

Getting Acquainted

What is your name?



NAME



WHAT SHRUG

My name is _____.

Fingerspell your name.



I



NAME

I'm happy to meet you.



HAPPY



MEET

Where do you live?

**LIVE****WHERE****Where are you from?**

**FROM****WHERE**

Where were you born?



BIRTH



WHERE

May I introduce my wife?

After making the sign for the person you are introducing, you then fingerspell that person's name.



INTRODUCE



WIFE

Additional vocabulary

**HUSBAND****SON****DAUGHTER****FRIEND**

Where do you work?



WORK



WHERE

What kind of work do you do?



WORK



MAJOR



WHAT SHRUG

I'm a doctor.

**I****DOCTOR****Additional vocabulary**

The AGENT sign is often added to a verb or noun sign to indicate that one does or is what the verb or noun sign says. Here the AGENT sign could be added to TEACH, LAW, ACT, and ART, but would not be added to DOCTOR, POLICE, HOMEMAKER, or FIREFIGHTER. The use of the AGENT sign is optional.

**LAW****TEACH**



ACT



ART



AGENT



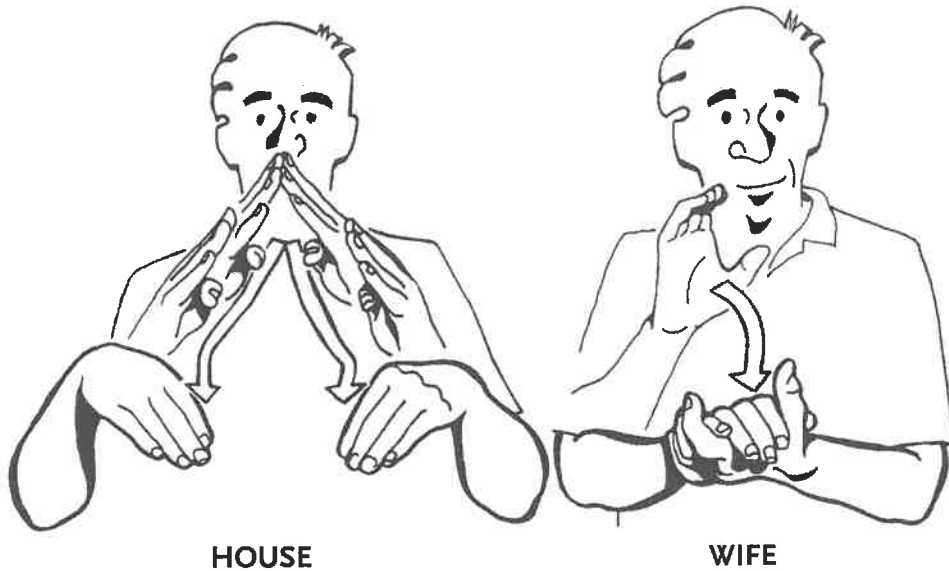
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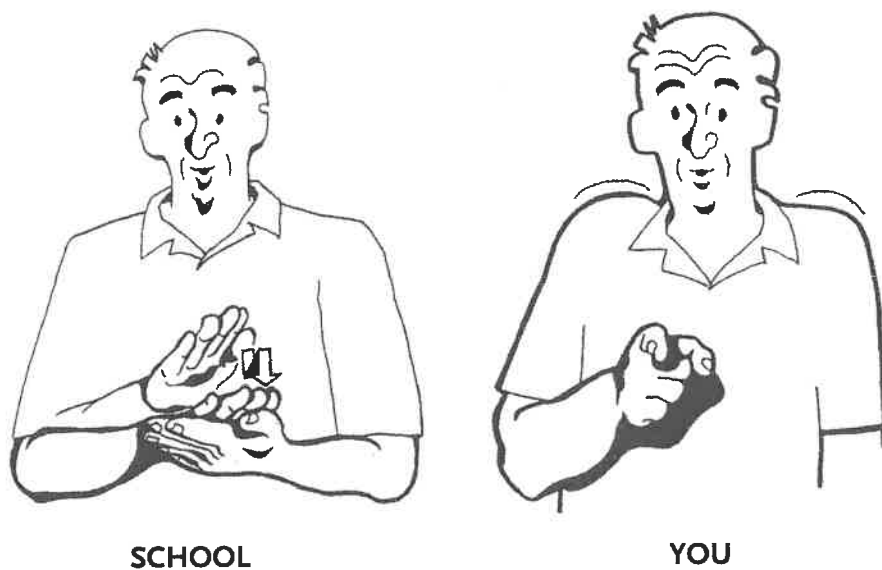
POLICE

