

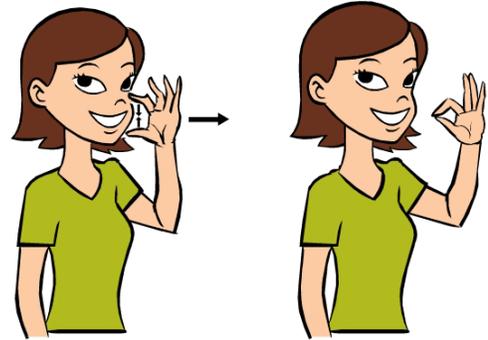
LESSON 4: ANIMAL SIGNS



ANIMAL

With 2 closed flat hands, bend your hands at the large knuckle and place fingertips on your chest. Move them in and out, keeping fingertips in the same spot the whole time.

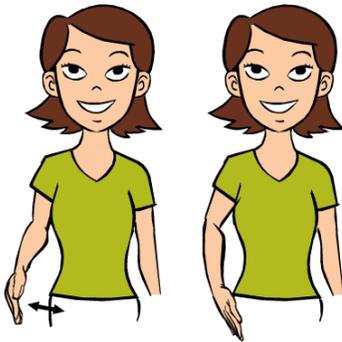
Memory Aid: Think of the lungs of animals contracting/expanding during breathing, or of the wings of a bird flapping.



CAT

Start with your dominant hand next to your mouth. Place your index finger tip above your upper lip and your thumb tip below your lower lip. Move our hand outward and pinch your thumb + index finger together to end in an F-handshape. Some people also do this sign with both hands doing the same motion simultaneously.

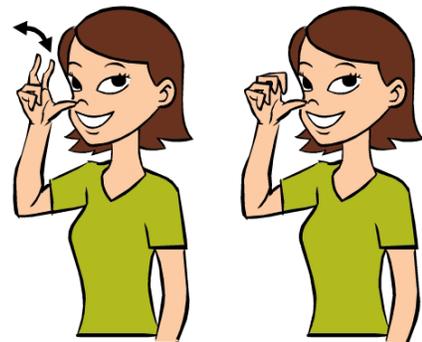
Memory Aid: Think of a cat straightening his whiskers.



DOG

Pat your dominant flat hand on the side of your upper thigh.

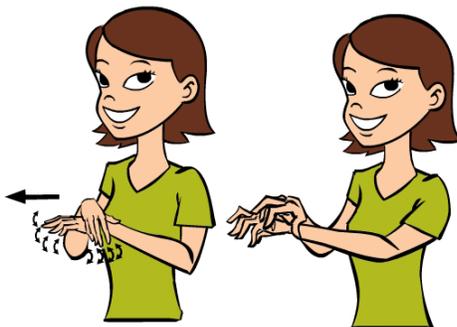
Memory Aid: Think of calling a dog to you.



BUG

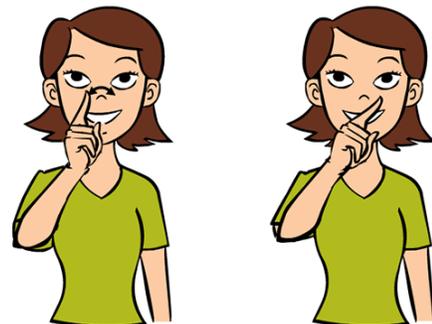
With your ASL 3-hand (thumb, index, middle fingers), place your thumb on your nose with index + middle fingers extended. Bend and extend your index and middle fingers.

Memory Aid: Think of a bug landing on your nose and twitching his antenna.



SPIDER

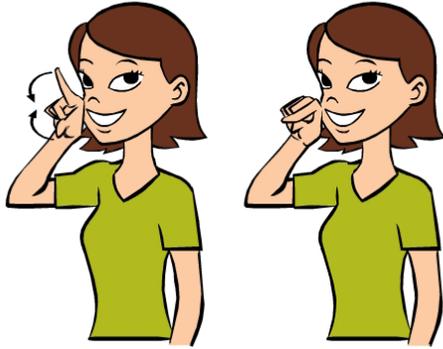
Cross your open 5-hands hands at the wrist and interlock your pinkies. Wiggle your fingers around, as if



