



Welcome

Made for the CODA UK & Ireland community

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This booklet is yours. There is no right or wrong way to be a CODA. You can leave questions blank, decorate the pages, or ask a trusted adult to join in.

Before you start

Suggested age: 6-14. Print the pages you want, choose your favourite activity, and take your time.

My name (optional):

Something I enjoy doing:



BSL and ISL Are Different Languages

British Sign Language (BSL) and Irish Sign Language (ISL) are different languages, with their own vocabulary, grammar and fingerspelling. Neither is simply English spoken with your hands.

Where have I seen people use BSL, ISL or another sign language?

Questions I would like to ask a fluent signer:



Language Detective

Ask a fluent BSL or ISL user to show you how to fingerspell your name. Write the letters below. Do not assume the same fingerspelling alphabet works for both languages.

My name - letters:

Draw what you noticed about the handshapes:



Languages Around Me

Languages and ways of communicating used in my family:

One thing I learned from a Deaf person:

One thing I would like to learn next:



Explore Respectfully

Top tips: learn from fluent signers; ask before filming anyone signing; remember that not all CODAs sign; and treat Deaf people as the experts on their own languages and experiences.

My questions for a Deaf language role model: