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Directions

- Print using a color printer on standard 8 ½ x 11 paper and then laminate your copies.
- Cut each of the labels and post the label on the appropriate item in your classroom or home.
- You may also make an additional set of laminated copies and cut them up as puzzle pieces or create a matching game for your reading center.



Tips and Tricks

Use the following labels in a variety of ways, including:

- Procedures chart
- Communication boards
- Daily routine board or schedule board (individual or class)
- Class books
- Individual books
- Calendar activities (sign and sing days of the week)
- Props for stories
- Sequencing activities
- Re-telling stories or procedures
- Visual cues
- Class posters
 - Good Listening poster (Stop – Look – Listen)
- Songs or poems
- Pocket chart activities, such as stories or poems



Finger Spelling

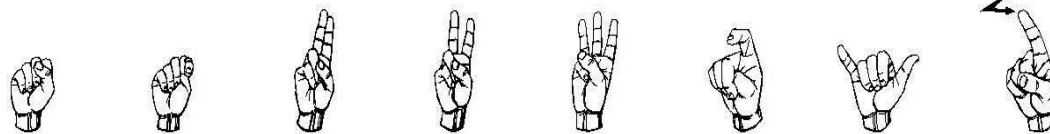
Many signs are made by using a hand that shapes a letter from the ASL alphabet. When reviewing the labels the directions will tell you which alphabet hand to use.



A a B b C c D d E e F f G g H h I i



J j K k L l M m N n O o P p Q q R r



S s T t U u V v W w X x Y y Z z



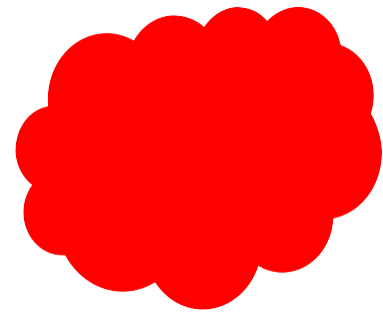
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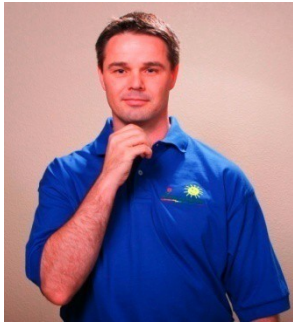


Use your index finger and tap your lips.



Red

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Make a fist and squeeze around your mouth.

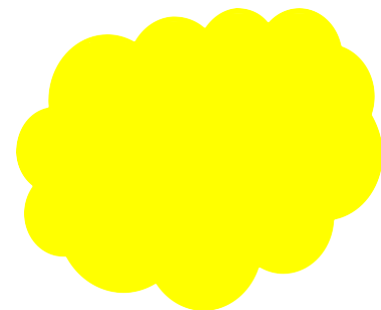


Orange

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Use the Y hand-shape and shake it.



Yellow

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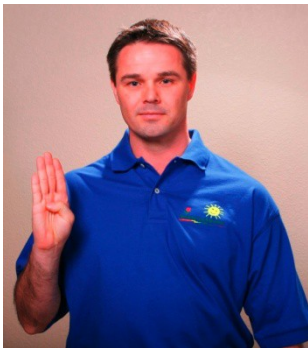


**Use your G hand-shape
and shake it.**

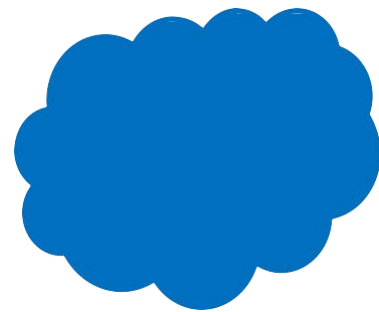


Green

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**Use your B hand-shape
and shake it.**

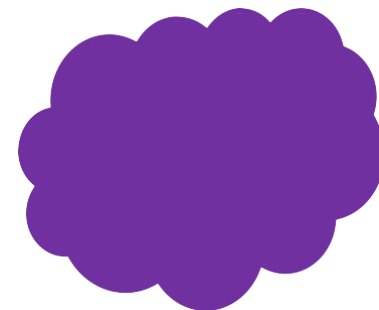


Blue

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**Use the P hand-shape and
shake it.**