Homemaker

Note: To sign “househusband,” use the signs for HOUSE and HUSBAND (see page 112). The phrase below cannot be used for a househusband.



Do you go to school?



Are you married?



MARRY



YOU

I'm single.



I



ONLY

I'm divorced.



I



DIVORCED

My husband/wife is dead.



HUSBAND/WIFE



DIE

Do you have any children?



CHILDREN



HAVE



YOU

How many children do you have?



CHILDREN



HAVE



HOW MANY

How old are you?

**OLD****YOU****Do you mind if I smoke?**

**SMOKE CIGARETTE****COMPLAIN**

It's all right. It's OK.



ALL RIGHT

Smoking is not allowed.



SMOKE CIGARETTE



PROHIBIT

Health

How do you feel?



HOW



FEEL

Do you feel all right?



FEEL



ALL RIGHT

I don't feel well.



FEEL



GOOD



NOT

Where does it hurt?

**PAIN****WHERE****My stomach is upset.**

When done alone, as it is done here, this sign may also mean that something is disgusting. Context determines which meaning is intended.

**DISGUST**

I have a cold.



BLOW NOSE



I

My nose is runny.



RUNNY NOSE



I

My head aches.



HEADACHE



I

I have a toothache.



TOOTHACHE



I

I have a stomachache.

The sign PAIN may be placed anywhere on the body to denote that you are hurt or have a pain in that part of the body.

**STOMACHACHE****I****I need a dentist/doctor.****DENTIST****DOCTOR****MUST****I**

Do you have any aspirin?

Fingerspell ASPIRIN.



HAVE

A-S-P-I-R-I-N

I've run out of medicine.



MEDICINE



USED UP

I have to buy some medicine.



MEDICINE



BUY



MUST

I have to take pills.



PILL



MUST

You need to have an x-ray.

Fingerspell X-RAY.

X-R-A-Y



MUST NEED



YOU

It's time to take your temperature.



TIME



FOR



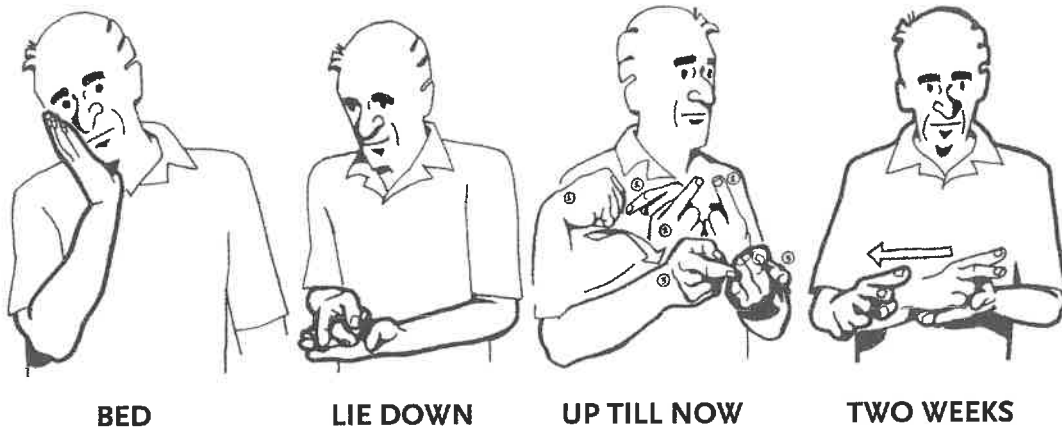
ORAL THERMOMETER

You have to have a shot.

