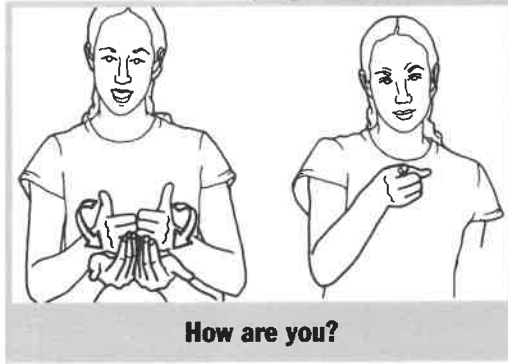
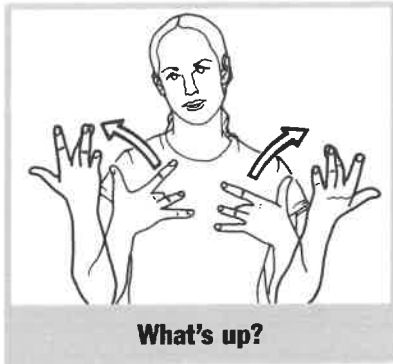
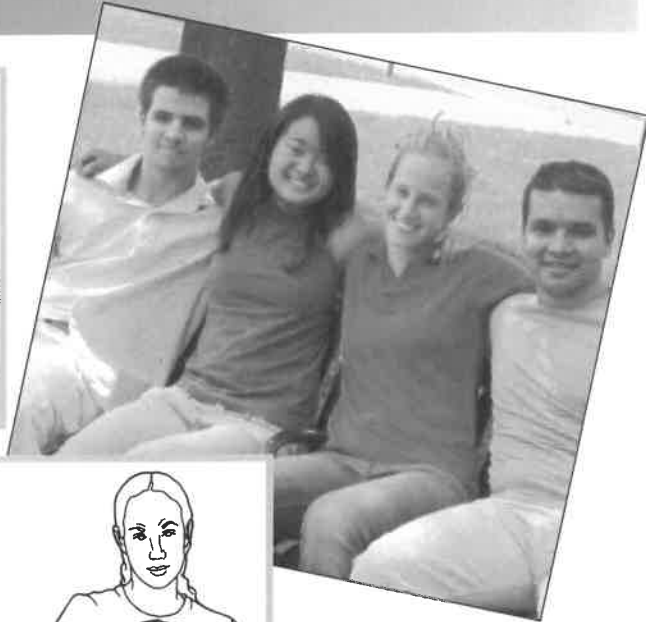
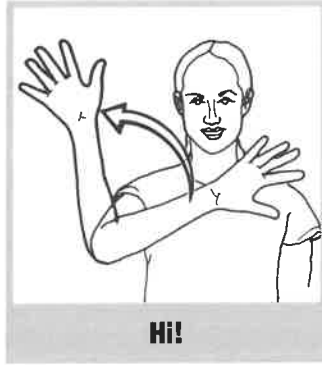


Greetings



When signing to a friend, sign *Hi!*, but with adults or people you don't know well, use the more formal *Hello*. Whether you want to be formal or casual, accompanying the sign with a smile means a lot to both Deaf and hearing people! *What's up?* is an informal way to ask *How are you?* in both American Sign Language and English. You can also sign *What's up?* one-handed, but both signs must include raising your chin.

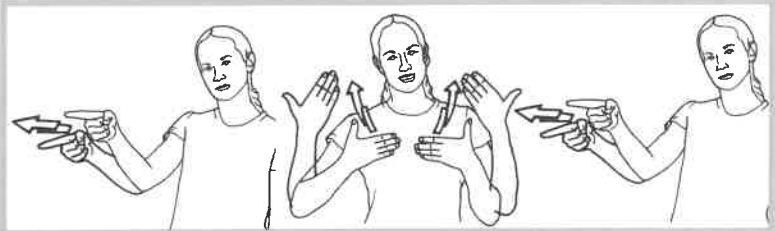


Classroom Exercise **A**

- 1 *Hello!* Exchange greetings with a classmate and ask how he or she is doing.
- 2 *How are you?* Ask a partner to tell you how another classmate is doing.



How is he/she?



He/she is happy.

- 3 *Greetings.* Look at the list of people in italics. Would you use *What's up?* or *How are you?* to greet them?

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. <i>an acquaintance</i> | 4. <i>your partner</i> | 7. <i>buddy</i> | 10. <i>school administrator</i> |
| 2. <i>parents</i> | 5. <i>your ASL teacher</i> | 8. <i>younger brother</i> | |
| 3. <i>an ASL student</i> | 6. <i>grandmother</i> | 9. <i>teacher</i> | |

How are you? & What's up?