Purple

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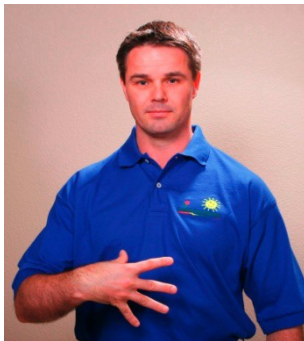


**Use your P hand-shape
and tap your lips.**

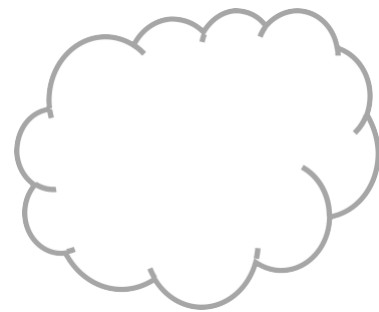


Pink

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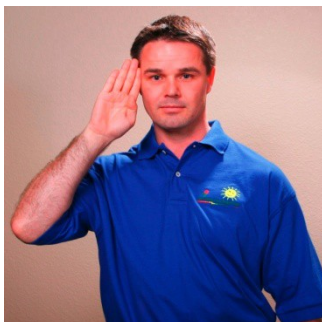


**An open 5 hand is placed on the
chest and is then pulled straight out
with the fingertips coming together.**

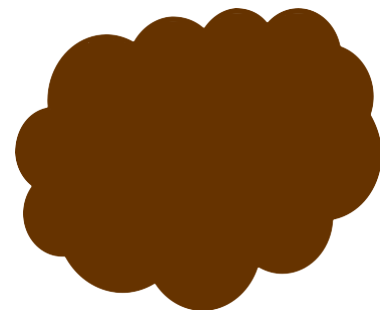


White

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**Use the B hand-shape and
stroke the side of the face.**



Brown

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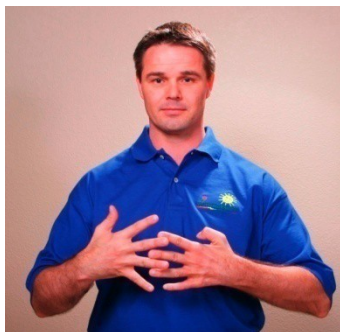


Use your index finger and trace across your eye brows.

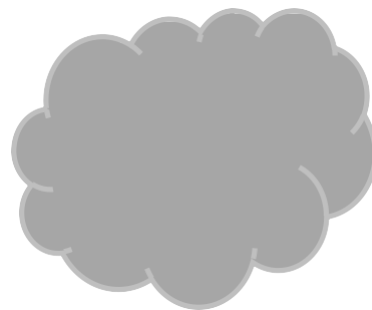


Black

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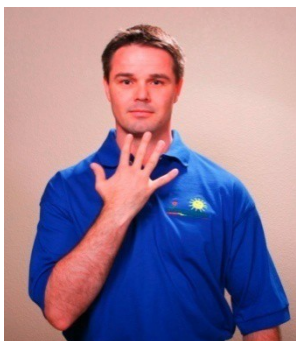


Use both hands and interlock the open fingers.



Grey

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Use the fingers to wiggle in front of your chin.



Colors

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Emotions



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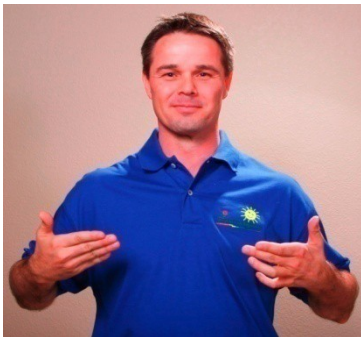


Use the flat hand and move it up the body several times.



Happy

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Use two flat hands and move it up the body several times.



Glad

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Bend fingers and pull away from the faces, making an angry face at the same time.



Mad

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The U hand-shape brushed against the nose as if tickling.



Funny

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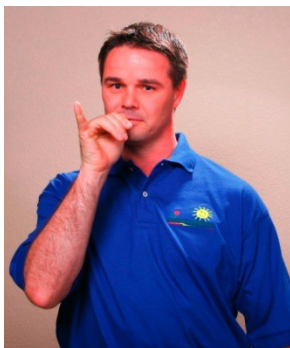


One U hand-shape moves from the nose to the top of the other U hand-shape.



Fun

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The thumb side of the Y hand-shape faces the nose while the hand is twisted back and forth.



