

TIME, CLOCK, WATCH

The right curved index fingertip is made to tap the back of the left wrist a few times.

Memory aid: An obvious reference to a *wristwatch*.



TIME (abstract), TIMES, AGE, EPOCH, ERA

Rotate the thumb (or knuckle side) of the right *T* hand in a clockwise circle on the left flat palm.

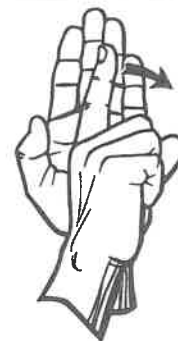
Memory aid: The initial indicates the word, and the action symbolizes the truth that the clock stops for no one.



SECOND (time), MOMENT

Move the right index finger a short distance across the flat palm of the left flat hand, but do not go beyond the little-finger edge of the left hand.

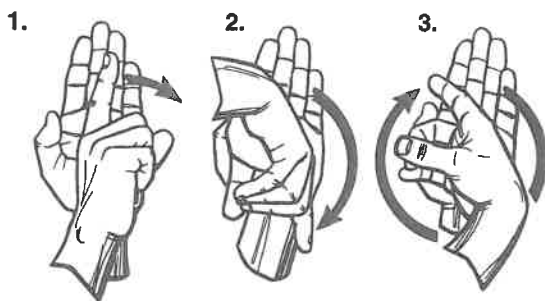
Memory aid: The small movement suggests the action of a clock hand.



MINUTE

Hold the flat left hand vertically with palm facing right. Let the index finger of the right *D* hand touch the left palm with the index finger pointing up. Move the right index finger past the little-finger edge of the left hand.

Memory aid: Follows the movement of a *minute* hand on a clock.



HOUR

Point the fingers of the left flat hand either up or forward with palm facing right. Move the index finger of the right *D* hand in a complete clockwise circle by rotating the wrist. Keep the right index finger in constant contact with the left hand.

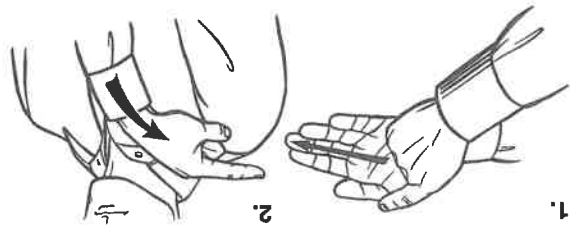
Memory aid: Follows the movement of a minute hand on a clock.



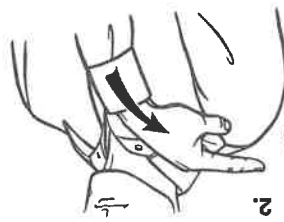
DAY, ALL DAY

Point left index to the right, palm down. Rest right elbow on left index with right index pointing upward. Move right index and arm in a partial arc across the body from right to left. To sign *all day*, hold right index as far to the right as possible before making arc.

Memory aid: Suggests the sun's movement.



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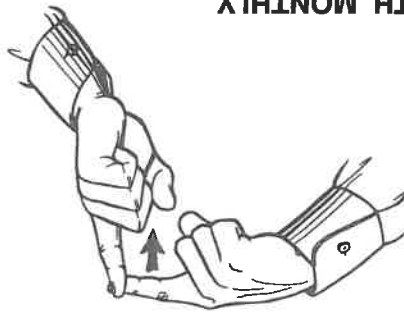


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LAST WEEK
 Move the right index-finger hand across the left flat palm in a forward movement. Continue the right hand in an upward-backward direction over the right shoulder.
Memory aid: The sign for *week* and pointing to the past.



WEEK, NEXT WEEK
 Move the right index-finger hand across the left flat palm in a forward movement. For *next week*, let the right hand continue beyond the left hand and point forward.
Memory aid: The five fingers of the left hand plus the thumb and index finger of the right make seven, thus symbolizing a *week*.

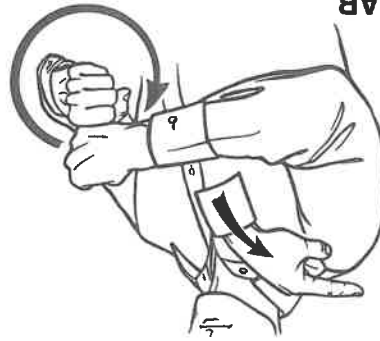


MONTH, MONTHLY

Point the left index finger up with palm facing right. Move the right index finger from the top to the base of the left index finger. Repeat a few times to sign *monthly*.
Memory aid: The left index finger's three joints and tip represent the four weeks of a *month*.

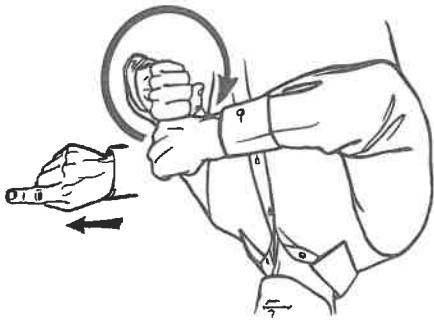


YEAR
 Move the right S hand in a complete forward circle around the left S hand and come to rest with the right S hand on top of the left. Repeat the sign for the plural.
Memory aid: The movement of the right hand suggests the earth's revolution around the sun.



LAST YEAR

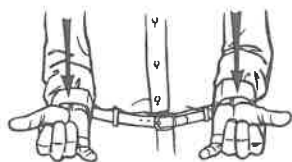
Move the right S hand in a complete forward circle around the left S hand and come to rest with the right S hand on top of the left. Then point the right index finger backward over the right shoulder.
Memory aid: The sign for *year* and pointing to the past.



