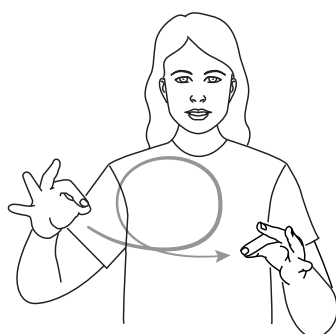
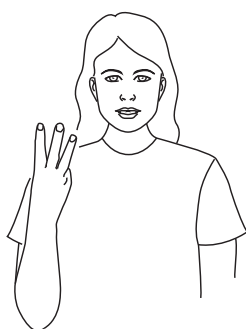
It hurt.



There was a lot of blood.



At the **hospital**, the **doctor**

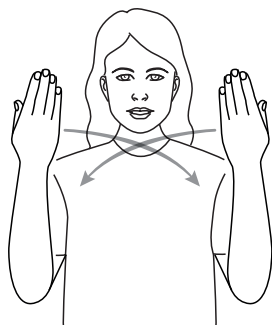


Natural gesture.
Point to knee.

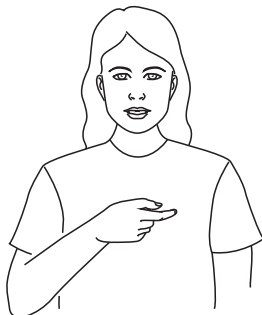
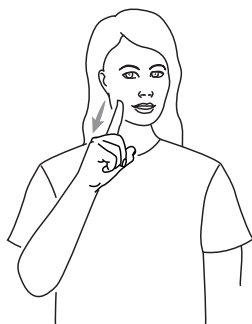
put **three stitches** in my **knee**.



I cried.



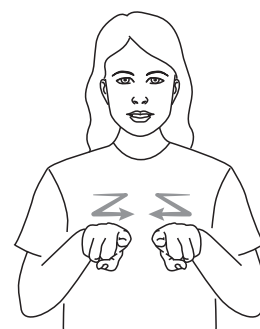
Last night, the **hippopotamus**



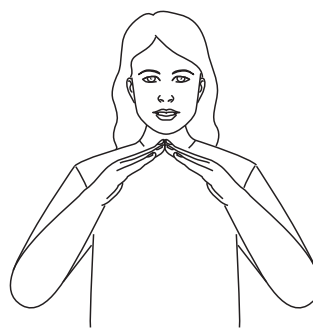
told me something.



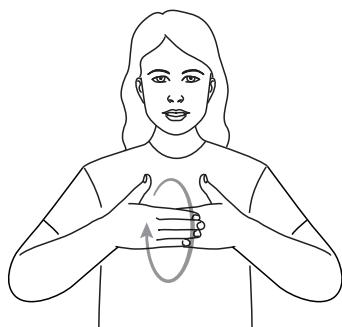
Natural gesture.
Point to knee.



He's got a sore knee too.

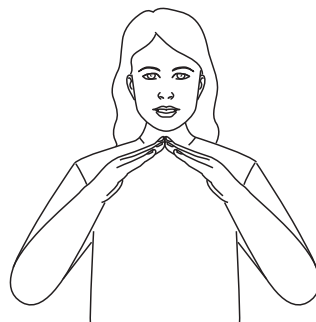


There's a hippopotamus on our roof



Natural gesture.
Point to knee.

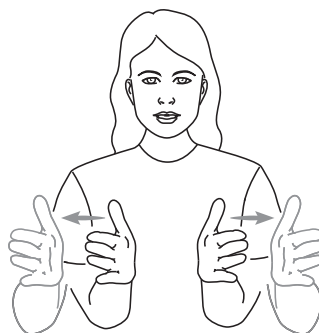
with a bandage on his knee.



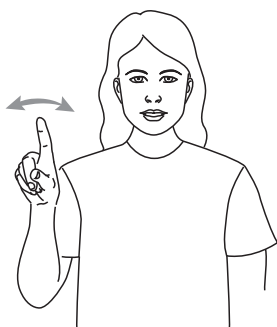
There's a **hippopotamus** on our **roof**



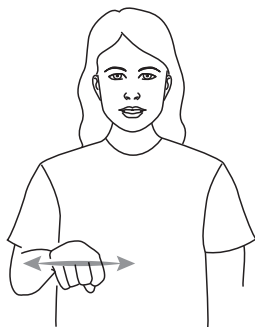
watching television.



He is **very big.**



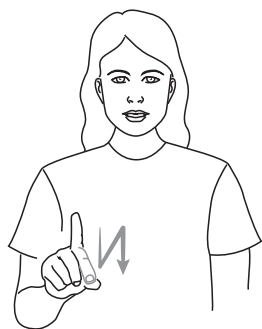
He can do **what** he **likes.**



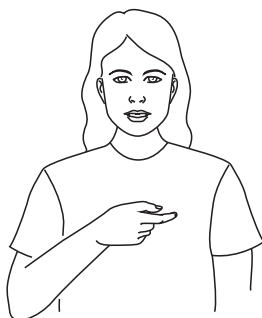
Mummy won't let me



watch television.



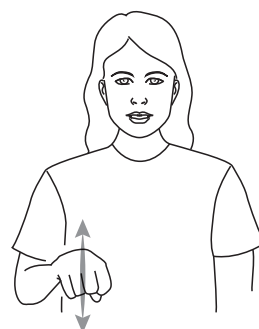
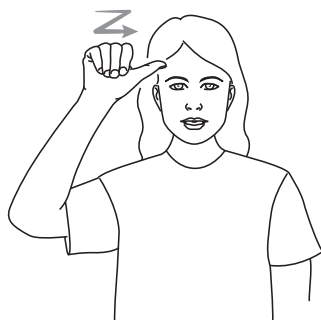
After dinner and a story



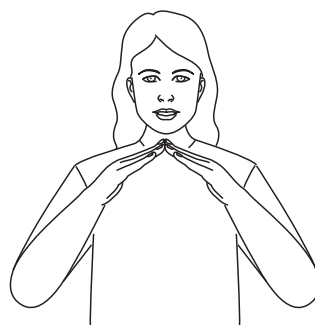
I have to go to bed.



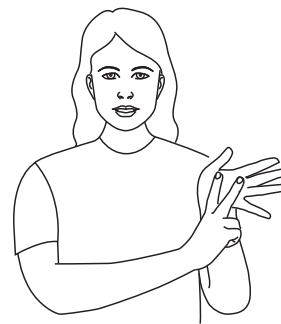
My **hippopotamus** watches.



I **know** he **does**.



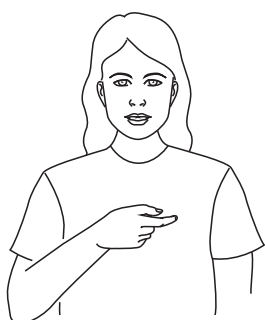
There's a **hippopotamus** on our **roof**



watching television.



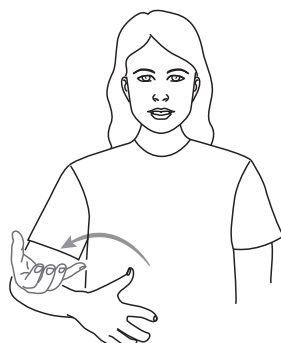
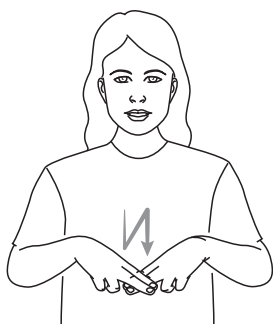
Today I was naughty.



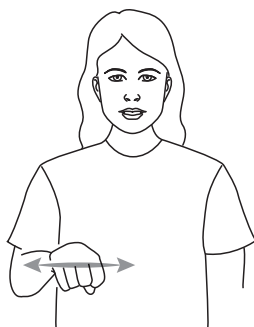
I drew on



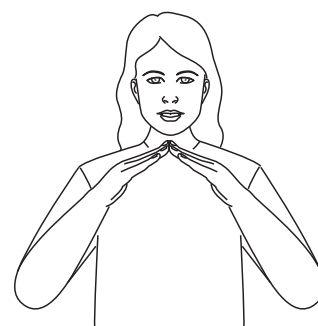
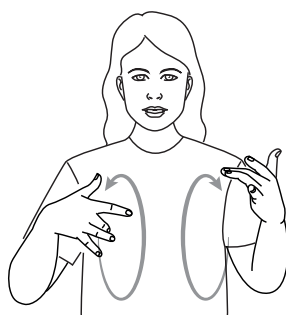
Daddy's best book.



Daddy growled at me.



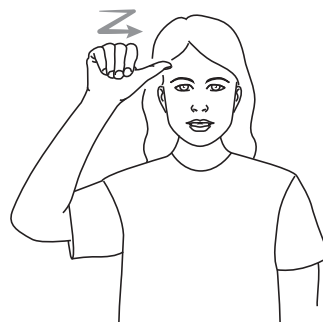
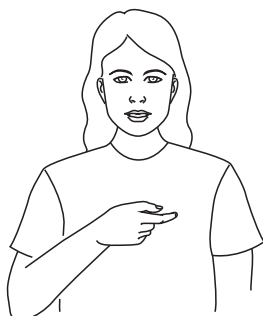
Down **here**, **no one** is my **friend**.



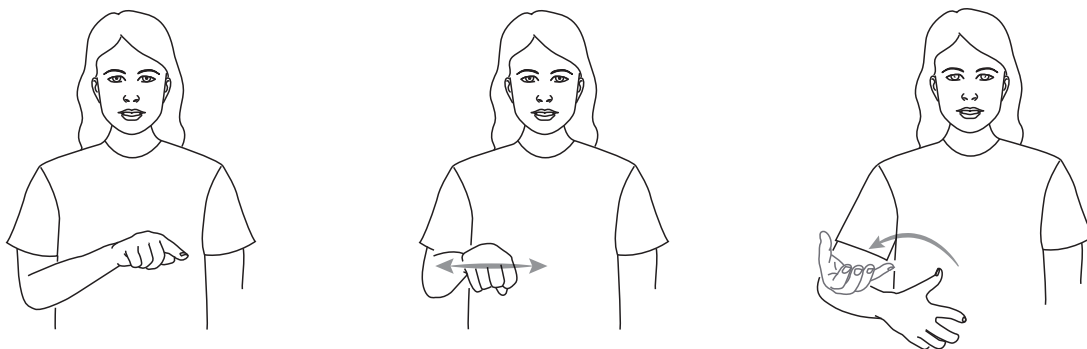
My **hippopotamus** lives on the **roof**.



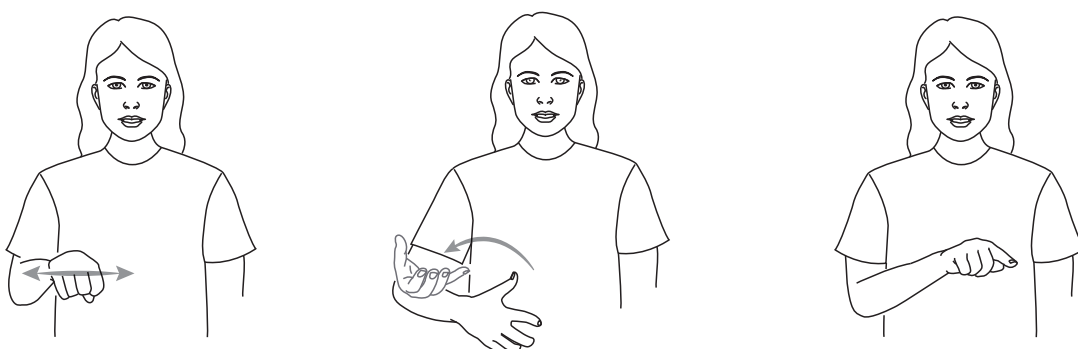
He's **my friend**.