Silly

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The thumbs and index fingers flick out by the eyes to represent the eyes opening wide when a person comes across something unexpectedly .

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Surprised



The thumb of the A hand-shape is moved up the chest to represent bringing forth ones feelings.

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Proud



The middle fingers alternately move up the chest.

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Excited



The outspread fingers are move down in front of the face to show that the features of a face are drooping .



Sad

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Use your fingers as if tears are rolling down the face.



Cry

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The hands move in front of the body as if to protect it from something.



Scared

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SO  **RRY!**

The A hand-shape circles the heart.

Sorry

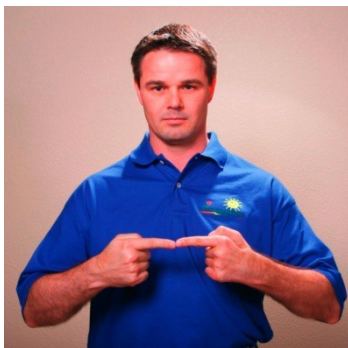
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The hands are placed on the chest and are moved downward along with the shoulders drooping.

Tired

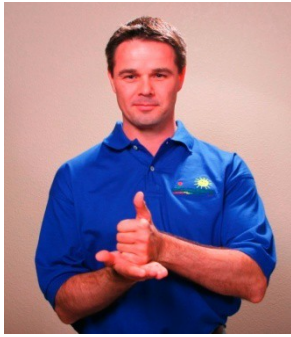
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The two index fingers move to and from each other to represent the throbbing sensation .

Hurt

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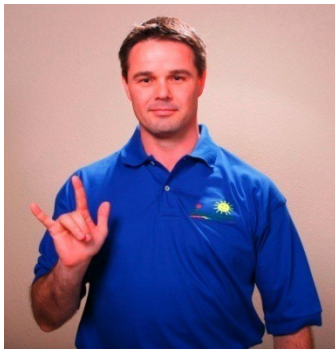


**One hand lifts the other A hand-
shape up to represent the concept of
helping.**



Help

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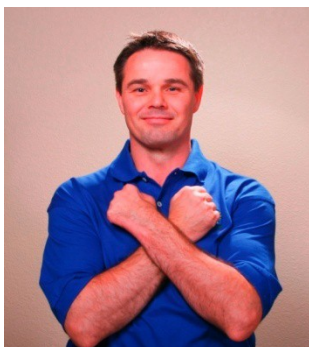


**The letters I, L, and Y are made
simultaneously to represent the first
letters of the phrase I love you.**



I Love You

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**The arms pull something in as if
giving a hug.**



Hug

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Family



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Signing Tip

Many times in American Sign Language the same sign is used but represents something different. It depends upon the context of the conversation but also the gender.

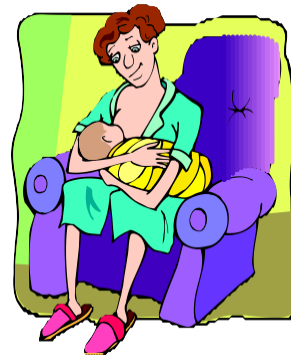
When signing the family or people if the sign is done on the top half of the face it will represent a male. If the sign is done on the lower half of the face it will represent female.

Example –

The sign for cousin is the C hand-shape held up to the face. If the sign is done near the temple it will represent a male cousin but if the sign is made near the chin it will represent the female cousin.



**The fingers of the five hand-
shape is wiggled with the
thumb by the side of the chin.**



Mom

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**The thumb of the five hand-
shape touches the forehead.**



Dad

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**The thumb of the A hand-
shape strokes the side of the
chin.**



Girl

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The hand grasps the visor of a cap in the position that is commonly used to indicate the concept of male.

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Boy

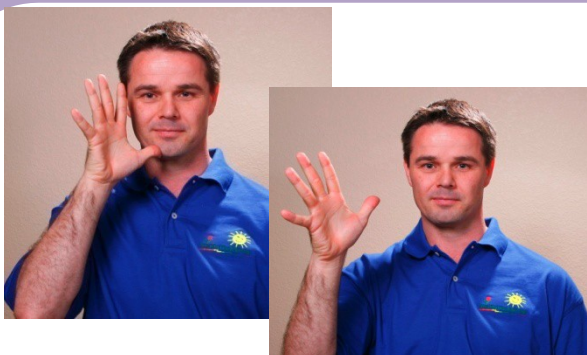


The sign for Father is moved out from the forward twice in small circular motions.