MOUSE

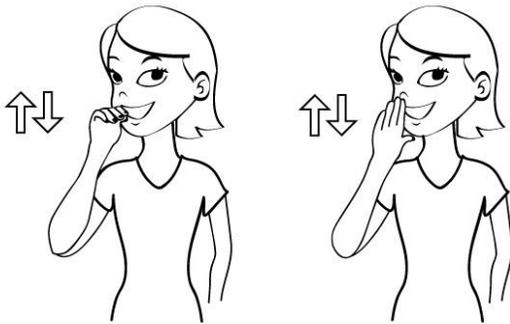
Use your dominant index finger to flick the tip of your nose.

the legs of a spider, and at the same time move your hands to make the spider move forward.



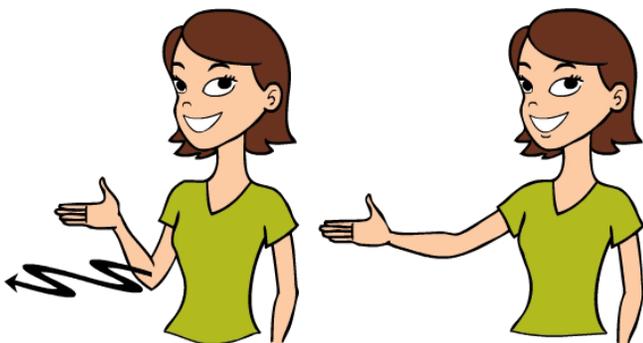
BIRD

Make a beak shape next to your mouth with your dominant index finger and thumb by bringing those two fingers together, while making a mini-fist with the rest of your fingers. Then tweet like a bird by bringing your fingers together and apart.



DUCK

Same as the sign for bird, except use your whole hand to show a bigger duck bill.



FISH

Using your dominant flat hand, extend your hand with your thumb up and fingers pointed forward out in front of your body. Shimmy your hand as you move it forward.

Memory Aid: Looks like a fish swimming through the water.

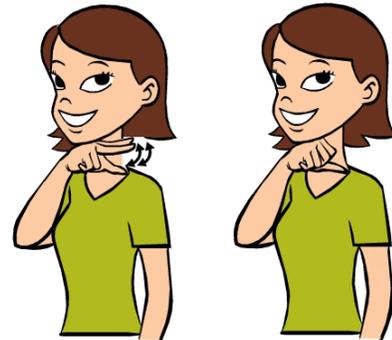
Memory Aid: Think of a mouse twitching his nose or smelling cheese.



CHICKEN

Make the bird sign, then "peck" at your non-dominant flat hand, palm up.

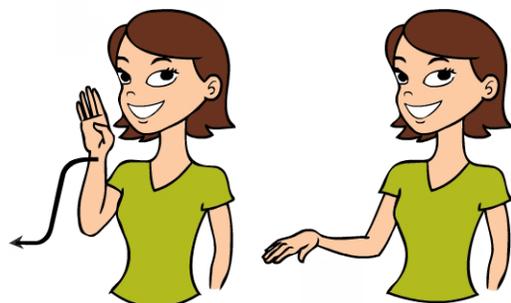
Memory Aid: Think of a chicken pecking around on the ground.



FROG

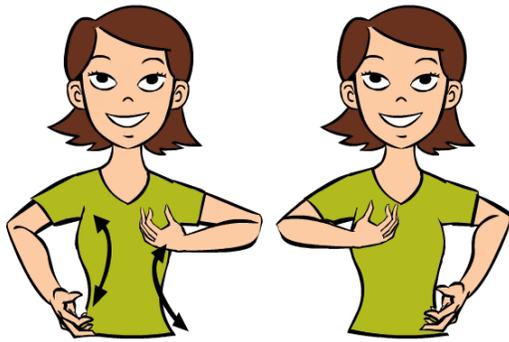
Using dominant V-hand, place hand under chin with palm down. Flick V-hand open and closed (alternate between fist and V-hand).

Memory Aid: Imagine 2 little frog legs jumping, or how the gullet of a toad expands.



ELEPHANT

Using either a dominant C-hand or a closed, flat hand, trace an elephant trunk. Start at your nose, then trace the path of your imaginary trunk down and away from your body.