I know.



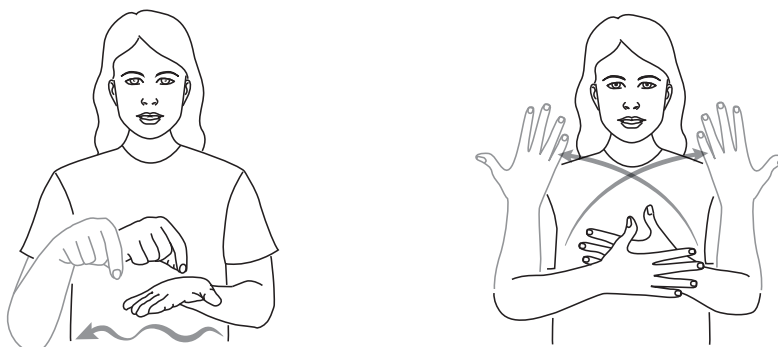
He isn't **cross**.



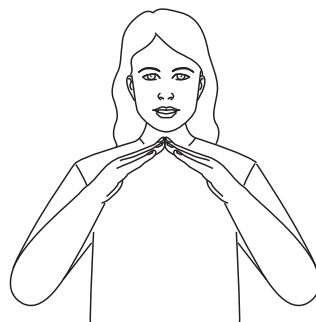
No one **growls** at him.



He's too **big**.



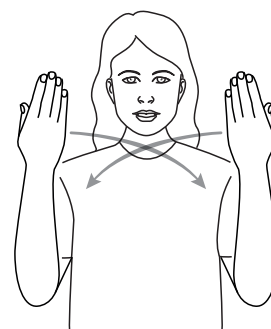
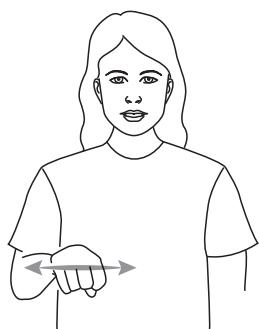
He can **draw anything**.



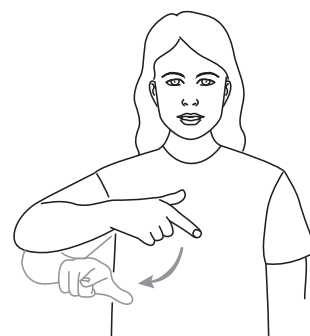
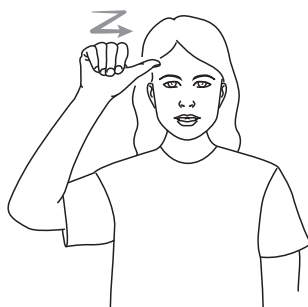
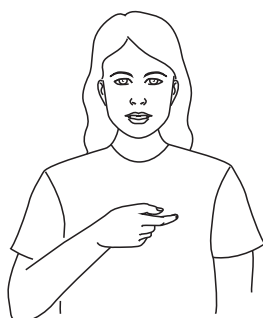
There's a **hippopotamus** on our **roof**



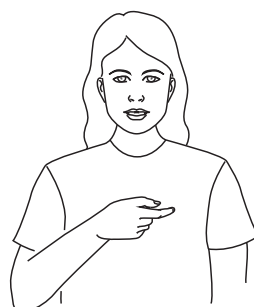
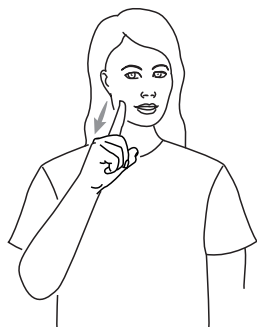
drawing with **crayons**.



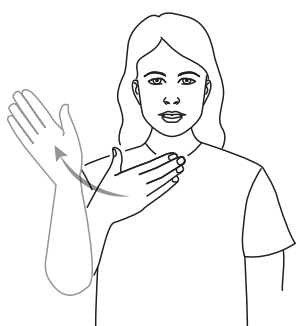
He wasn't there last **night**.



I know why.



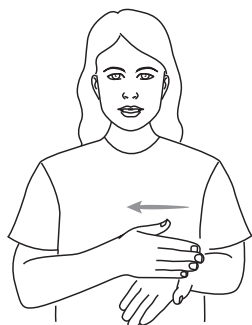
He told me.



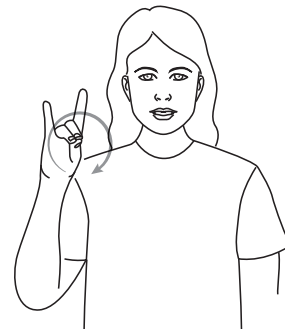
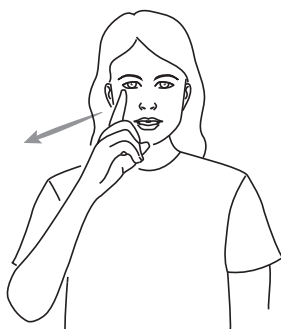
He went to work.



My hippopotamus works



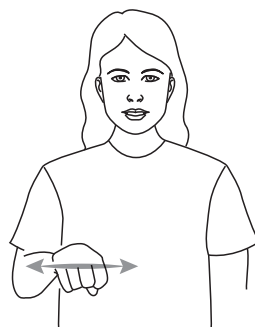
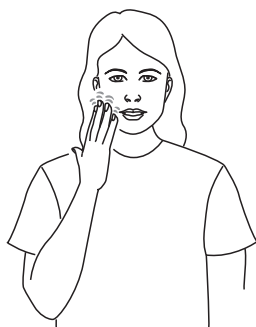
part time at the zoo.



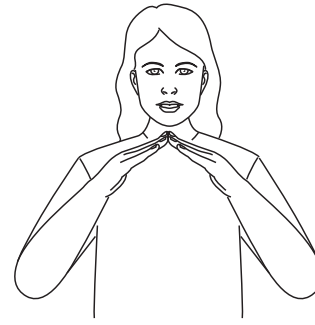
Zoo visitors look at animals.



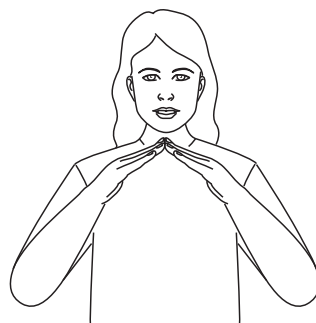
At the zoo, he watches people.



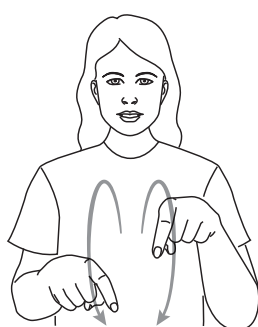
When he's not working,



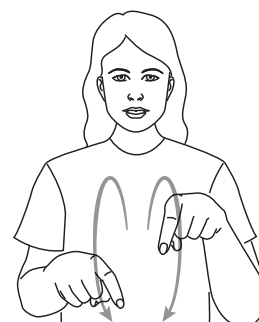
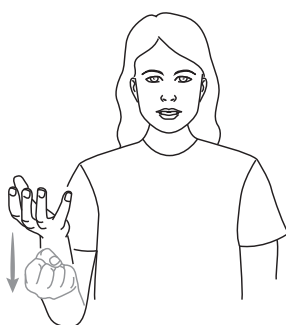
My hippopotamus eats cake on our roof.



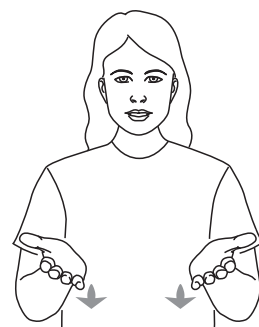
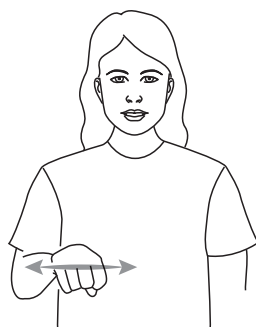
There's a **hippopotamus** on our **roof**



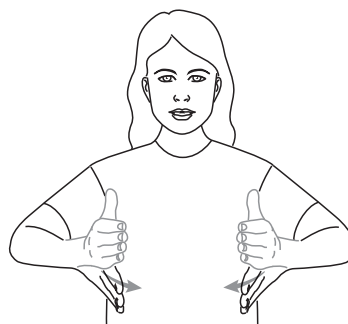
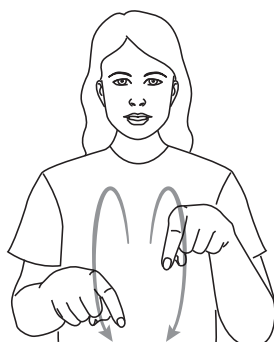
riding a bike.



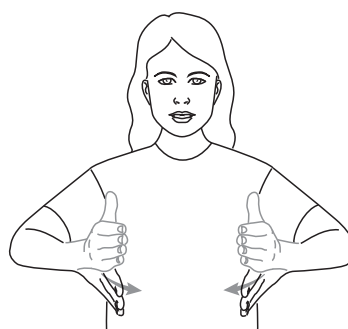
I've got a bike.



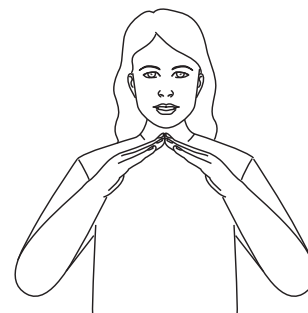
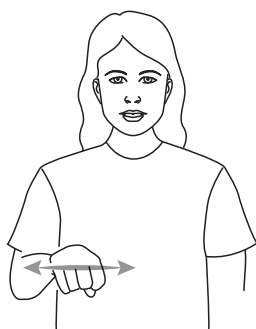
Mummy won't let me



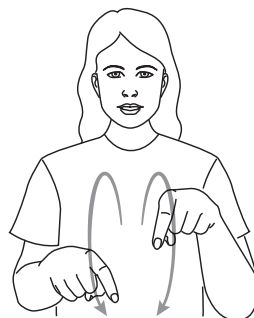
ride on the **road**.