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Grandpa



The sign for Mother is moved away from the chin twice in small circular motions.

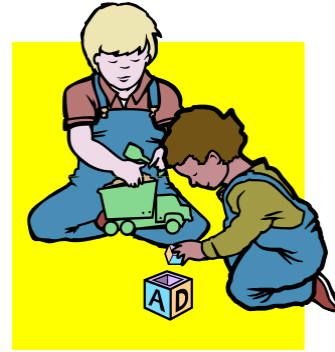
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Grandma



The sign for Boy is made while bringing the both L hands-shapes together at the wrists.



Brother

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The sign for Girl is made while bringing both L hand-shapes together at the wrists.



Sister

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The A hand-shape circles next to the chin.



Aunt

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The U hand-shape is circles near the temple.

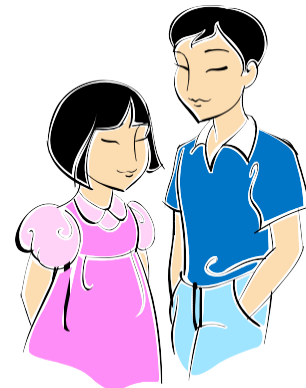


Uncle

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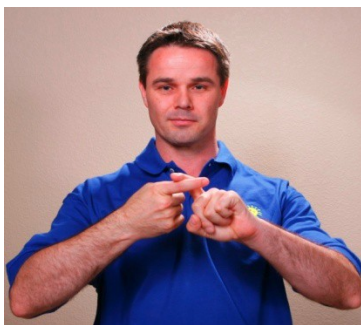


The C hand-shape circles either near the chin or temple depending upon the gender.



Cousin

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Link the two index fingers with each other back and forth.



Friend

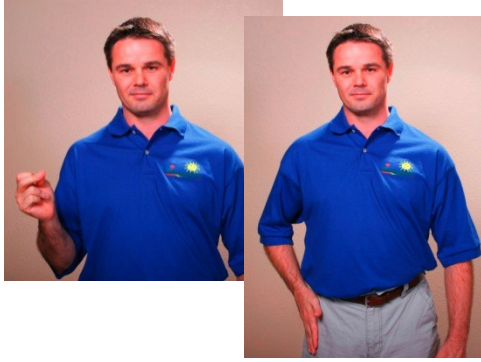
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Our Favorite
Animals



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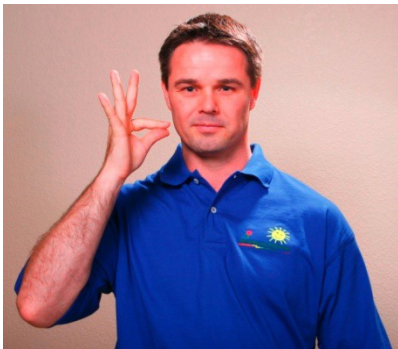


Snap your fingers and tap your leg as if calling a dog.

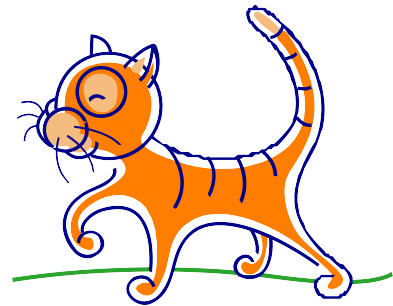


Dog

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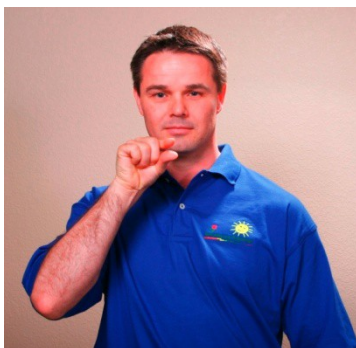


Use your fingers as if stoking a cats whiskers.



Cat

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The thumb and forefinger mimic a bird's beak.