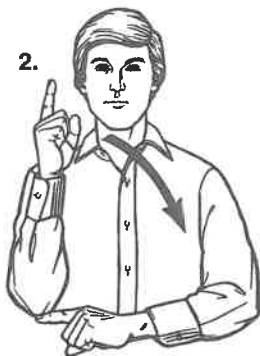
NEXT YEAR

Move the right S hand in a complete forward circle around the left S hand and come to rest with the right S hand on top of the left. Then point the right index finger forward.
Memory aid: The sign for *year* and pointing to the future.

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TODAY

Drop both Y (or flat) hands together in front of the chest. Point the left index to the right with palm down. Rest the right elbow on the left index and point the right index upward. Move the right arm in a partial arc across the body from right to left.

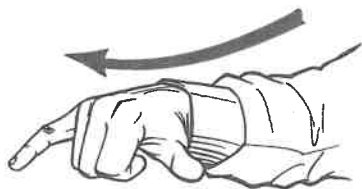
Memory aid: Symbolizes the sun's movement.



YESTERDAY

With the palm facing forward, place the thumb of the right A (or Y) hand on the right side of the chin. Move in a backward arc toward the ear.

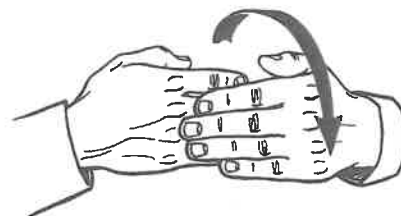
Memory aid: The backward movement indicates the past.



STILL, YET

With the palm facing down, move the right Y hand in a downward-forward movement from in front of the right shoulder to waist level.

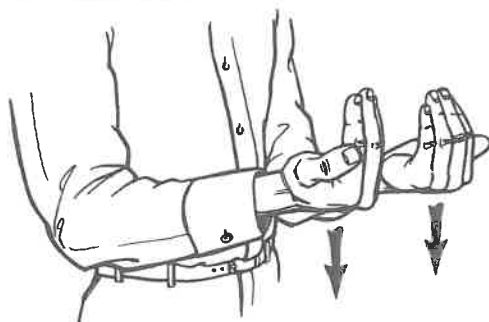
Memory aid: Indicates continuing from past experience.



NEXT

Hold both flat hands to the front with palms facing in and the right hand behind the left. Move the right hand over to the front of the left hand.

Memory aid: Suggests overcoming an obstacle and proceeding to whatever is *next*.



NOW, CURRENT, IMMEDIATE, PRESENT

Hold both bent (or Y) hands to the front at waist level with palms facing up. Drop both hands sharply a short distance.

Memory aid: Suggests that the hands feel the weight of something *now*.

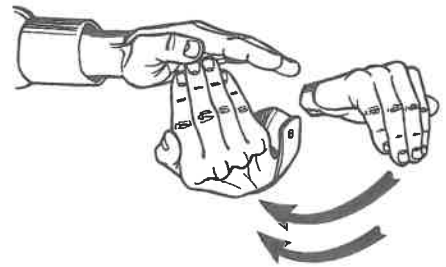


FUTURE, LATER ON, BY AND BY, SOMEDAY

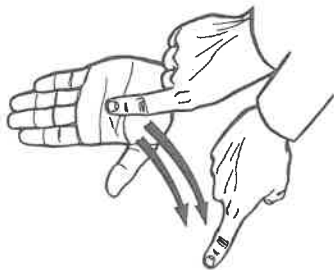
Hold the right flat hand with palm facing left in an upright position close to the right temple. Move it in a forward-upward arc. The greater the arc, the more distant the future that is indicated.

Memory aid: Suggests moving onward into the *future*.

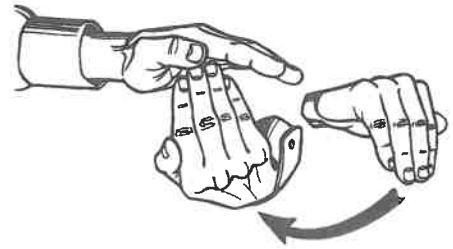
OFTEN, FREQUENT
 Place the fingertips of the right bent hand into the left palm and repeat.
Memory aid: Similar to a clapping action, indicating the desire for *repetition*.



SOMETIMES, OCCASIONALLY, ONCE IN A WHILE, SELDOM
 Hold the left flat hand at chest level with palm facing right. Touch the left palm with the right index fingertip; then move the right index finger upward to a vertical position. Repeat after a slight pause.
Memory aid: The slow movement indicates *irregularity*.



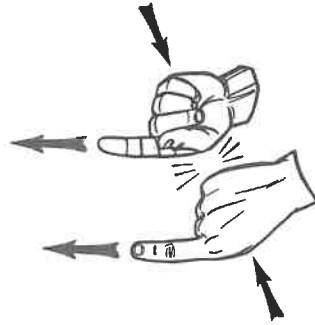
AGAIN, ENCORE, REPEAT
 Hold the left flat hand pointing forward with palm up and the bent right hand up and parallel to the left hand. Move the bent right hand upward and turn it over until the fingertips are placed in the left palm.
Memory aid: Similar to a clapping action, indicating the desire for *repetition*.



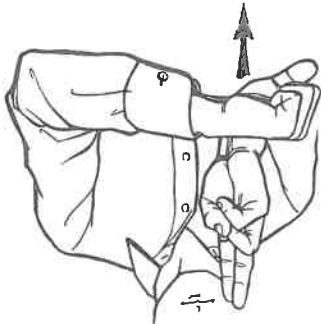
RECENTLY, A WHILE AGO, JUST NOW, LATELY, A SHORT TIME AGO
 Place the right curved index finger against the right cheek with the palm and index finger facing back. Move the index finger up and down a few times.
Memory aid: The movement suggests the meaning.



