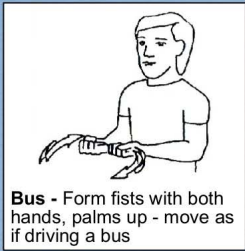
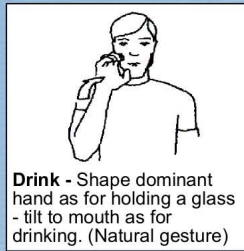


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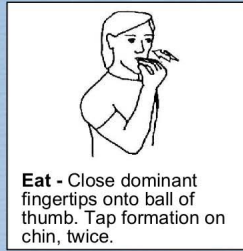
Key word signing can help some people who need help understanding speech and can be suitable for some people as a way to communicate.



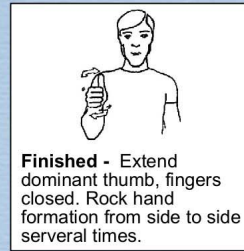
Bus - Form fists with both hands, palms up - move as if driving a bus



Drink - Shape dominant hand as for holding a glass - tilt to mouth as for drinking. (Natural gesture)



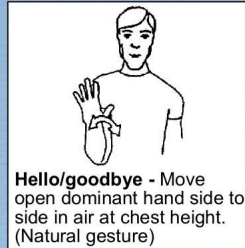
Eat - Close dominant fingertips onto ball of thumb. Tap formation on chin, twice.



Finished - Extend dominant thumb, fingers closed. Rock hand formation from side to side several times.



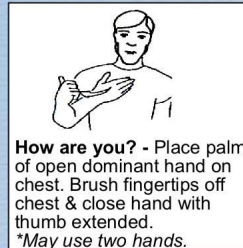
Go - Swing dominant hand slightly cupped forward in relevant direction. Finish with straight fingers.



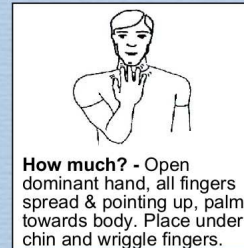
Hello/goodbye - Move open dominant hand side to side in air at chest height. (Natural gesture)



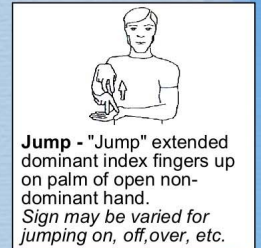
Help - Place dominant hand into non-dominant hand, palms together - move formation forward.



How are you? - Place palm of open dominant hand on chest. Brush fingertips off chest & close hand with thumb extended. **May use two hands.*



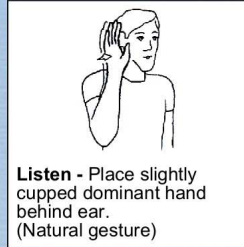
How much? - Open dominant hand, all fingers spread & pointing up, palm towards body. Place under chin and wriggle fingers.



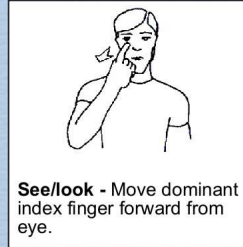
Jump - "Jump" extended dominant index fingers up on palm of open non-dominant hand. *Sign may be varied for jumping on, off, over, etc.*



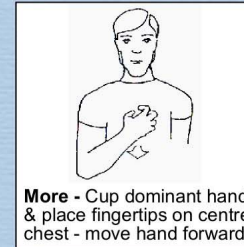
Later - Extend dominant index finger & thumb & place heel of hand on non-dominant palm, palm up. Brush dominant formation along non-dominant palm away from body, twice.



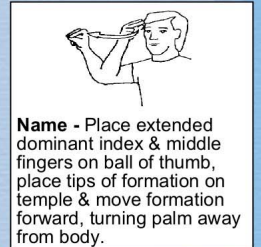
Listen - Place slightly cupped dominant hand behind ear. (Natural gesture)



See/look - Move dominant index finger forward from eye.



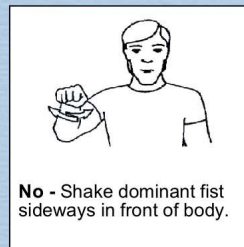
More - Cup dominant hand & place fingertips on centre chest - move hand forward.



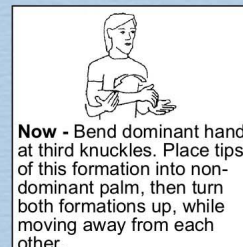
Name - Place extended dominant index & middle fingers on ball of thumb, place tips of formation on temple & move formation forward, turning palm away from body.



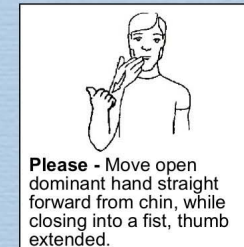
Next week - Extend index fingers of both hands, palms down. Bounce the dominant hand formation across the back of non-dominant wrist and forward.