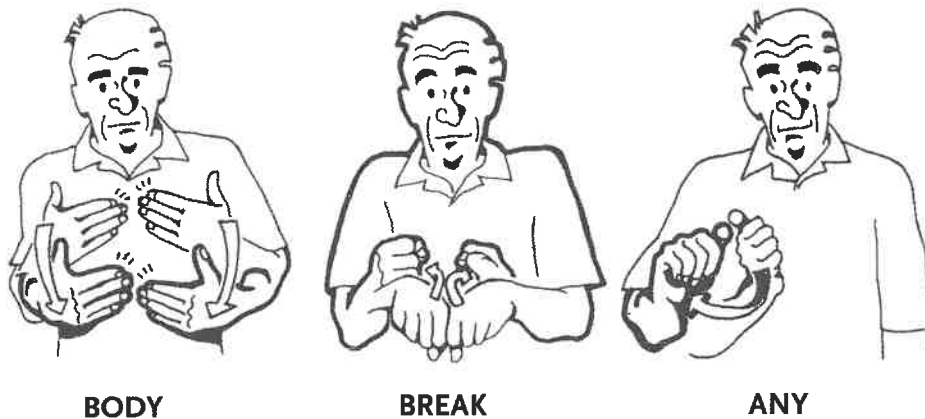
The MUST sign may mean “need” or “should” and is done differently depending upon the meaning desired. If something is mandatory, then make one movement down. If something is optional but desirable, then make two gentle downward movements.

**HYPODERMIC****MUST NEED****YOU****I feel better now.**

**FEEL****BETTER****NOW**

I was in bed for two weeks.**BED****LIE DOWN****UP TILL NOW****TWO WEEKS****Were any bones broken?**

There is no standard sign for “bone,” so the statement here is more generally read as, “Is anything in your body broken?” If you wish to sign “bone” specifically, then you must fingerspell it or find out what the local sign for it is.

**BODY****BREAK****ANY**

You lost a lot of blood.



BLOOD



LOSE



MUCH



YOU

They have to draw some blood.



DRAW BLOOD



MUST

Have you ever had a tooth pulled?

The signs PAST and FINISH both refer to the past. Either one may be used alone here, but it is very common to see them both appear in a statement.



PULL TOOTH



PAST



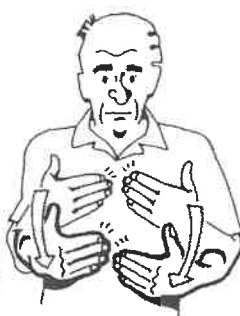
FINISH

I had a physical last week.

The use of the FINISH sign here denotes the idea that I “already” had a physical last week.



A WEEK AGO



BODY



SEARCH



FINISH

My husband had an operation.



HUSBAND



SURGERY

My wife is in the hospital.

The HOSPITAL sign is made by drawing a cross on the sleeve.

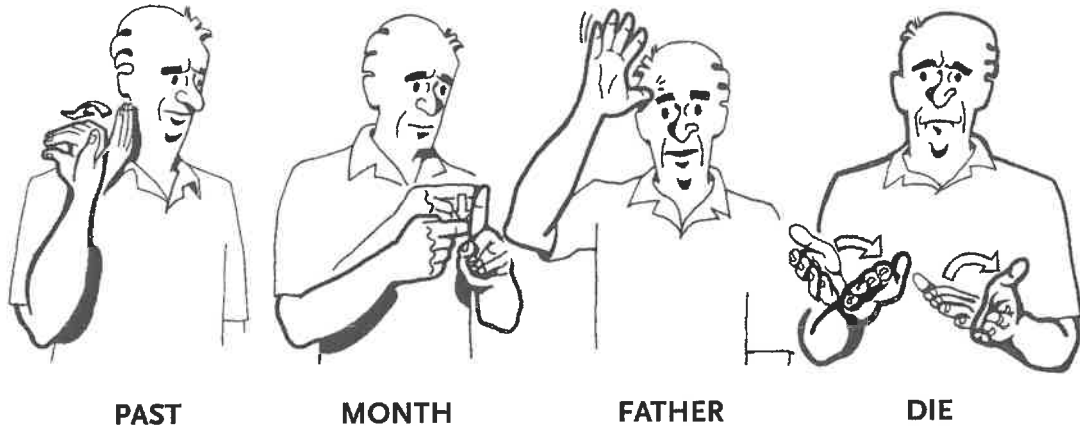


WIFE



HOSPITAL

My father passed away last month.



