

Good morning.



GOOD



MORNING

Good afternoon.



GOOD



AFTERNOON

Good night.



GOOD



NIGHT

I'm glad to see you.



HAPPY



SEE

Good-bye.



GOOD-BYE

Please.



PLEASE

Yes.



YES

No.



NO

Thank you.



GOOD

Excuse me.



EXCUSE

It's all right. It's okay.



ALL RIGHT

I'm sorry.



SORRY

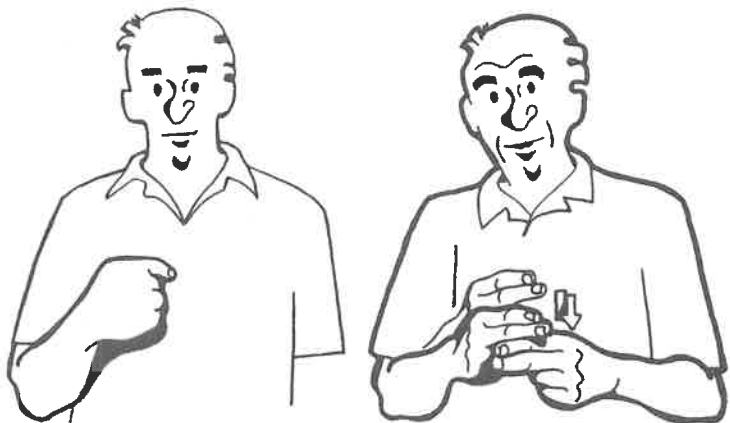
What is your name?



NAME

WHAT SHRUG

My name is _____.

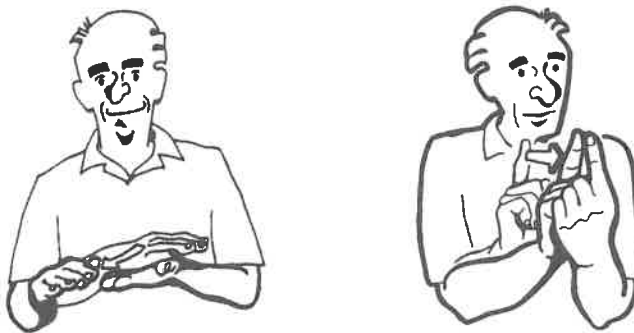


I

NAME

Fingerspell your name.

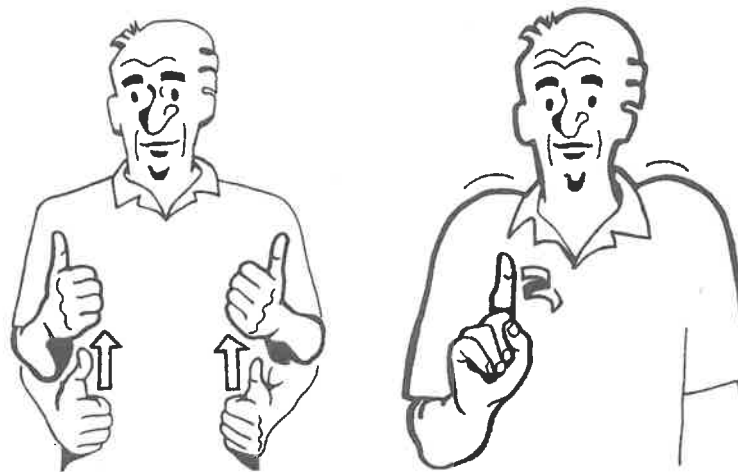
It's nice to meet you.



NICE

MEET

Where do you live?



LIVE

WHERE

Where are you from?



FROM



WHERE

Are you in school?



SCHOOL



YOU

I'm a student.



LEARN



AGENT



I

AGENT is a sign used in conjunction with another sign in order to designate a person who does a particular thing. The AGENT sign can be used with most but not all occupations

What kind of work do you do?



WORK



MAJOR



WHAT SHRUG

I'm a doctor.



I



DOCTOR

I'm a lawyer/teacher.



LAW



TEACH

He knows me.



HE/SHE/IT



KNOWS



ME

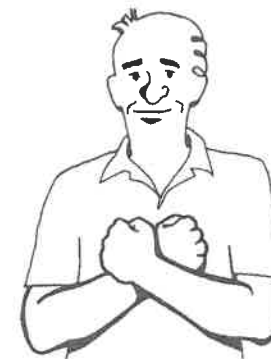
Verbs in ASL fall into three categories: nondirectional verbs, one-directional verbs, and multidirectional verbs. Movement in verb signs may express who is performing an action (the subject) and to whom the action is directed (the direct object). This quality of movement is called verb directionality

The nondirectional verbs (like the one above) do not express either subject or direct object; therefore, these two things (subject and direct object nouns and pronouns) must be supplied.

I love you.



I



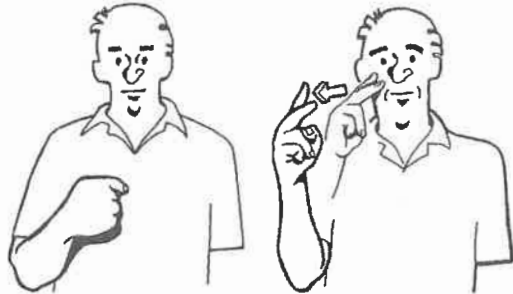
LOVE



YOU

This is also a nondirectional verb.

I see him/her/it.



I

SEE

In regard to verb directionality, as seen in this example one-directional verb signs express direct object but not subject; that is, one-directional verbs move toward the direct object; thus, a noun or pronoun is not required.

I help you.



HELP

Here we see an example of a multidirectional verb sign in which the movement goes from the subject toward the direct object; thus, neither subject nor direct object is signed.

You tell me.



YOU



TELL ME

This is another one-directional verb sign.

Can you give me the time?



YOU



GIVE ME



TIME



CAN

Chapter 4

Getting Better Acquainted

How are you?



HOW



YOU

Fine.



FINE

Additional vocabulary:

I am sick/tired/wonderful.



SICK



TIRED



WONDERFUL