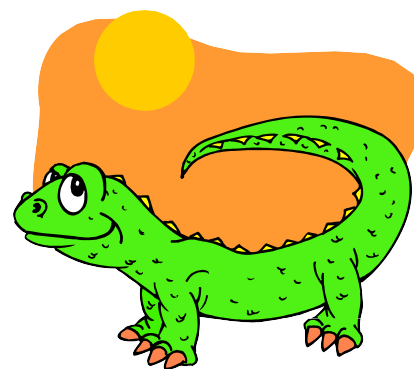


Bird

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Point, bring back and point again in front of the nose using two fingers .

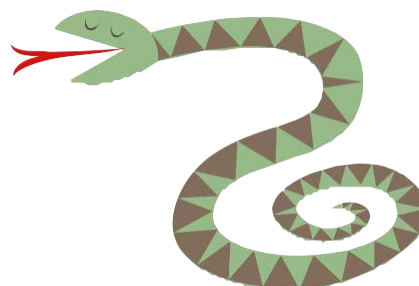


Lizard

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Use a curved V hand-shape back and forth signifying a snake slithering in the grass.



Snake

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Use a flat hand on its side to mimic a fish's tail.

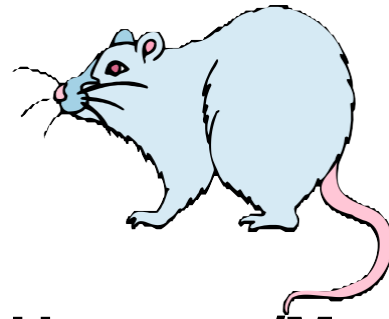


Fish

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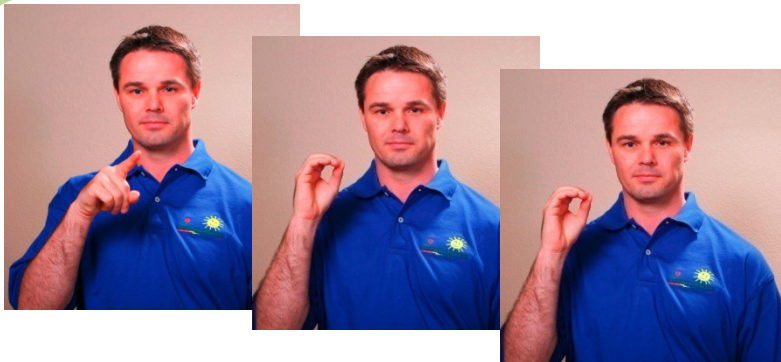


The forefinger brushes across the nose to signify a mouse's twitching nose.



Hamster/Mouse

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Finger spell Z, O, O.

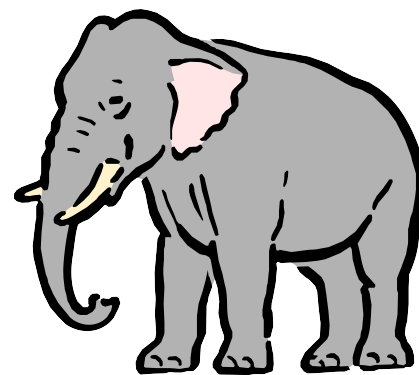


Zoo

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Use your hand from your nose down in front of your body to signify the trunk of an elephant.



Elephant

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The cupped hand going up the neck signifies the long neck of the giraffe.

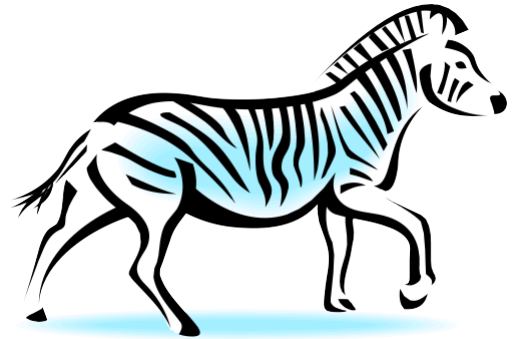


Giraffe

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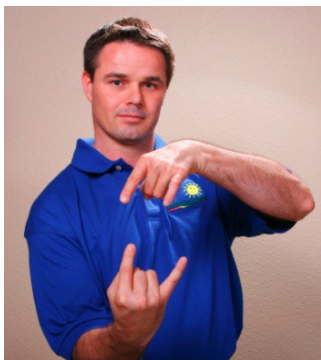


The four hand-shapes are pulled across the body to signify the strips on the zebra.

