



Lesson 1: Introducing Silent Heraldry

Basic Greeting Signs

Signed English	ASL
Hi! My name is	Hi! Me
Pleased to meet you.	Happy meet you.
What's your name?	You name what?
Are you deaf or hearing?	You deaf hearing what?
Where did you learn to sign?	You learn sign where?
I am learning to sign.	Me learn sign.
Slowly, please.	Slow please.
Thank you.	Thank you.

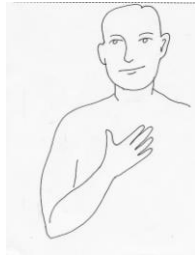
Signs	Word Descriptions of Actions
AM	Touch an A handshape to the lips and arc forward and upward
ARE	Place right R handshape to bottom lip. Move sign outward, arcing slightly upward
FINE	Touch the thumb of the right hand (fingers spread) to the center of the chest area
HAPPY	Touch chest with flat fingers of both hands in a forward circular motion, as if "stirring" emotions of joy
HELLO	Place hand on forehead as if to salute (but not as rigid). Move hand outward, ending up with palm facing forward in the air just a few inches from the forehead
HOW	Place hands back to back in front of the chest area, hands slightly bent, palms downward. Knuckles will slightly touch. Revolve hands in and then upward until hands end in a position where palms are flat and turned upward
I, ME (ASL)	Point to self, touching the center of the chest
I (SE)	Touch the I handshape to the center of the chest
MEET	Bring the D handshapes together, palm to palm
TO	Move the right index finger to touch the left index finger
WELCOME	Using a W handshape with the right hand, touch the forehead and then the middle of the chest, arcing the movement to indicate you are welcoming someone to you (This mimes a man taking off his hat/cap and bowing)
WHO	Place the right hand in an L handshape on the chin, touching with the thumb. Slightly move the index finger twice
YOU	Point in the direction where someone is located. If no one is there, point to an imaginary person.
SLOW	One flattened hand moves slowly up the back of the other flattened hand.
PLEASE	The open, flattened, hand circles over the heart to indicate pleasure
THANK YOU	The hand moves out and down. This sign is similar to the gesture of kissing one's hand and extending the hand towards someone else in order to show your gratitude



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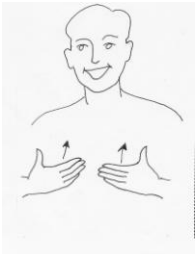
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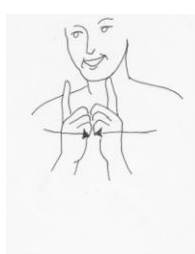
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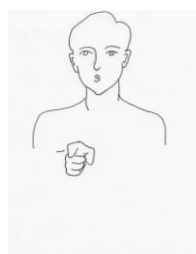
NAME



HAPPY



MEET



YOU



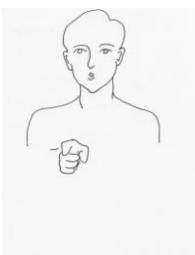
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NAME



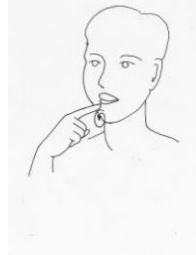
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YOU



DEAF



HEARING



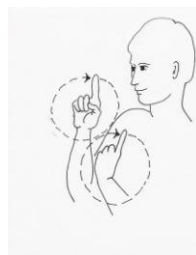
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YOU



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SIGN

WHERE

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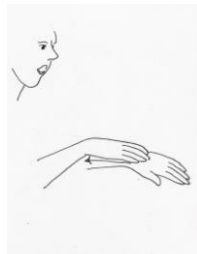
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SLOW



PLEASE



THANK YOU