PAST

MONTH

FATHER

DIE

Call the ambulance.

The sign for “ambulance” indicates the spinning red light on top of the vehicle and may refer to any emergency vehicle or just the flashing red light itself. Also, instead of the sign BECKON, you may sign PHONE.



EMERGENCY VEHICLE



BECKON

Do you have hospitalization insurance?



HOSPITAL



INSURANCE



HAVE

I have an appointment at 2:30.



APPOINTMENT



TIME



2:30

Where's my toothbrush?

**TOOTHBRUSH****MY****WHERE****I want to brush my teeth.**

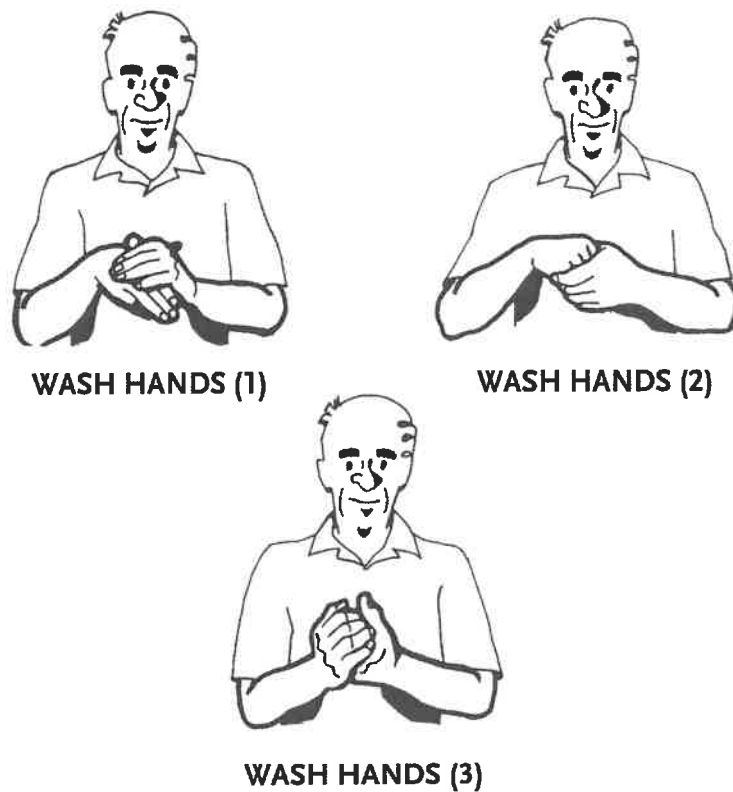
**TOOTHBRUSH****WANT**

I already took a bath/shower.



Wash your hands.

This sign, shown in three steps, is a mime of actually washing the hands, as the sign at the top of page 140 is a mime of actually washing the face.



Wash your face.



WASH FACE

I haven't shaved yet.



SHAVE



LATE

May I borrow your hair dryer?



HAIR DRYER



LEND

Brush your hair.



BRUSH HAIR

I lost my comb.



COMB



LOSE

Weather

It's beautiful today.



NOW



DAY



PRETTY

The sun is hot.



SUN



HOT

I enjoy sitting in the sun.



SIT



SUNRAY



PLEASE

It was cold this morning.



NOW



MORNING



COLD

It will freeze tonight.



