



SIGNING

All Levels

Purpose

To learn to communicate with the deaf.

Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:14

Exploring

Finger-spelling is a very basic practical way for hearing and deaf people to speak to each other, by using the hands to 'write or spell words in the air'.

Each of the 26 letters of the alphabet is made by the hands and can be easily learned and used with regular practice.

As a general rule, the letters are indicated by the right hand (which moves freely) and formed on the left hand (which does not move).

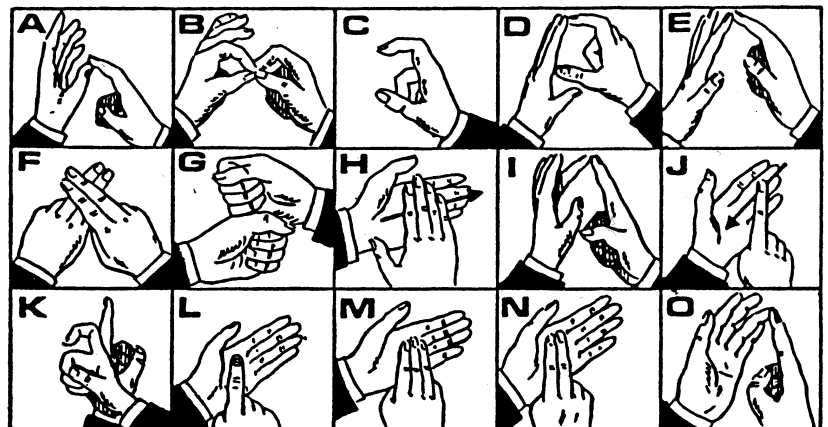
Signing is when an action or sign gives or shows an entire word. Many deaf people use a combination of the two to communicate.

1. Learn the manual alphabet.

2. Learn rules for talking to hard-of-hearing people.

3. What is your Christian responsibility towards deaf people?

THE ALPHABET IN FINGER SPELLING

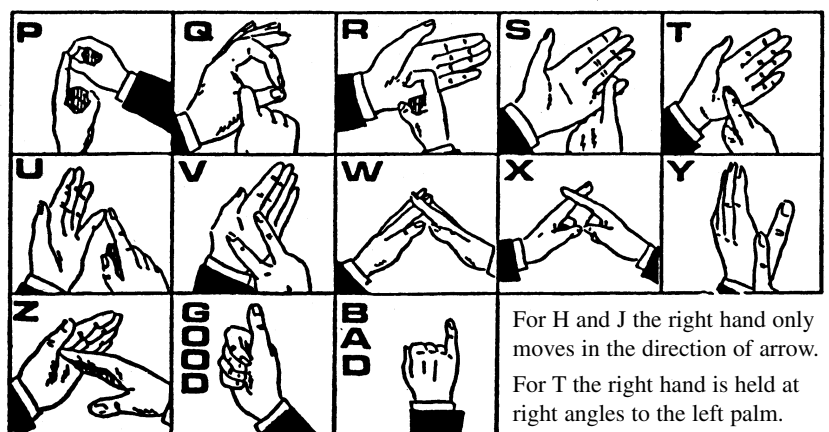


Doing

1. Demonstrate that you know each letter of the manual alphabet.

2. Demonstrate that you know 15 common signing words.

3. Select a Bible verse with your Counsellor. Recite that verse in signing.



For H and J the right hand only moves in the direction of arrow.
For T the right hand is held at right angles to the left palm.

LEFT HANDERS SHOULD REVERSE ALL FORMATIONS.

References

A dictionary of Australasian Signs.

For more information, contact the Australian Deafness Council in your State.