



Key Word Sign for Science Descriptions

AIR / GAS (WIND)

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



ALL (EVERYTHING)

Hold both hands open at chest height, fingers spread, palms facing out. Move hands down and around to palms facing body while closing the thumb onto the fingers.



ANIMAL

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.



ASK

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.



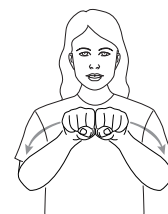
BIG

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



BREAK

Place both fists together, palms down in front of body. Separate hands in a breaking action, moving fists apart and slightly down.



BUILDING

Place fingertips of flat dominant hand on top of fingertips of flat non-dominant hand in front of body, both palms down. Alternate sliding fingertips off one another as the whole formation moves up.



CHANGE

Place both hands in front of body, palms up, index fingers extended. Simultaneously move both hands in arcs to cross over at wrists, ending with palms down.



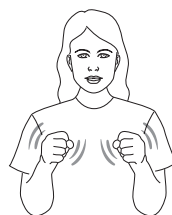
CLIMATE (WEATHER)

Hold both hands, fingers slightly spread and palms facing away from body, at chest height. Simultaneously move both hands from side to side several times.



COLD

Hold both arms bent, hands in fists. Move formation in quick, short sideways movements, several times.



DARK

Bend and slightly separate index and middle finger of dominant hand. Hold this formation at the side of upper cheek with palm facing forward. Rotate formation from wrist so palm faces body.



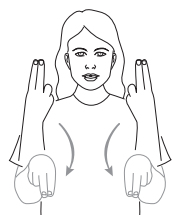
DESIGN (PLAN)

Join index finger and thumb in each hand, other fingers spread. Hold in front of body, palms facing in. Alternately move hands up and down.



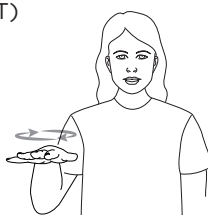
DIE (DEAD)

Extend index and middle fingers of both hands, palms facing body, slightly above shoulder height. Drop both hands so fingers are pointing down.



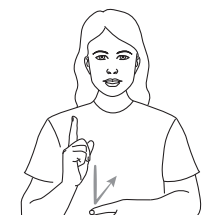
ESTIMATE (ABOUT)

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



FAST (SPEED)

Extend index fingers of both hands. Quickly tap index finger of dominant hand onto index finger of non-dominant hand.



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FIRE

Open both hands palms facing, slightly apart, fingers spread. Move hands up and down alternately, fingers in a rippling motion like a flame.



FIX

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



GROW

Place finger tips of dominant hand on ball of thumb, palm facing up. Gently grasp formation with non-dominant hand. Move dominant hand up, slowly opening hand and spreading fingers.



HARD (SOLID)

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



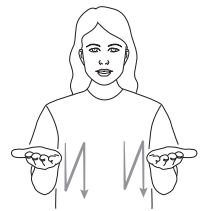
HEAR (LISTEN)

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



HEAVY

Hold flat hands, palms up, at waist height on either side of body. Bounce downwards, twice.



HOT (TEMPERATURE)

Place fingertips of flat dominant hand on chin. Swing hand forward from wrist to palm down.



HOW (NORTHERN)

Place dominant flat hand on top of non-dominant flat hand, both palms facing up. Move hands apart and to the side.



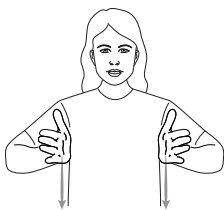
HOW (SOUTHERN)

Fingerspell "H" then "W".



HUMAN BODY

Place flat hands at each side of the body under the arms, palms facing body. Simultaneously move down to waist level.



IN

Place both open hands in front of body, palms down. Brush dominant hand under non-dominant hand as dominant hand moves forward.



JOIN (CONNECT)

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



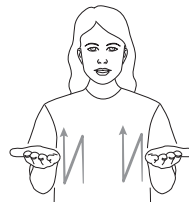
LIGHT (BRIGHT)

Touch dominant fingertips to thumb and hold in front of face, palm facing in. Open and spread fingers as hand moves forward slightly.