NOW



NIGHT

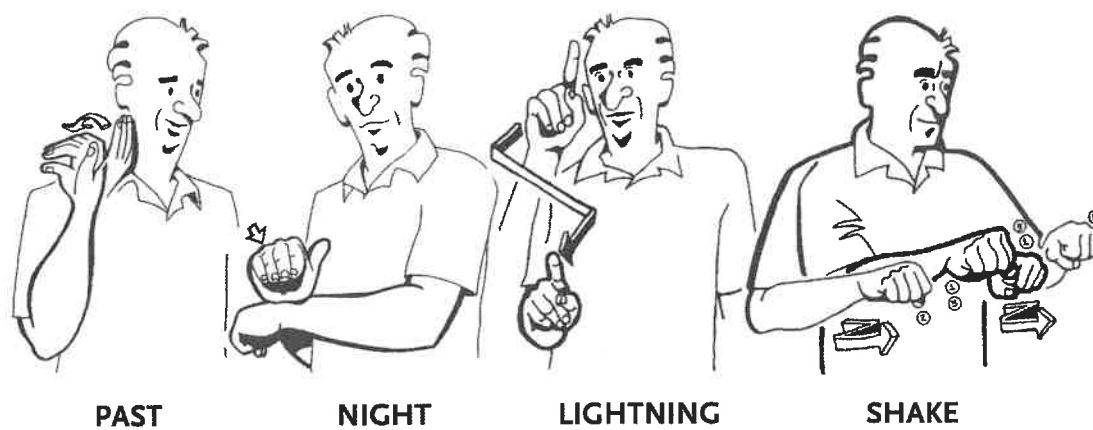


ICE

Maybe it will snow tomorrow.



There was thunder and lightning last night.



It rained yesterday.



YESTERDAY

RAIN

Do you have a raincoat?



RAIN

COAT

HAVE

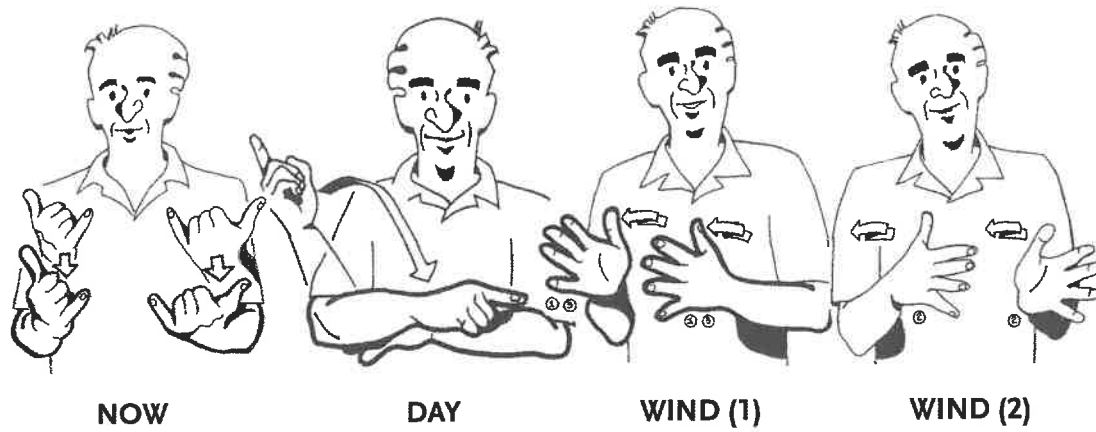
YOU

I lost my umbrella.