REGULAR, REGULARLY, CONSISTENT
 Point both G (or D) hands forward with the right hand over the left. Move both hands forward while at the same time striking the lower side of the right hand on the upper side of the left a few times.
Memory aid: The repeated striking action indicates *regularity*.



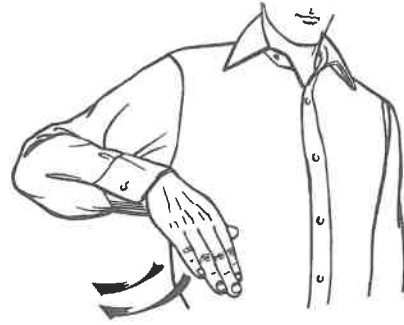
USUALLY, USED TO
 Point the fingers of the right U hand upward. Place the right wrist on the wrist of the left downward closed hand; then push both hands down slightly.
Memory aid: This is similar to the basic sign for *habit*, with the initial added.



**EARLY**

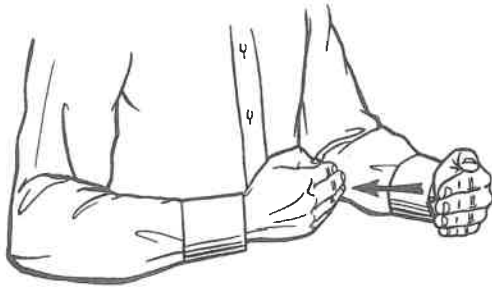
Hold the left closed hand palm down and pointing right. Touch the right middle fingertip on the back of the left hand beginning at the thumb side; then move it across the hand to the little-finger side.

Memory aid: Suggests the beak of a bird searching for the *early* worm.

**LATE, TARDY, BEHIND TIME, NOT YET, NOT DONE**

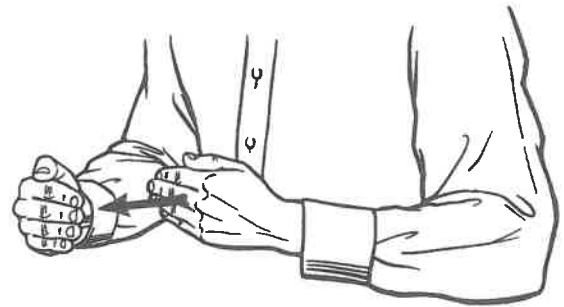
Let the right hand hang loosely in the area between the armpit and waist. Move the hand back and forth from the wrist several times.

Memory aid: Suggests that the action is hanging back.

**BEFORE (time)**

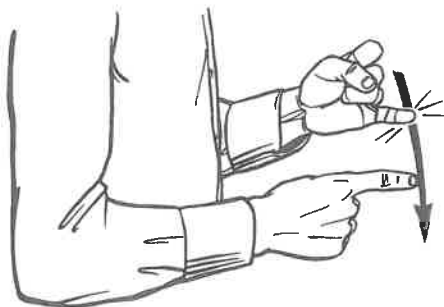
Hold the slightly curved left hand out to the front with palm facing in. Hold the right curved hand near the palm of the left and then draw the right hand in toward the body.

Memory aid: The right hand is *before* the palm of the left.

**AFTER (time)**

Hold the slightly curved left hand out to the front with palm facing in. Place the curved right palm on the back of the left hand and move forward and away from the left hand.

Memory aid: The right hand moves forward *after* touching the left.

**LAST, END, FINAL, LASTLY**

Hold the left hand to the front with palm facing self and little finger extended. Strike the left little finger with the right index finger as the right hand moves down. Sometimes this sign is made with both little fingers.

Memory aid: The little finger is considered the *last* finger.

**LATER, SUBSEQUENTLY, AFTER A WHILE, AFTERWARD**

Hold the left flat hand up with the palm facing right. Place the thumb of the right *L* in the center of the left palm, and pivot the right index finger forward and down.

Memory aid: Suggests the hand of a clock moving an undesignated distance.

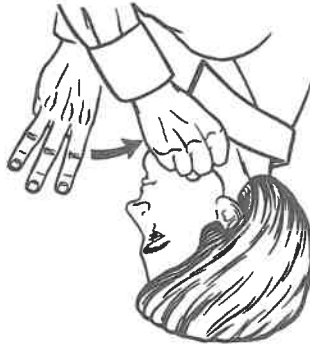
DAILY, EVERYDAY
 Place the right A hand on the right cheek with the palm facing the cheek. Rub it forward several times.
Memory aid: Indicates a constant continuation by the repeated rubbing action.



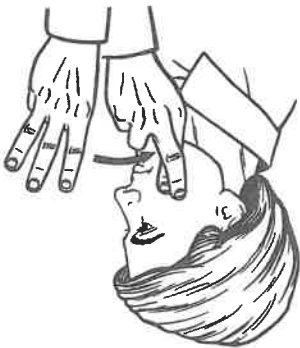
THEN
 Point the left L hand forward with palm facing right; then touch the left thumb and index finger with the right index finger.
Memory aid: First one location, and then another.



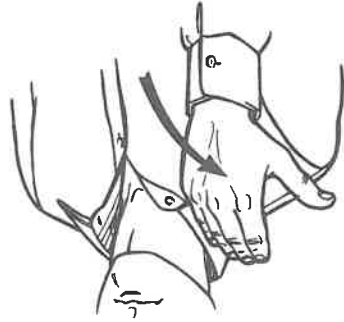
WAS
 Hold the right W hand in front with palm facing left. Move it backward by the side of the neck or cheek, and at the same time change from a W to an S hand.
Memory aid: Backward movement indicates the past.