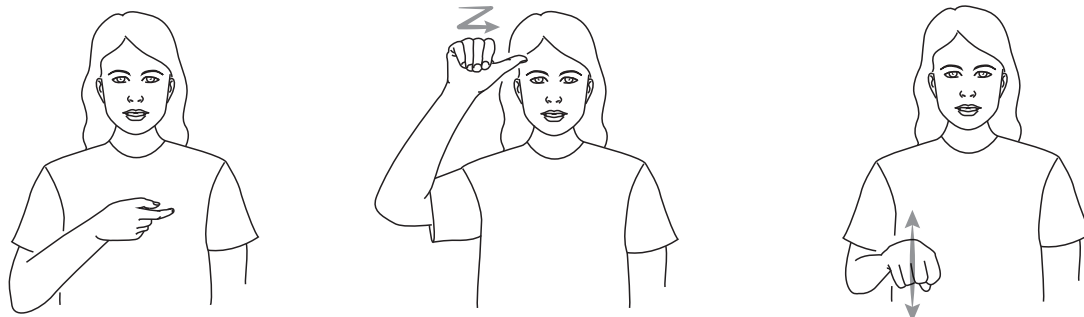
There are **cars** on the **road**.



There are **no cars** on the **roof**.



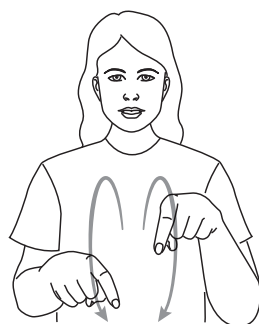
He can **ride** **anywhere**.



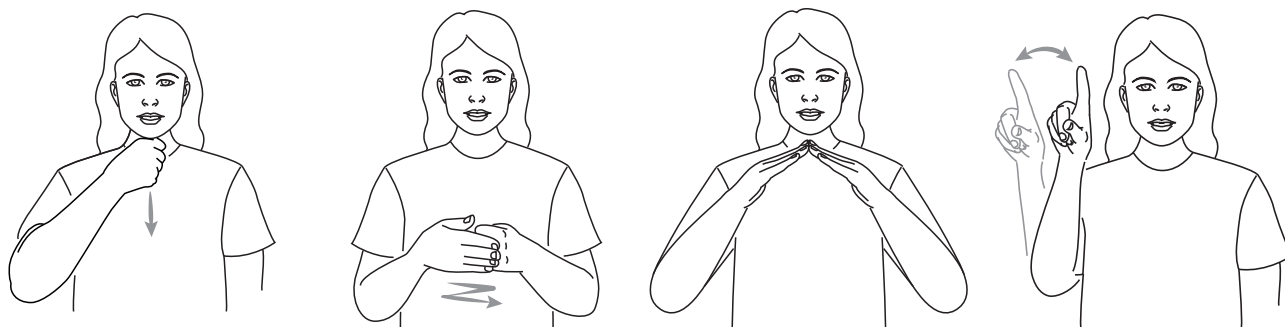
I know he can.



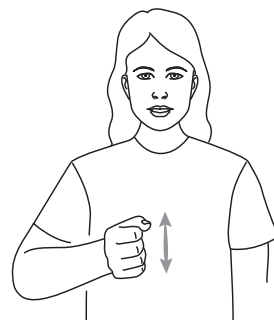
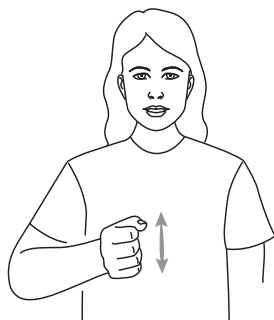
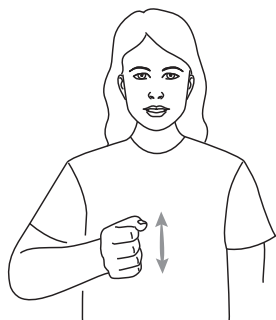
There's a hippopotamus on our roof



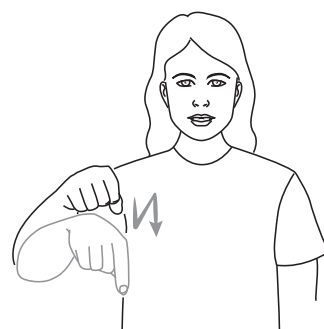
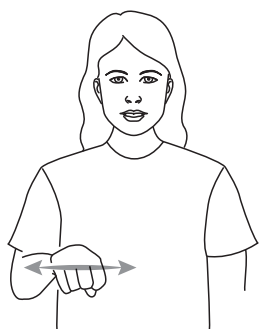
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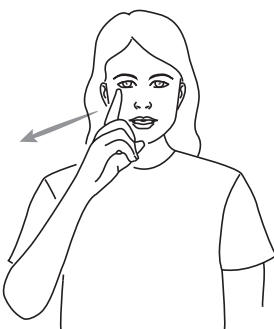
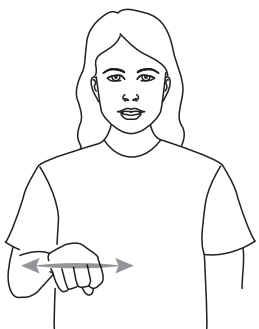
The men fixed the roof today.



Bang, bang, bang!



No more drips.



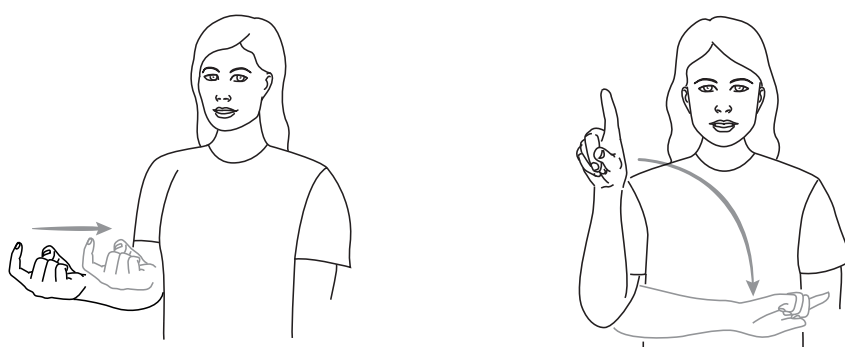
They didn't see my hippopotamus.

Natural gesture.
Mime the action of climbing down ladder.

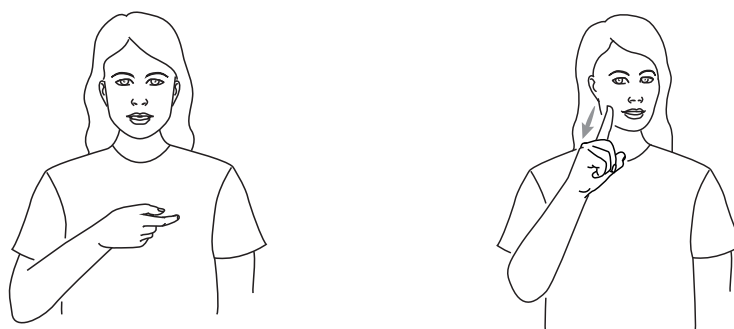
He climbed down the ladder



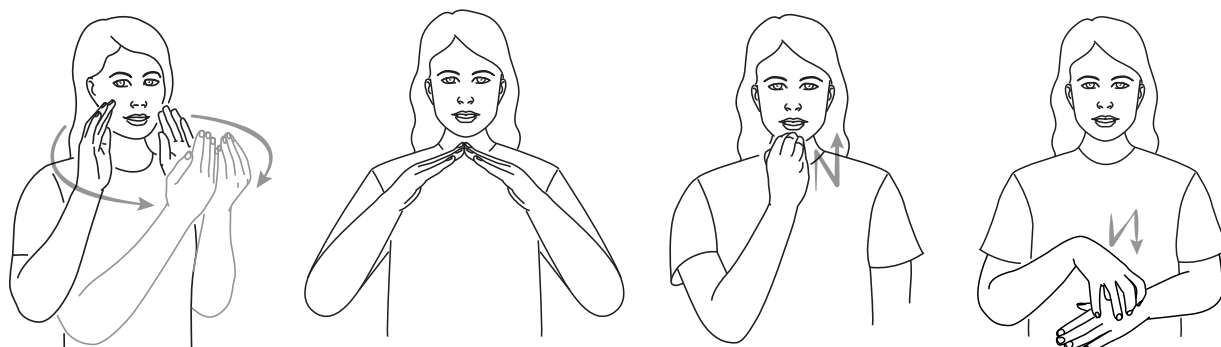
while the men had lunch.



He'll be back tonight.



Then I can say -



'There's a hippopotamus on our roof eating cake.'

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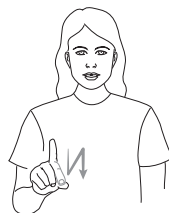
A LOT

Extend dominant index finger and thumb. Bounce edge of dominant hand onto open palm of non-dominant hand, twice.



AFTER

Hold extended index finger and thumb of dominant hand at chest height. Close index finger onto thumb, twice.



ALL THE TIME (ALWAYS)

Cup dominant hand and place blade of little finger on cheek, palm facing away from body. Roll hand forward from wrist while opening fingers slightly.



ANIMALS

Extend index and little fingers, hold middle and ring fingers on thumb of dominant hand, palm facing away from body at shoulder height. Move formation in a small circle.



ANYTHING / ANYONE

Hold relaxed open hands in front of body, palms facing in, then move hands to an upright position at side of body.



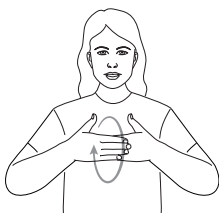
ASKED

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.



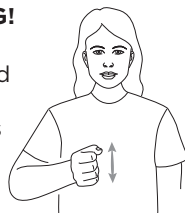
BANDAGE

Hold flat hands in front of body, dominant hand in front, palms facing body. Roll dominant hand forwards around non-dominant several times.



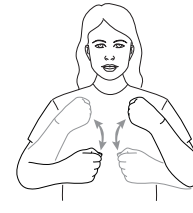
BANG, BANG, BANG! (HAMMER)

Close dominant hand into fist. Move down and up several times in front of body, like the action of hammering.



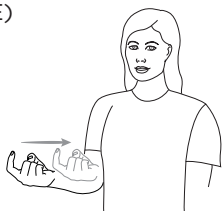
BATHS

Make fists with both hands. Move up and down chest alternately.



BE BACK (COME)

Bend dominant hand at third knuckles, palm toward body. Pull towards body. Can also use crooked index finger.



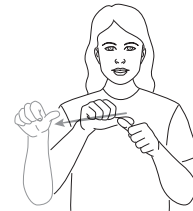
BED

Place open dominant hand against side of face, tilting head to the side.



BEST

Extend thumbs of both hands and hold in front of body, palms down. Move dominant thumb forwards brushing against the non-dominant thumbnail.



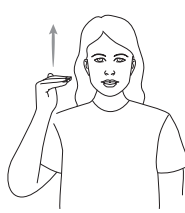
BIG

Place hands open with palms facing and move them apart (or use natural gesture appropriate to the context).



BIG (TALL)

Bend dominant hand at third knuckles, fingers and thumb closed together. Fingertips facing head, move formation up.



BIKE

Crook index fingers of both hands and move formation in forward circles alternately.



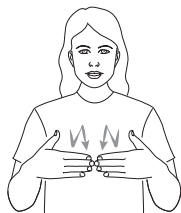
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BIRTHDAY

Place open hands in front of waist, palms facing body. Bounce hands in front of body.



BLOOD

Spread fingers of both hands. Hold in front of body, palms down. Slide dominant hand forwards on non-dominant hand, twice.



BOOK

Place flat open hands together, move hands to palm up keeping them together. Can be done once or twice.