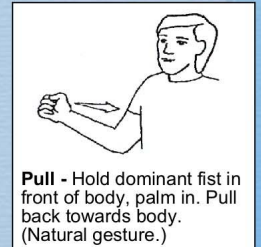
No - Shake dominant fist sideways in front of body.



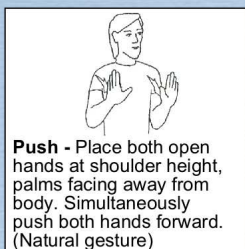
Now - Bend dominant hand at third knuckles. Place tips of this formation into non-dominant palm, then turn both formations up, while moving away from each other.



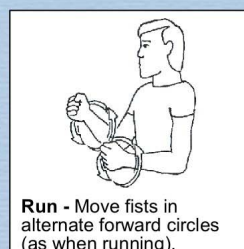
Please - Move open dominant hand straight forward from chin, while closing into a fist, thumb extended.



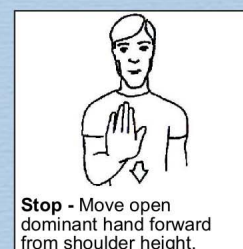
Pull - Hold dominant fist in front of body, palm in. Pull back towards body. (Natural gesture.)



Push - Place both open hands at shoulder height, palms facing away from body. Simultaneously push both hands forward. (Natural gesture)



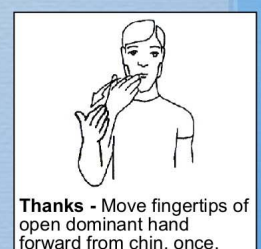
Run - Move fists in alternate forward circles (as when running).



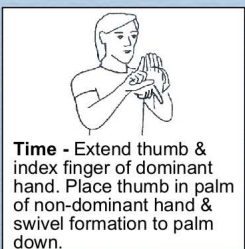
Stop - Move open dominant hand forward from shoulder height.



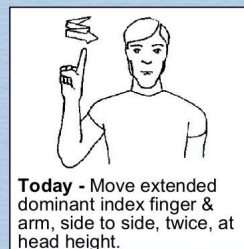
Swim - Place open hands in front of body, palms down - move hands in outward circles or arcs as though swimming breast stroke. (Natural gesture)



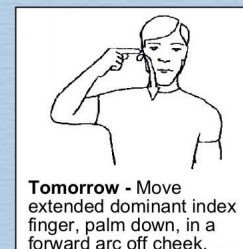
Thanks - Move fingertips of open dominant hand forward from chin, once.



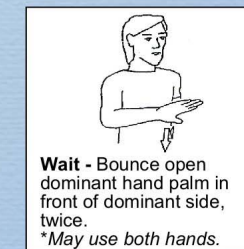
Time - Extend thumb & index finger of dominant hand. Place thumb in palm of non-dominant hand & swivel formation to palm down.



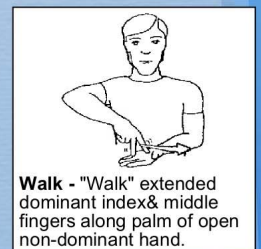
Today - Move extended dominant index finger & arm, side to side, twice, at head height.



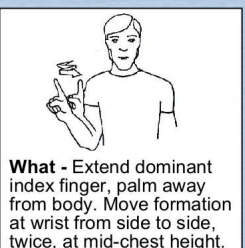
Tomorrow - Move extended dominant index finger, palm down, in a forward arc off cheek.



Wait - Bounce open dominant hand palm in front of dominant side, twice. **May use both hands.*



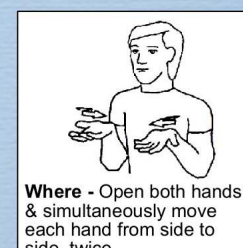
Walk - "Walk" extended dominant index & middle fingers along palm of open non-dominant hand.



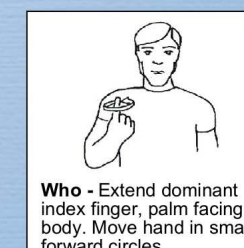
What - Extend dominant index finger, palm away from body. Move formation at wrist from side to side, twice, at mid-chest height.



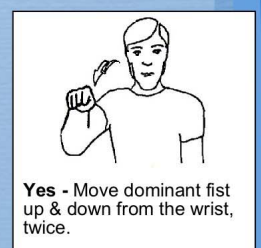
When - Place open dominant hand, fingers spread, with tip of little finger on same side cheek. Alternately place all fingertips quickly on to cheek, twice.



Where - Open both hands & simultaneously move each hand from side to side, twice.



Who - Extend dominant index finger, palm facing body. Move hand in small forward circles.



Yes - Move dominant fist up & down from the wrist, twice.

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