To be busy



Confused



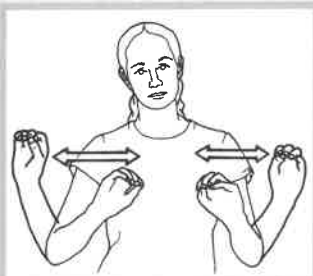
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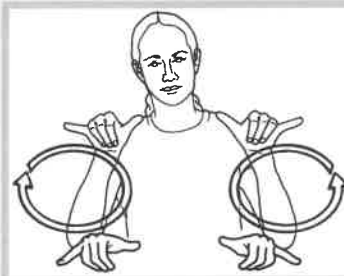
To be good, well



To be happy



Nothing, not much



Same old, the usual



Sleepy



So-so



To be tired

ASL Up Close



Conjugating Verbs: *To Be*



Deixis

Pointing is a logical feature of a signed, non-spoken language. It is not considered rude or impolite. If a person or object is not visible, point to an empty space and continue signing. Using the index finger to point is called **deixis**.



I am, me



You are



He, she, it is



We are, us



You are (plural)



They are



How is everybody? Sign each sentence in ASL following the example. Use deixis as needed.



I'm not too bad

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. <i>They are busy.</i> | 5. <i>She's good.</i> |
| 2. <i>She is happy.</i> | 6. <i>I'm sleepy.</i> |
| 3. <i>I am confused.</i> | 7. <i>It's so-so.</i> |
| 4. <i>We are happy.</i> | 8. <i>He's fine.</i> |

FYI Don't forget to point back to the person.

“ American Sign Language is of great value to the deaf, but could also be of great benefit to the hearing as well.... It is superior to spoken language in its beauty and emotional expressiveness. It brings kindred souls into a much more close and conscious communion than mere speech can possibly do. ” —Thomas H. Gallaudet, 1848

Vocabulary

More Greetings



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Afternoon



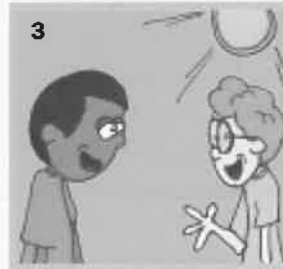
Evening, night



Morning



- 1 **Greetings.** Greet your classmates and ask how they are doing.
- 2 **Dialogue.** Work with a partner to sign a dialogue using vocabulary you've learned.
- 3 **What time of day is it?** Is it afternoon, evening, or morning in each illustration?



I Want to Know . . .

Why do I have to point twice?

Pointing back to yourself or the person you're talking about shows completion of a train of thought. This allows somebody else to begin signing without interrupting you. Using deixis at the end of a sentence is called a **closing signal**. Closing signals are especially important when asking questions using the Question-Maker (page 15) or the WH-Face (page 42). Remember to use a closing signal when:

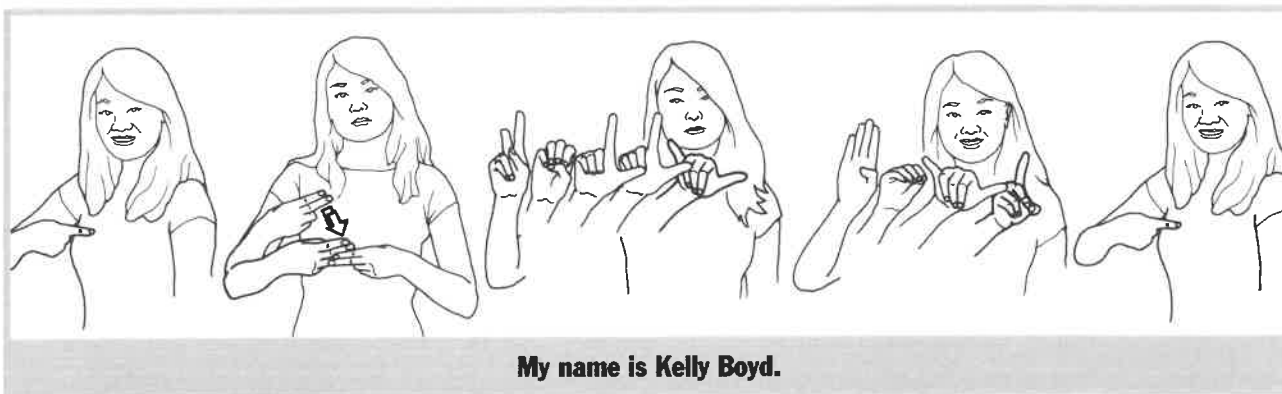
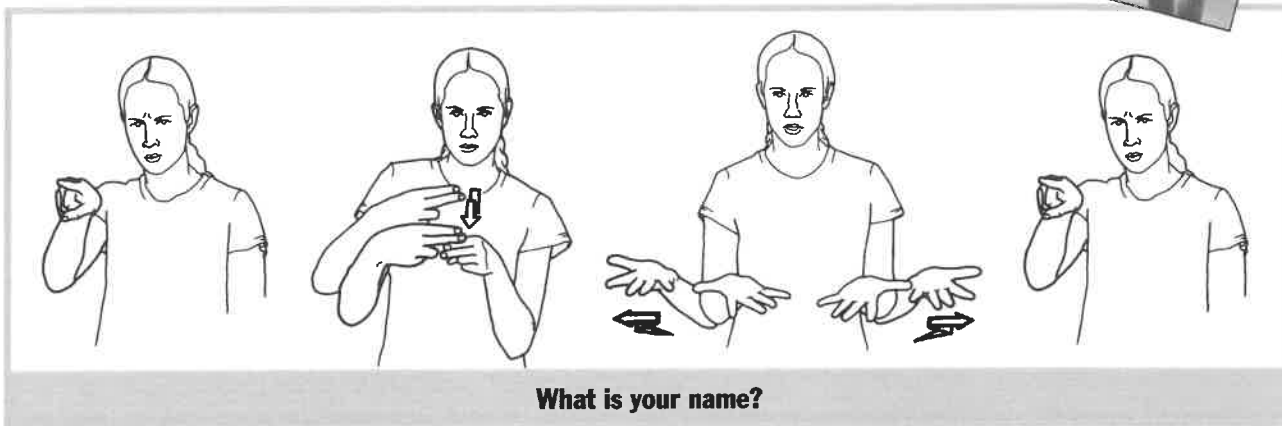
- Making a statement or comment about yourself or somebody else.
- Asking a question.

Eyes on ASL #2

Always use a closing signal to complete a signed sentence.

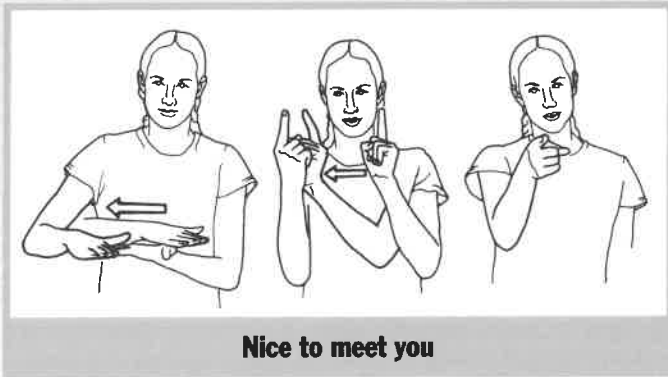
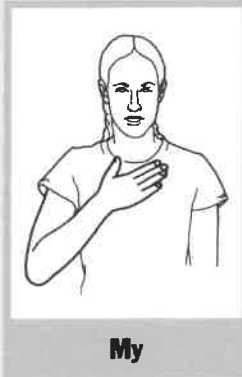
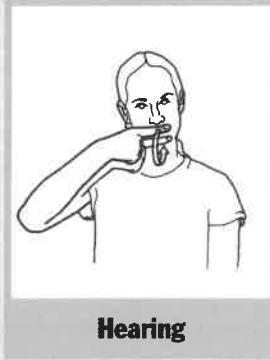
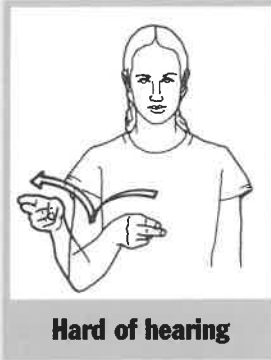
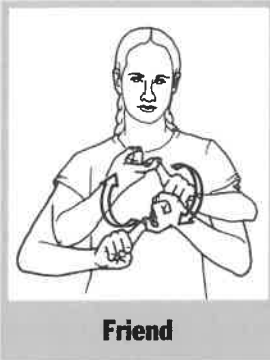
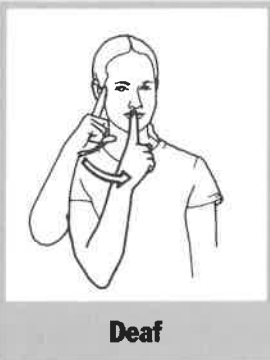


ASL sentences lacking closing signals are incomplete.



Vocabulary

Introductions



When fingerspelling your complete name, you don't need to sign *last name* between the first and last name. Just pause briefly and continue on!

FYI Use deixis instead of the sign *my* when signing "My name is..."