BROTHER

Rub fists up and down several times, palms facing.



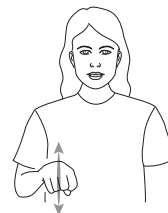
CAKE

Bounce tips of cupped dominant hand, fingers slightly spread, on back of non-dominant hand, twice.



CAN / DOES (YES)

Hold dominant fist palm down and down move up and down from the wrist.



CARS

Clench both fists in front of body, move formation as if holding an imaginary steering wheel (natural gesture - mime the action).



CHEESE

Bend open dominant hand at third knuckles. Move dominant hand finger tips side to side above palm of open non-dominant hand.



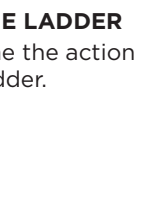
CHOCOLATE

Fingerspell "C" with dominant index finger and thumb. Rest tip of thumb against cheek near mouth. Rock hand twice, thumb still in contact with cheek.



CLIMBED DOWN THE LADDER

Natural gesture. Mime the action of climbing down ladder.



CRAYONS

Move dominant hand at shoulder height from non-dominant to dominant side in small arcs, with thumb parallel to other fingers, bent at the third knuckle.



CRIED

Bring both fist hands up to underneath the eyes, palms facing the eyes. Turn hands towards and away from each other a few times.



CROSS (ANGRY)

Hold tips of cupped dominant hand, fingers spread, on side of waist. Flick formation to palm up, once. *May be done with more movements to reflect intensity of the emotion.



CUT (OPERATION)

Extend dominant thumb. Place thumb on palm of non-dominant hand. Move this formation down palm of hand. Can move sign to other locations on the body.



DADDY / DADDY'S

Fingerspell "F" quickly, twice.



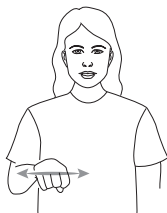
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DIDN'T (NO)

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



DIET

Place flat hands at sides of body, fingers pointing forwards. Move downwards along sides of trunk.



DINNER

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



DOCTOR

Extend dominant thumb, index and middle fingers. Hold non-dominant wrist with dominant hand formation.



DOESN'T LIKE

Move open dominant hand in small circles on chest. Use facial expression.



DRAW / DRAWING / DREW

Form an "O" with index and thumb of dominant hand. Move along above palm of open non-dominant hand as though writing/drawing.



DRIP / LEAK

Hold dominant hand in a fist in front of body, palm down. Drop hand down while releasing index finger, in several quick movements.



EATING/ EAT/S

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



FELL OVER (FALL)

Place extended index and middle fingers on palm of non-dominant hand. Rotate dominant formation to end with fingers pointing up or to the side.



FIXED

Tap fisted non-dominant hand with extended fingers of dominant hand, twice.



FRIEND

Clasp non-dominant fist with dominant hand and rock formation, backward and forward slightly, twice.



GO

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



GROWLED / GROWLS (ANGRY)

Hold tips of cupped dominant hand, fingers spread, on side of waist. Flick formation to palm up, once. *May be done with more movements to reflect intensity of the emotion.



HE/ HE'S / HIM

Point dominant index finger, palm down. Point to the person and move index finger down slightly for added emphasis (natural gesture).



HEARD

Place a slightly cupped dominant hand behind ear on same side, palm forward (natural gesture - mime the action).



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HERE

Point and move dominant index finger downwards in front of body, palm down (natural gesture).



HIPPOPOTAMUS

Slightly cup both hands and hold index fingers near cheeks. Simultaneously move both hands in a small arc to finish with cupped hands in front of face, blades of little fingers touching.



HOLE

Touch fingers and thumb of non-dominant hand to form an 'O' shape. Use index finger of dominant hand to trace around opening once.



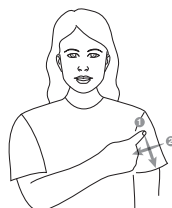
HONEY

Place extended dominant little finger into 'O' formed with non-dominant thumb and fingers. Move dominant hand formation up to mouth making a small loop half way up.



HOSPITAL

Extend index finger of dominant hand. Draw a cross on non-dominant upper arm.



HURT / SORE

Shake open dominant hand, fingers spread, twice in front of body. Move hand to location of pain. Use facial expression.



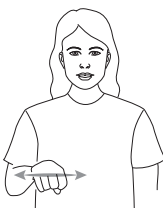
I / I'VE / ME

Point to self using extended dominant index finger (natural gesture).



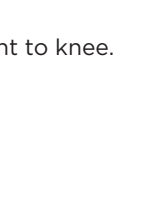
ISN'T (NO)

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



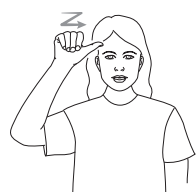
KNEE

Natural gesture. Point to knee.



KNOW

Tap tip of dominant thumb, palm forward, fingers closed, on side of forehead, twice.



LAST NIGHT (NIGHT)

Sweep both open hands, palms facing body, in downward arcs from near shoulder to waist. *May be done with palms down.



LET (ALLOW)

Hold flat hands on either side of body, palms up. Simultaneously move forwards with slight emphasis.



LETTUCE

Open both hands, fingers cupped and spread, place heels of hands together with fingers pointing up. Hold this formation in front of body.



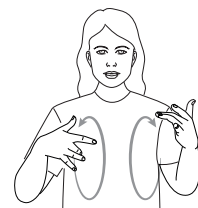
LIKES (WANTS)

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



LIVES

Extend middle finger of each hand, bend forwards slightly. Place fingers onto sides of chest and alternate flicking each hand off chest.



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LOOK / SEE

Move dominant index finger forward from eye (natural gesture).
*May use index and middle fingers slightly apart.



LUNCH

Move open dominant hand, bent at third knuckles, thumb under, across chin.



MEN (MAN)

Move dominant fist down slightly from chin.



MORE

Cup dominant hand, fingers spread and place fingertips on centre chest. Move hand forward.



MUMMY (MUM)

Fingerspell "M" quickly, twice.



MY

Place dominant fist on chest.



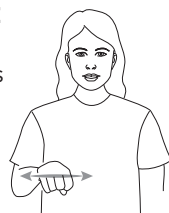
NAUGHTY

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



NO / NOT / NO ONE

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



PART (HALF)

Place blade of open dominant hand on open non-dominant hand, fingers facing forwards. Move dominant hand across non-dominant hand towards body once.



PEANUT BUTTER

1) Crook index and middle fingers of dominant hand. Tap fingertips of formation on side of mouth, twice.
2) Brush fingertips of open dominant hand along lower palm of open non-dominant hand, twice.



PEOPLE

Extend dominant index finger. Brush formation down tip of nose, twice.



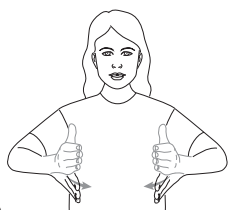
RIDE / RIDING

Extend and crook index fingers of both hands, palms facing down. Alternate forward circular motions with each hand whilst moving hands away from body.



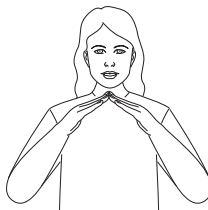
ROAD

Hold both hands open, palms facing, fingers pointing down. Move hands forward in a shallow arc, from about waist level.



ROOF

Slightly bend fingers of both flat hands at the third knuckle. Touch fingertips together in front of the body, like the point of a roof.



SANDWICHES

Open both hands, bent at third knuckles, thumbs under. Place fingers of non-dominant hand between fingers and thumb of dominant hand. Move formation from dominant to non-dominant side in front of chin.



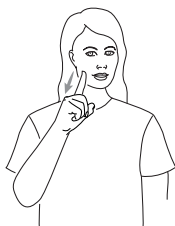
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SAYS / TOLD

Move tip of extended index finger forward away from mouth.



SHOWER

Bounce dominant hand with fingers spread and slightly cupped, above head, twice.



SOMETHING

Hold dominant fingertips on thumb tip. Move thumb across each fingertip, while moving hand forward and to the side.



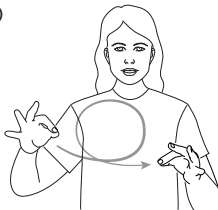
SPECIAL

Form an "O" shape with the index fingers and thumbs of both hands, other fingers extended. Hold these formations at shoulder height in front of body and move forward twice with emphasis.



STITCHES (SEW)

Join index finger and thumb in each hand, other fingers spread. Move dominant hand towards non-dominant and scoop upwards in an arc. Repeat several times.



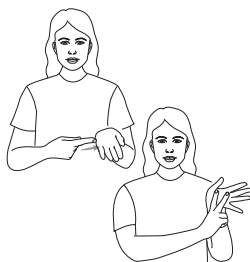
STORY

Place dominant flat hand, palm up, on non-dominant hand, also palm up. Slide top hand down.



TELEVISION

Fingerspell "T" and "V".



THERE

Point dominant index finger, palm down, away from body (natural gesture).



TIME

Tap extended dominant index finger tip on non-dominant wrist, twice (natural gesture).



TODAY

Extend index finger on dominant hand. Move from side to side, twice, at head height.



TOMATO

(1) Trace index finger of dominant hand down lips.
(2) Extend index finger of non-dominant hand, palm facing body. Roll clawed dominant hand forward around tip, once.



TONIGHT

Extend index finger of dominant hand. Hold in front of body, finger up, palm away. Move index finger down in an arc to non-dominant side, like the sun going down.
*May use two hands.



TOO (SAME)

Point index fingers of both hands palms down and tap sides of index fingers together, twice.



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.



VISITORS

Extend index and middle fingers of each hand. Hold in front of cheeks with middle finger touching face. Move forwards..



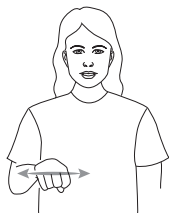
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WASN'T / WON'T (NOT)

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



WATCHES / **WATCHING**

Extend index and middle finger of dominant hand, other fingers closed. Place formation at corner of eye and move forward, once.



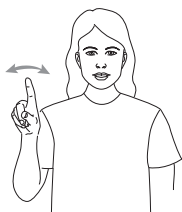
WENT (GO)

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



WHAT

Point dominant index finger, palm away from body, at shoulder height. Move formation at wrist from side to side, twice.



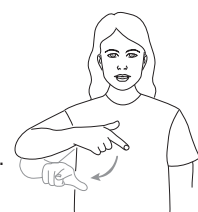
WHILE (WHEN)

Place dominant fingertips on cheek and tap in sequence quickly.



WHY

Extend dominant index finger and thumb. Place thumb on upper chest of same side. Sweep formation down body in a shallow arc.



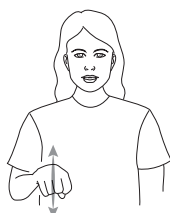
WORK/S / **WORKING**

Hold both hands open and flat. Bounce edge of dominant hand on base of non-dominant thumb twice.



YES

Hold dominant fist palm down and move up and down from the wrist.



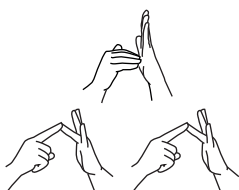
YESTERDAY

Extend thumb of dominant hand and place at side of mouth. Move formation back in two quick movements.



ZOO

Fingerspell "Z",
"O", "O".





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