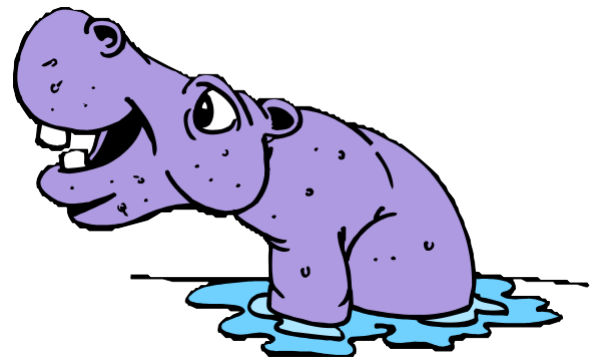


Zebra

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Two Y hand-shaped tap each other on the wrist mimicking the open and closing of the mouth .

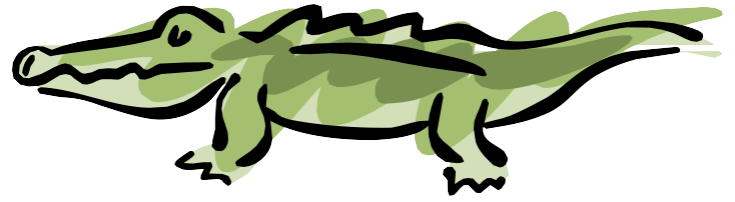


Hippopotamus

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Use both hands with open fingers as if an alligator was opening and closing his mouth.

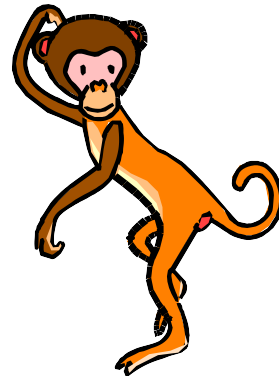


Alligator/Crocodile

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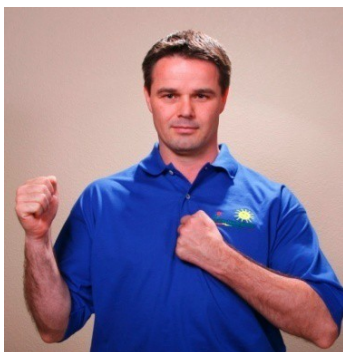


Tickle under your arms like a monkey scratching itself.



Monkey

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Tap with your closed fists on your chest.



Gorilla

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The open bent fingers of both hands pulls across the face to signify the tiger's stripes.



Tiger

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Use the open hand and stroke your hair from front to back as if it is the mane of a lion.



Lion

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The hands cross the chest and mimic scratching.

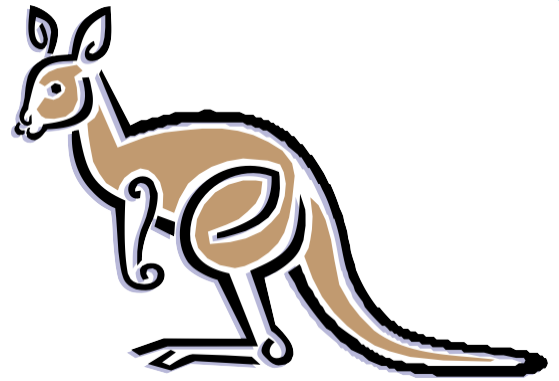


Bear

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Mimic the arms of kangaroo hopping.

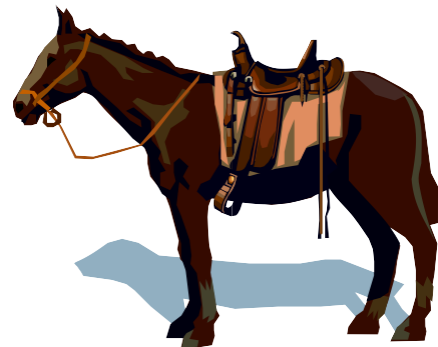


Kangaroo

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Both H hand-shapes to the top-side of the head signifying the horse's ears.



Horse

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The Y hand-shape to the top-side of the head signifying the cow's horns.

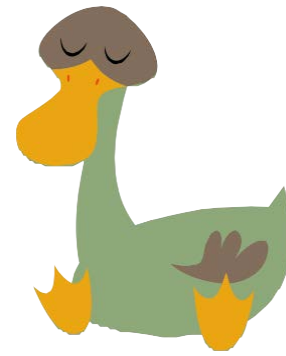


Cow

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The fingers tap the thumb to mimic the movement of the duck's bill.