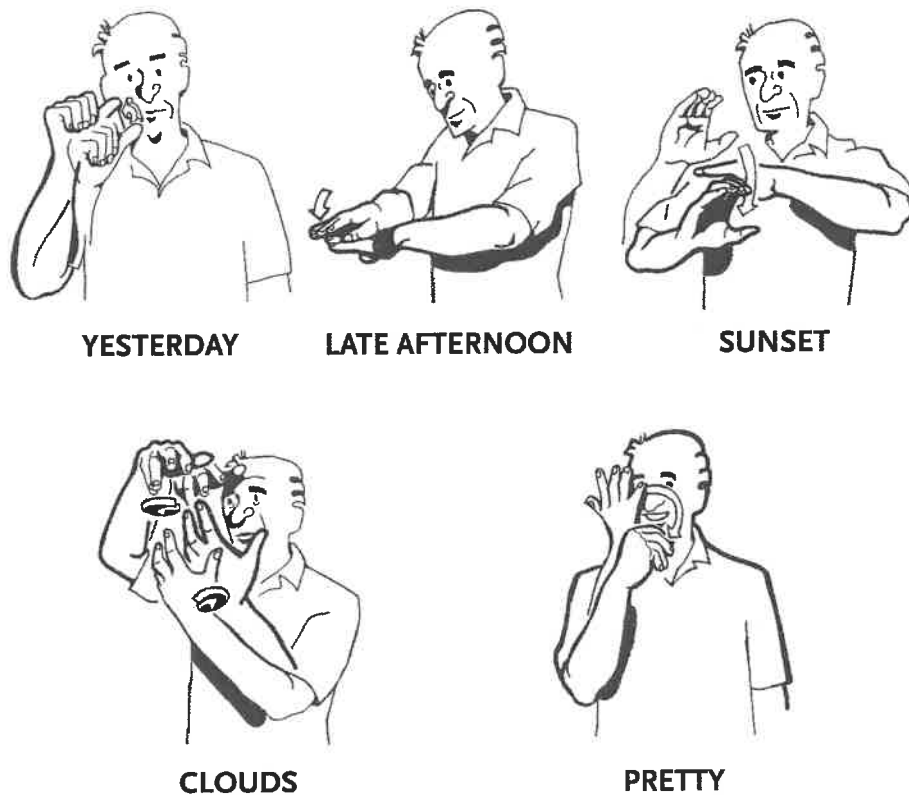
**UMBRELLA****LOSE****Where are your galoshes/rubbers?**

**YOUR****GALOSHES (1)****GALOSHES (2)****RUBBER****WHERE**

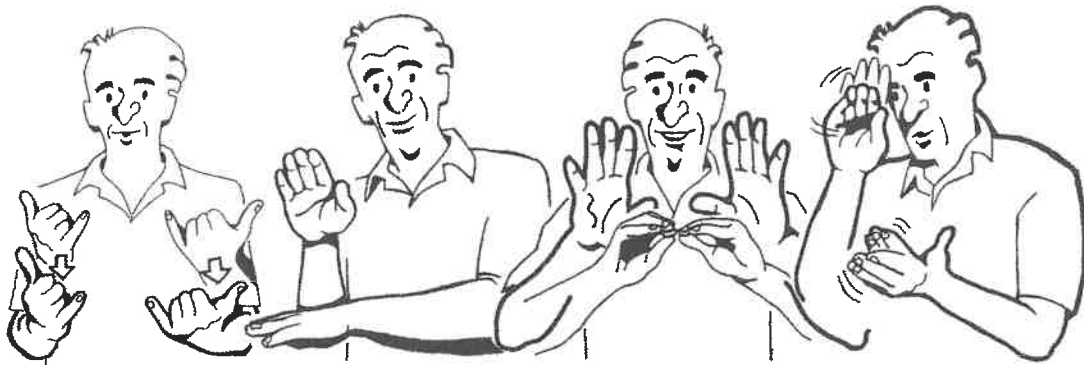
It's windy today.



Yesterday evening at sunset, the clouds were beautiful.



I hope it clears up this afternoon.



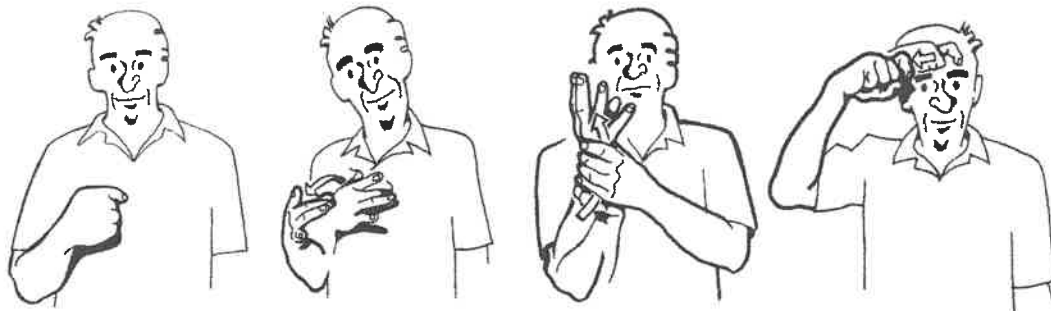
NOW

AFTERNOON

CLEAR

HOPE

I like spring/summer/autumn/winter best.