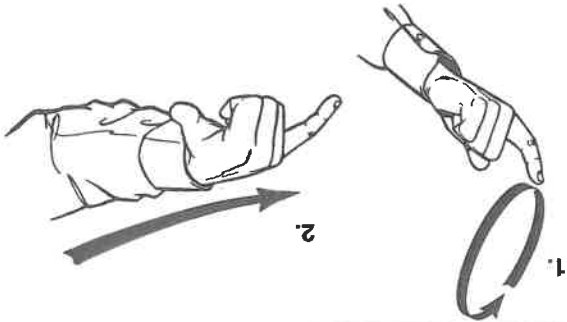
WERE
 Hold the right W hand slightly to the front with the palm facing left. Move it backward to a position at the side of the neck or cheek while simultaneously changing from a W to an R hand.
Memory aid: Backward movement indicates the past.



PAST, AGO, FORMERLY, LAST, ONCE UPON A TIME, USED TO, PREVIOUSLY, WAS, WERE
 Move the right upraised flat hand backward over the right shoulder with palm facing the body. The amount of emphasis with which sign is made can vary depending on the length of time involved.
Memory aid: Indicates that which is behind.



FOREVER, ETERNAL, EVER, EVERLASTING
 Circle the right index finger in a clockwise direction with palm facing up; then move the downturned Y hand forward. This is a combination of the sign for *always* and *still*.
Memory aid: Symbolizes the continuous progression of clock and time.





WOULD

With the palm facing left, place the right *W* hand in an upright position close to the side of the right cheek. Move the hand straight forward while simultaneously changing from a *W* to a *D* hand.

Memory aid: Forward movement indicates positive intention.



SINCE, ALL ALONG, SO FAR

Place both index-finger hands before the right shoulder with palms facing in, and index fingers pointing toward the shoulder. Bring both hands down and forward simultaneously until the index fingers are pointing forward with the palms facing up.

Memory aid: Suggests a continuation from a past time to the present.



AM, ARE

Place the right *A*-hand thumb on the lips and move the right hand straight forward. Use *R* for *are*.

Memory aid: The initial suggests the sound of the word, and the action indicates a breathing person and thus a symbolic connection with the verb *to be*.



BE

Move the right *B* hand forward from the mouth.

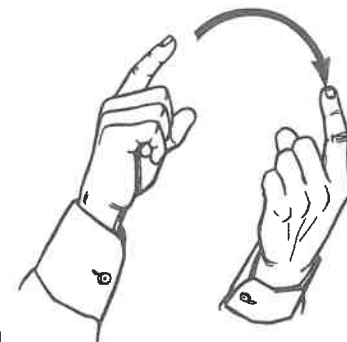
Memory aid: The initial suggests the word, and the action indicates a breathing person and thus a symbolic connection with the verb *to be*.



IS

Move the right *I* hand forward from the mouth.

Memory aid: The initial suggests the word, and the action indicates a breathing person and thus a symbolic connection with the verb *to be*.



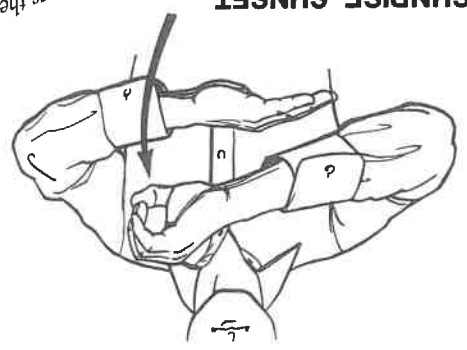
UNTIL

Hold the left index finger up with palm facing inward. Move the right index finger in a slow forward arc until it touches the tip of the left index finger.

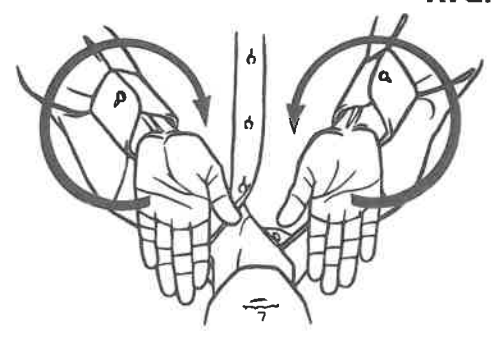
Memory aid: Wait *until* contact is made.



DURING, IN THE MEANTIME, WHILE
 Point both index-finger hands forward with palms down and a small distance between them. Move them forward simultaneously in a slight downward-up curve.
Memory aid: The simultaneous movement suggests parallel activities or time.



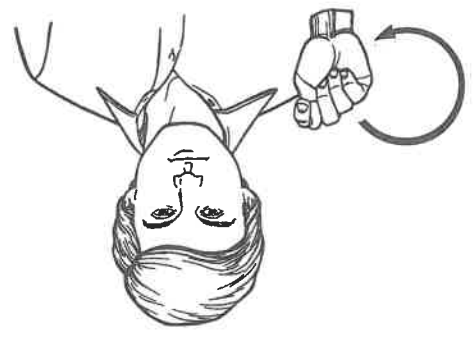
SUNRISE, SUNSET
 The flat left hand points to the right across the chest with palm facing down. The right O hand makes an upward (sunrise) or downward (sunset) arc in front of the left arm.
Memory aid: The left arm represents the horizon, and the right O hand represents the sun rising or setting.



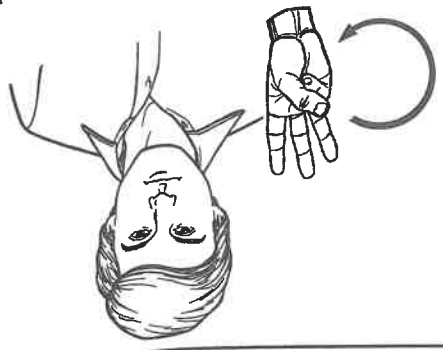
SUNDAY
 Place both flat hands to the front with palms facing forward; then move them simultaneously in opposite-direction circles. The circles may be made in either direction.
Memory aid: The hand movements suggest reverential worship.



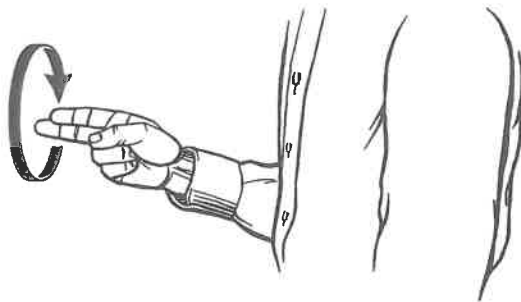
MONDAY
 Make a small clockwise circle with the right M hand.
Memory aid: The initial suggests the word, and the circular motion suggests the passing of time.



TUESDAY
 Make a small clockwise circle with the right T hand.
Memory aid: The initial suggests the word, and the circular motion suggests the passing of time.



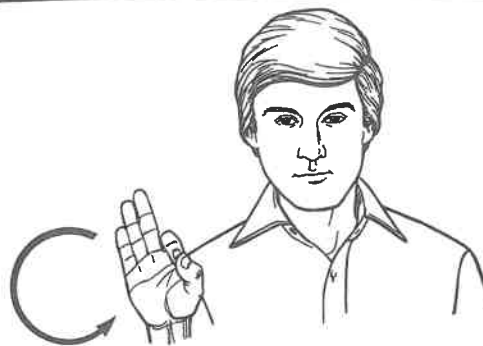
WEDNESDAY
 Make a small clockwise circle with the right W hand.
Memory aid: The initial suggests the word, and the circular motion suggests the passing of time.



THURSDAY

Make a small clockwise circle with the right *H* hand. *Note:* This is sometimes signed with the manual *T* and *H*, with or without rotation.

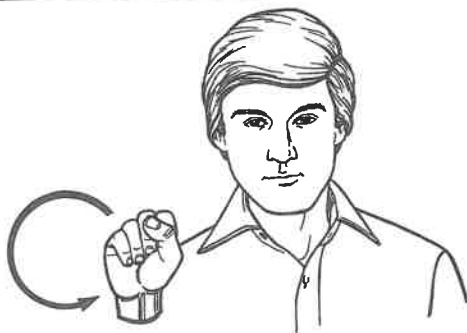
Memory aid: The initial suggests the word, and the circular motion suggests the passing of time.



FRIDAY

Make a small clockwise circle with the right *F* hand.

Memory aid: The initial suggests the word, and the circular motion suggests the passing of time.



SATURDAY

Make a small clockwise circle with the right *S* hand.

Memory aid: The initial suggests the word, and the circular motion suggests the passing of time.



NOON, MIDDAY

Point the left flat hand to the right with palm facing down. Rest the right elbow on the back of the left hand with the right arm in a vertical position and the palm facing left.

Memory aid: The left arm indicates the horizon, and the right hand symbolizes the position of the sun at *midday*.



TOMORROW

Touch the right *A* thumb on the right cheek or chin area; then make a forward arc.

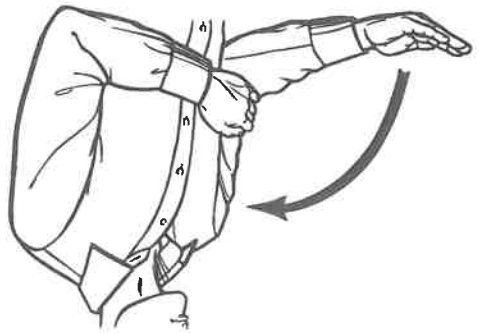
Memory aid: The forward movement indicates the future.



AFTERNOON

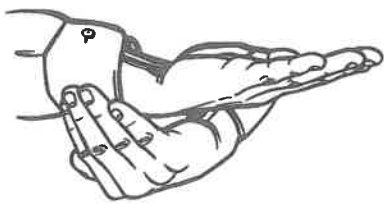
Hold the left arm in a horizontal position pointing to the right. The left hand is flat with palm facing down. Place the right forearm on the back of the left hand at a 45-degree angle.

Memory aid: Symbolizes the sun making its descent.

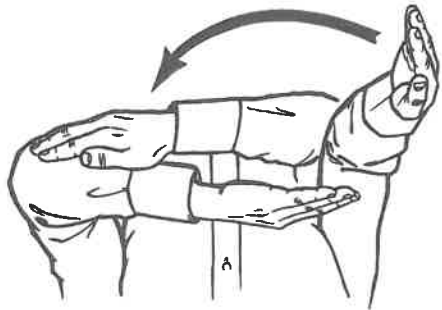


MORNING
Place the left flat hand with palm facing the body in the bend of the right elbow. Bring the right flat hand toward self until the arm is upright with the palm facing the body.
Memory aid: The left arm indicates the horizon, while the right hand symbolizes the rising of the sun.

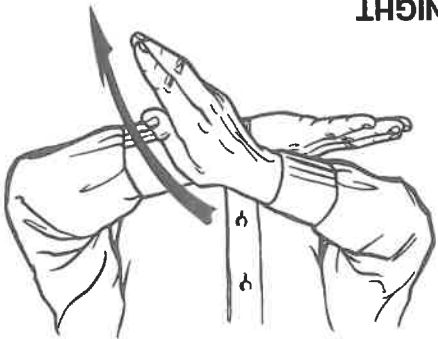
NIGHT, EVENING
Hold the left arm in a horizontal position with the fingers of the left downturned flat hand pointing right. Place the right forearm on the back of the left hand and point the right curved hand downward.
Memory aid: The right hand symbolizes the sun going below the horizon.



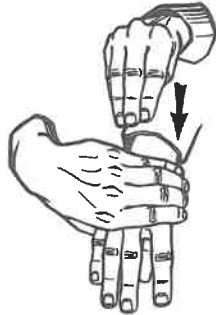
ALL NIGHT, OVERNIGHT
Hold the left arm in a horizontal position with the fingers of the left downturned flat hand pointing right. Place the right forearm on the back of the left hand and point the right curved hand downward. Make a downward sweeping motion from right to left with the right hand.
Memory aid: Symbolizes the setting sun.



MIDNIGHT
Hold the left arm in a horizontal position pointing right with flat or curved hand facing down. Move the right hand over and below the wrist of the left with fingers pointing down.
Memory aid: Symbolizes the sun being below the horizon on the opposite side of the earth.



SPRING, GROW, MATURE
Open the fingers of the right hand as they pass up through the left C hand.
Memory aid: Suggests young shoots coming up out of the ground.



SUMMER
Draw the curved right index finger across the forehead from left to right.
Memory aid: Symbolizes the wiping of perspiration.





FALL, AUTUMN

Hold the left arm upright with a slight lean to the right. Move the right index-finger side of the right flat hand downward along the left forearm.

Memory aid: Symbolizes the falling of leaves.



WINTER

Hold up both S hands in front of the chest and shake them.

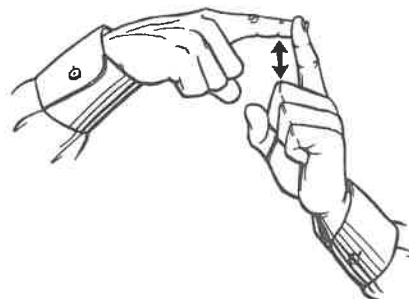
Memory aid: Suggests a person shivering in the cold.



SEASON

Rotate the thumb side of the right S hand in a circle on the left flat palm.

Memory aid: The initial indicates the word, and the action symbolizes the fact that the cycle of *seasons* is continuous.



TEMPERATURE, FEVER, THERMOMETER

Rub the right index finger up and down over the central part of the left upright index finger.

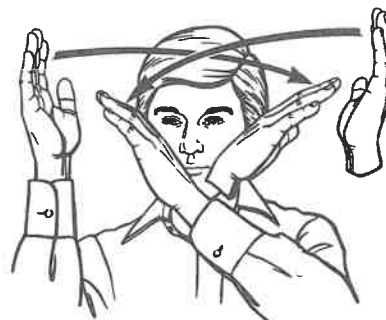
Memory aid: Symbolizes the rising and falling of the mercury in a *thermometer*.



WEATHER

Hold both W hands to the front with palms facing; then pivot them up and down from the wrists.

Memory aid: The initials indicate the word, and the action indicates the changeable nature of *weather*.

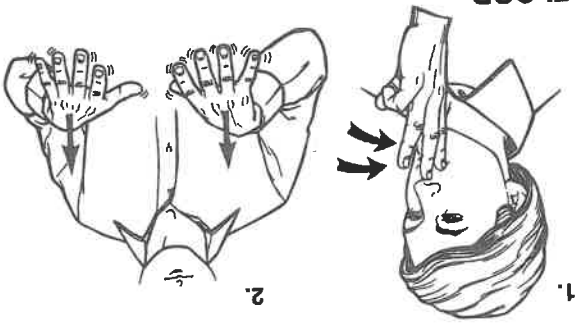


WIND, BLOW, BREEZE

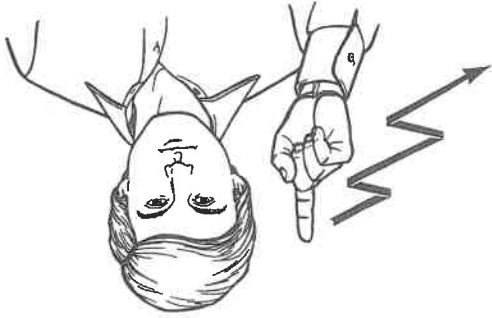
Hold both open hands up at head level with palms facing. Sweep them back and forth from left to right a few times.

Memory aid: Symbolizes the changing direction of the *wind*.

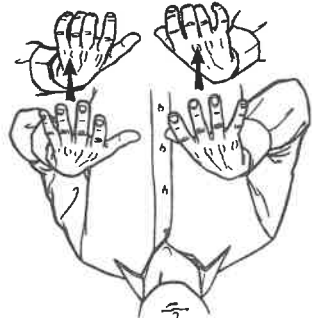
FLOOD
 Touch the mouth with the index finger of the right hand a few times (the sign for water). Point both palm-down open hands forward and raise them simultaneously while wiggling the fingers.
Memory aid: Suggests rising water.



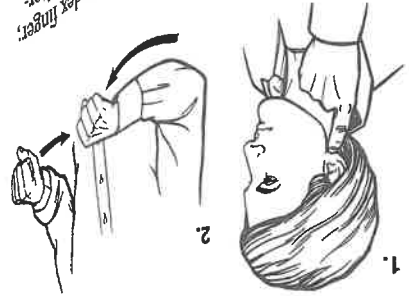
LIGHTNING
 Make quick jagged downward movements with the right index finger.
Memory aid: Symbolizes the action of lightning.



ICE, FREEZE, RIGID
 Hold both open hands to the front with palms facing down. Curve the fingers and make them rigid while simultaneously moving the hands down a short distance.
Memory aid: The fingers become stiff and contract with cold.



THUNDER
 Point to the right ear with the right index finger; then move both palm-down closed hands alternately forward and backward with forceful action.
Memory aid: Symbolizes the sound and vibrating effect of thunder.

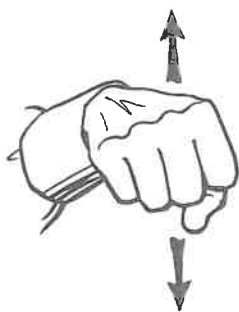


RAIN
 Touch the mouth with the index finger of the right hand a few times (the sign for water). Move *W* hand a few times (the sign for water)—the sign for both hands down in short stages this sign—the sign for water—is not always included.
Memory aid: Suggests water descending.



SNOW
 Place the fingers and thumb of the right curved hand on the chest; then move it forward while simultaneously forming the *and* downward while both palm-down open hands wiggle the fingers for simultaneously wiggling the fingers for white and rain.
Memory aid: This is a combination of the signs for



**YES**

Nod the right S hand up and down with palm facing forward.

Memory aid: Suggests a nodding head.

**NO**

Bring the right thumb, index, and middle fingers together.

Memory aid: Suggests a combination of the signs for N and O.

**GOOD, WELL**

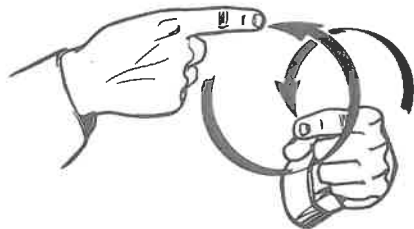
Place the fingers of the right flat hand at the lips; then move the hand down into the palm of the left hand with both palms facing up.

Memory aid: Suggests something that has been tasted, approved, and offered to another.

**BAD**

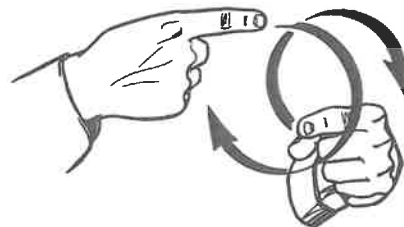
Place the fingertips of the right flat hand at the lips; then move the right hand down and turn it so that the palm faces down.

Memory aid: Suggests something that has been tasted and disapproved of.

**COME**

Point both index fingers toward each other and rotate them around each other while simultaneously moving them toward the body. *Alternative* (not illustrated): The common action of beckoning with the hand or index finger.

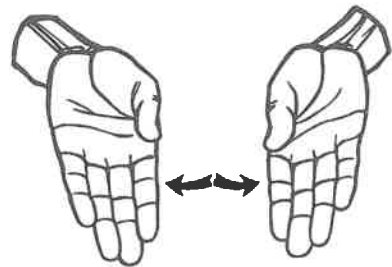
Memory aid: Both signs symbolize the idea of coming closer to self.

**GO**

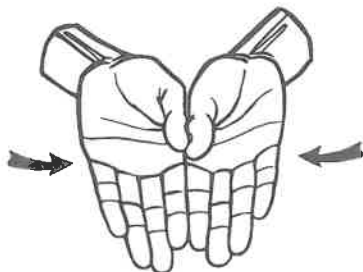
Point both index fingers toward each other and rotate them around each other as they are moved away from the body.

Memory aid: Symbolizes moving away from the present location.

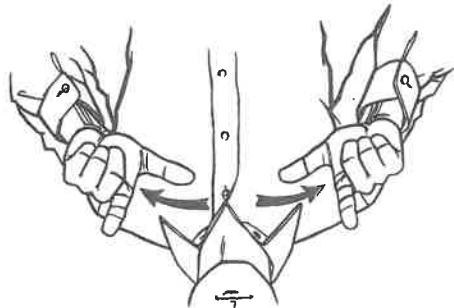
OPEN
Place the thumbs and index fingers of both flat hands together with the palms facing forward. (Some prefer the palms facing down.) Move both hands sideways in opposite directions.
Memory aid: Suggests *opening* drapes.



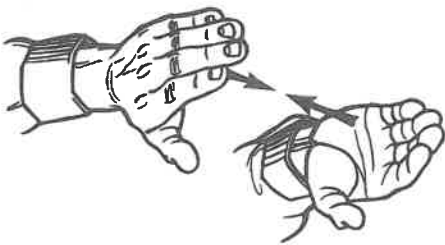
CLOSE, SHUT
Bring both flat hands together from the sides with palms facing forward.
Memory aid: Suggests the *closing* of window drapes.



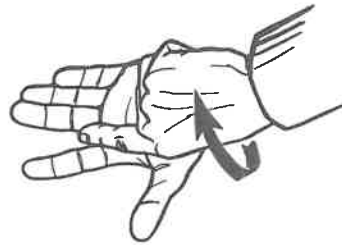
LARGE, BIG, ENORMOUS, GREAT, HUGE, IMMENSE
Hold both L hands to the front with palms facing. Move them outward to the sides beyond the width of the body.
Memory aid: The initial and the distance placed between the hands indicate the meaning.