Duck

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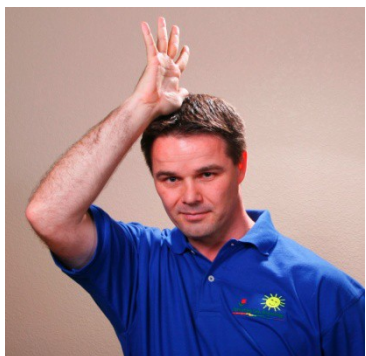


The thump and forefinger mimic the chicken's beak on the other open hand.



Chicken

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The thumb of the 3 hand-shape touches the forehead and represents a rooster's comb.



Rooster

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Weather and Nature



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**The fingers are spread and bent.
The movement of the hands
represent the concept of raining.**



Rain

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**The fingers wiggle as the hand
is moved down to represent
snowflakes falling.**



Snow

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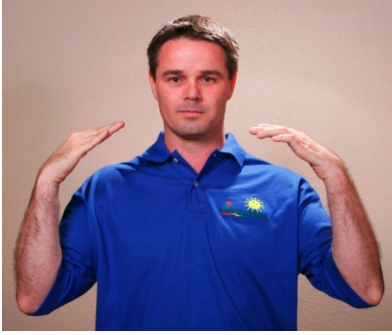


**The hands flow back and forth
as if indicating the movement
of the wind.**



Wind

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The hands fan the head as if creating a cool breeze.



Cool

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The 4 hand-shapes outline the stripes of a rainbow.



Rainbow

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The index fingers rub against each other as the hands are held up pointing to the sky.



Stars

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The hands outline the shape of clouds moving.



Clouds

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The hand is turned towards the head and the fingers spread out to represent the sun shining down from the sky.



Sun

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A modified C hand-shape taps the side of the forehead.



Moon

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The shoulders are hunched forward and the hands shake as if the signer is cold.



Cold

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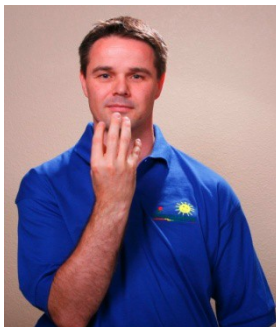


The open hand goes from the mouth and then suddenly pulled away to show that it is too hot to eat .



Hot

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The hand is held in front of the mouth and then moved outward while it opens up to mimic warm air that comes from the mouth.



warm

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A flattened O hand-shape moves from one side of the nose to the other to represent smelling flowers.



Flower

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The upright arm represents a tree.



Tree

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In back of a C hand-shape the other hand goes from an open pointing down hand to opening all 5 fingers upward.

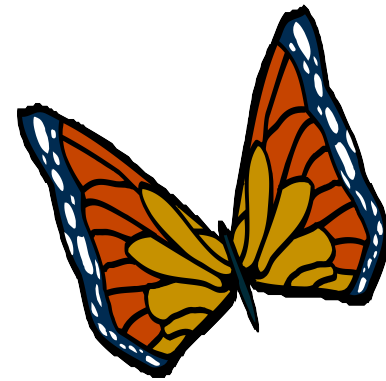


Cactus

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The thumbs lock and the fingers flutter to represent the shape and movement of a butterfly.

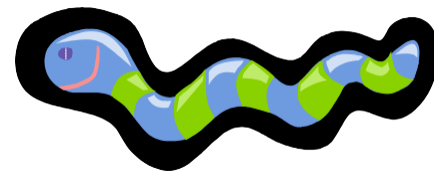


Butterfly

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The wiggling forefinger on the open hand represents a worm crawling on the ground.

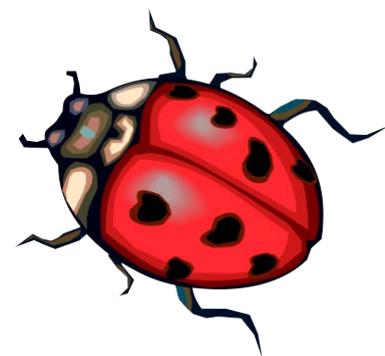


Worm

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The 3 hand-shape with the thumb touching the nose and the other two fingers wiggling.



Bug

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