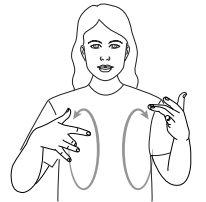
LIGHT (WEIGHT)

Hold flat hands, palms up, at waist height on either side of body. Bounce upwards, twice.



LIVE (LIVING)

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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MAKE

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



MANY

Bend fingers of both hands, fingers spread, palms facing body. Quickly hit second joints of each hand together, twice.



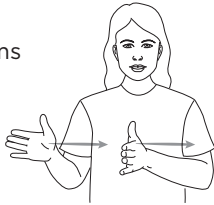
MEASURE

Extend flat dominant hand, palm down in front of body. Extend index finger of dominant hand and trace a line in front of non-dominant forearm, from wrist to fingertips.



MOVE

Hold flat hands in front of body, palms facing and fingers pointing forwards. Move both hands across the body from dominant to non-dominant side.



NONE (NOTHING)

Join index finger and thumb of dominant hand, extend other fingers. Hold palm down at side of body and move in small circles.



ON

Palms up, place back of open dominant hand firmly on palm of non-dominant hand.



OVER

Move relaxed open dominant hand, palm down, in forward arc over the back of the relaxed open non-dominant hand.



PEOPLE

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



PHYSICS

Rest thumb under middle finger in each hand, index finger extended. Hold hands in front of body, palms facing in. Move in alternating inward circles.



REPORT

Move tip of extended dominant index finger forward away from mouth.



SAFETY

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



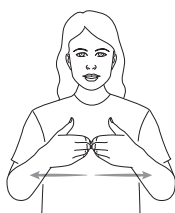
SCIENCE

Make open cup shapes with both hands in front of body. Move hands alternately as if pouring liquid into a test tube.



SEPARATE

Extend thumbs of both hands and bend fingers at third knuckle. Place back of fingertips together in front of body, then move hands apart.



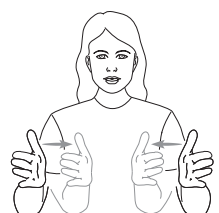
SLOW

Move fingers of open dominant hand, palm down, across back of non-dominant hand to wrist. Keep action slow.



SMALL

Place hands open with palms facing and move them together.





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SOFT / WET

(ALSO LIQUID)

Move fingers and thumb of dominant hand toward each other, twice, but do not touch together.

*May use both hands.



SOME

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



START

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



STOP

Hold flat dominant hand, palm forward, at chest height. Move forwards with emphasis.



SUSTAINABILITY

Extend index fingers of each hand. Hold in front of body, palms facing. Tap dominant index finger on top of non-dominant index finger several times as formation moves forward.



TECHNOLOGY

Hold the non-dominant flat hand in front of body, palm facing centre. Tap the tip of the dominant middle finger on the blade of the non dominant hand, twice.



THING / SUBSTANCE

Extend index fingers, other fingers closed. Hold together in front of body, little fingers touching. Tap together twice.



THINK

Extend index finger of dominant hand and place on side of forehead.



TIME

Hold non-dominant flat hand with fingers pointing upright and palm facing centre. Extend thumb and index finger of dominant hand. Place thumb in centre of palm and swivel formation forward and down.



UNDER

Move relaxed open dominant hand, palm up, forward in an arc, below the relaxed open non-dominant hand, palm down.



WAIT

Bounce open dominant hand, palm down, in front of dominant side, twice. *May use both hands (natural gesture).



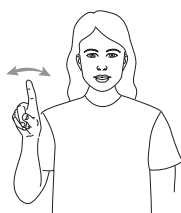
WATCH / OBSERVE

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



WHAT

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



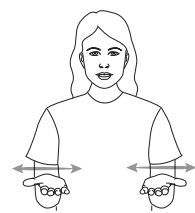
WHEN

Place dominant fingertips on cheek and tap in sequence quickly.



WHERE

Open both hands, palms up. Simultaneously move each hand from side to side, in opposite directions, twice.





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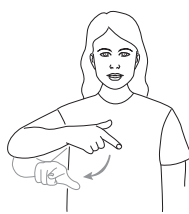
WHICH

Extend dominant thumb and little finger, palm down and move this formation from side to side, twice.



WHY

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



WORK

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



WORLD / UNIVERSE

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.