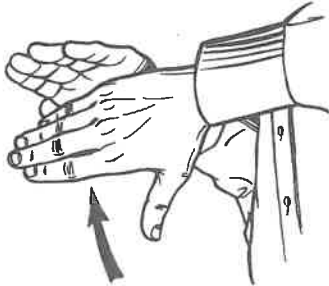
SMALL, LITTLE (measure, size), TINY
Hold both flat hands to the front with palms facing; then move them closer to each other in short stages.
Memory aid: The movement suggests a decreasing space.



START, BEGIN, COMMENCE, INITIATE
Hold the left hand forward with the palm facing right. Place the tip of the right index finger between the left index and middle fingers, then twist in a clockwise direction once or twice.
Memory aid: Can symbolize turning the ignition key to *start* a car.



STOP, CEASE, HALT
Bring the little-finger side of the right flat hand down sharply at right angles on the left flat hand.
Memory aid: Suggests a barrier to *stop* progress.





NEW

Pass the back of the slightly curved right hand across the left flat palm from fingers to heel. Continue the movement of the right hand in a slight upward direction.

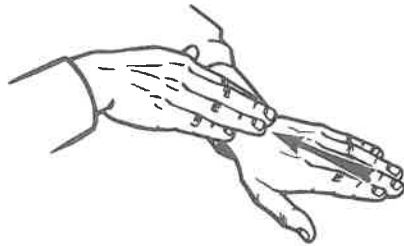
Memory aid: The right hand seems to be suggesting a *new* direction to the left hand.



OLD, AGE, ANCIENT, ANTIQUE

Close the right hand just below the chin and move it downward.

Memory aid: Suggests the beard of an *old* man.



SLOW

Draw the right hand slowly upward over the back of the left hand. Begin near the fingertips and move up to the wrist.

Memory aid: The movement suggests a crawling speed.



FAST, IMMEDIATELY, QUICK, RAPID, SPEEDY, SUDDENLY, SWIFT

Flick the right thumb from the crooked index finger.

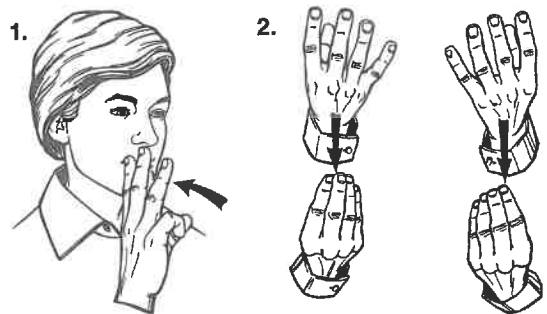
Memory aid: Suggests the *rapid* flicking of a marble from the hand.



DRY, DROUGHT, PARCHED

Move the right curved index finger across the lips from left to right.

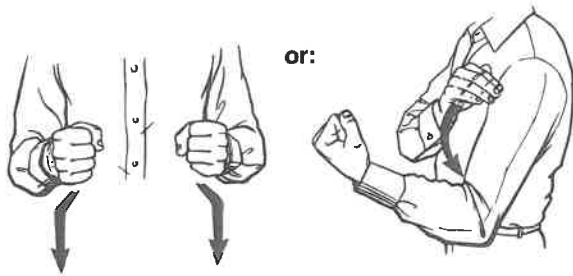
Memory aid: Suggests wiping *dry* lips.



WET, DRENCH, SATURATE, SOAK

Tap the right side of the mouth with the index finger of the right *W* hand a few times. Hold both curved open hands to the front with palms facing up; then move the hands slowly down while simultaneously forming *and* hands.

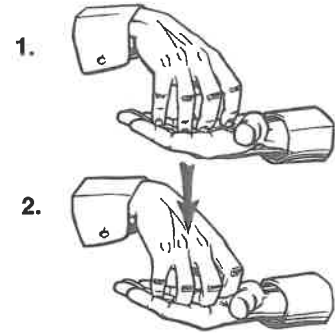
Memory aid: Suggests the feeling of *wet* fingers.



STRONG, MIGHTY, POWERFUL

Move both *S* hands firmly forward and downward.
Alternative: Make an arc with the right curved hand from the left shoulder to the inside of the left elbow.

Memory aid: The clenched fists of the first sign suggest *strength*, and the action for the alternative sign suggests a *powerful* biceps muscle.



WEAK, FEEBLE, FRAIL

Place the right curved fingers in a standing position in the palm of the left flat hand. Cause the fingers to bend and unbend.

Memory aid: Suggests the buckling of *weak* knees.



WARM, HEAT

Hold the right *A* hand in front of the mouth with palm facing in; then move it slowly upward and forward as the hand simultaneously opens.

Memory aid: Suggests the use of breath to *warm* the hand.



COOL, REFRESH

Place both flat or open hands to the front and sides of the face with palms facing in. Simultaneously flap the fingers of both hands up and down.

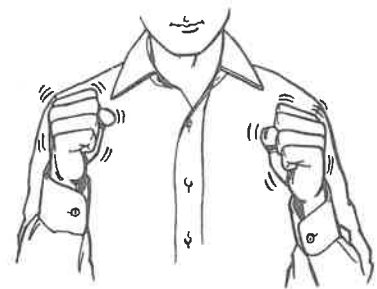
Memory aid: Suggests fanning the face.



HOT, HEAT

Place the fingers and thumb of the right *C* hand at the sides of the mouth, then quickly pivot the hand forward to the right.

Memory aid: Suggests removing *hot* food from the mouth.



COLD, CHILLY, FRIGID, WINTER

Hold up both *S* hands in front of the chest and shake them.

Memory aid: Suggests a person shivering in the *cold*.