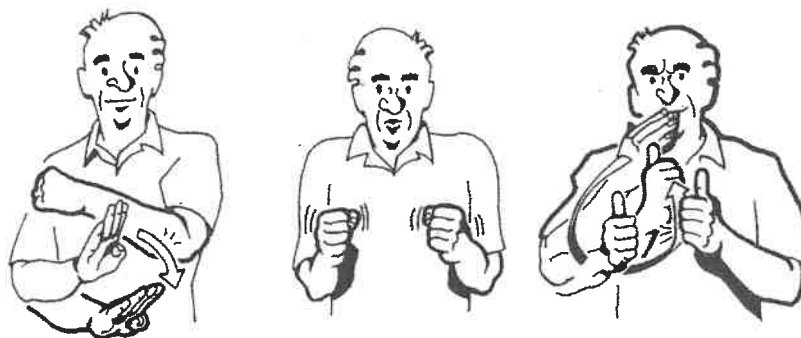


I

LIKE

GROW

SUMMER



AUTUMN

COLD

BEST

You have to have chains to drive in the mountains in winter.



DURING



COLD



CAR



MOUNTAIN



CHAIN



REQUIRE

I'm afraid of tornados.



TORNADO



SCARE



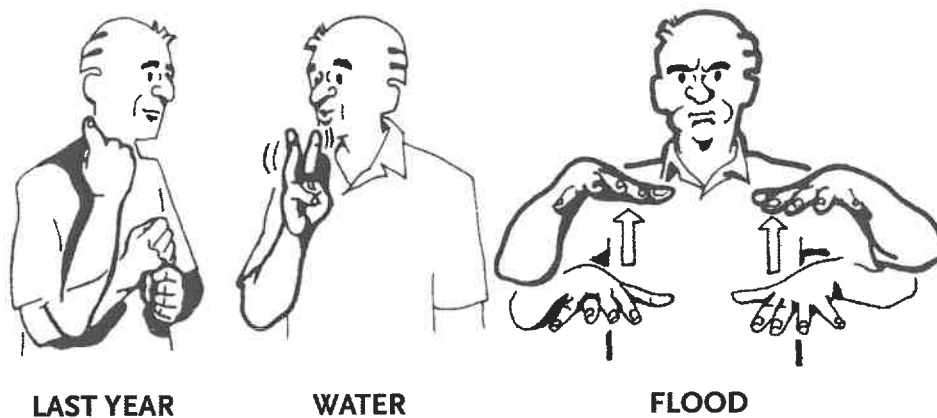
ME

What's the temperature?

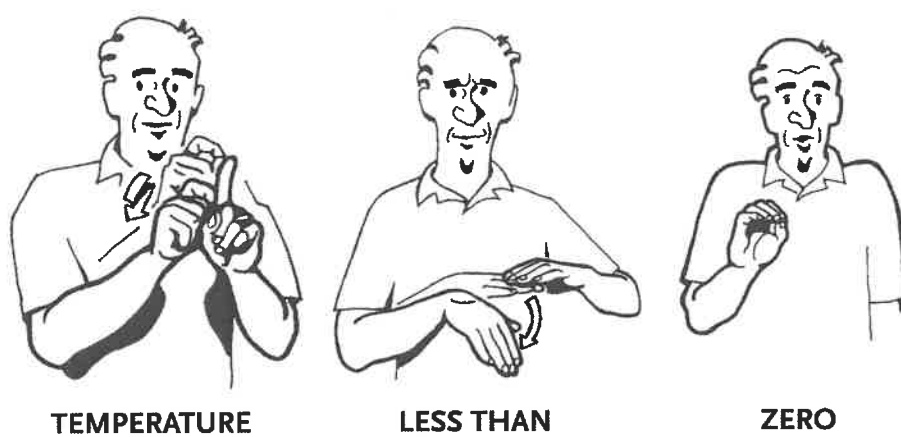
**TEMPERATURE****WHAT SHRUG****Has the snow melted?**

**SNOW****MELT****FINISH**

There was a flood last year.



The temperature is below zero.



Have you ever been in an earthquake?

**EARTH****SHAKE****FINISH****YOU**