MONKEY

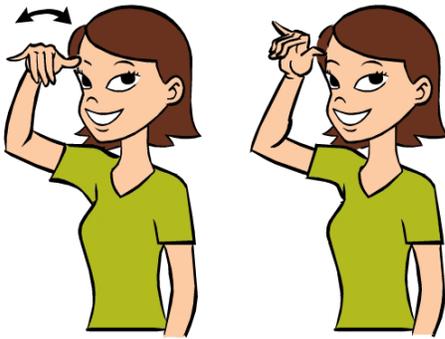
With 2 claw handshapes, bend your arms and “scratch” at your sides with your hands.



BEAR

With 2 claw handshapes, cross your arms across your chest and “scatch” near your shoulders.

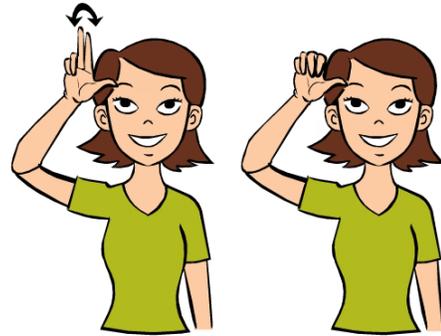
Memory Aid: Think of a bear hug, or a bear scratching himself.



COW

Using your dominant Y-hand, place your thumb on your temple and rotate it forward and back several times.

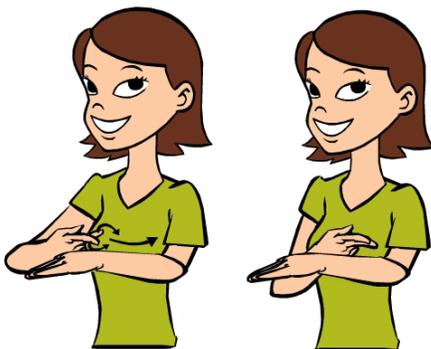
Memory Aid: Think of a longhorn cow.



HORSE

Using your dominant H-hand, place your thumb on your temple and rotate it forward and back several times.

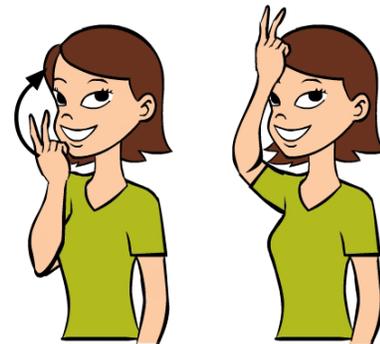
Memory Aid: H-hand for Horse. Think of a horse twitching an ear to brush away a pesky fly.



SHEEP

Extend your non-dominant arm in front of your body with a closed flat hand, palm down. With your dominant V-hand, lay your dominant hand down on your wrist, palm up, and then make a cutting motion with your fingers while simultaneously moving your dominant hand up toward your elbow.

Memory Aid: Imagine your non-dominant arm is a

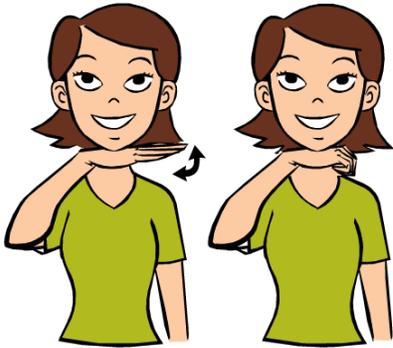


GOAT

Using dominant bent V-hand, touch palm to chin then to forehead.

Memory Aid: Think of a goat's beard + his horns.

sheep and you are shearing the wool from its back with your scissors (dominant hand).



PIG

Using a dominant flat hand, place hand under chin, palm down. Flap fingers up and down, keeping fingers tightly together the whole time.

Memory Aid: Imagine a pig “up to his chin” in mud.

Movement Song:

Let's Go to the Zoo

(On High 5 Communication Resources YouTube Channel)

**Let's go to the zoo
and stomp like the elephants do!**

x 2

- 2. Jump like kangaroos do**
- 3. Swing like the monkeys do**
- 4. Waddle like the penguins do**
- 5. Swim like the polar bears do**

Signing Song:

Slippery Fish

(On High 5 Communication Resources YouTube Channel)

1. Slippery **FISH**, slippery **FISH**,

Swimming in the **WATER**,

Slippery **FISH**, slippery **FISH**,

Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!

Oh, no!

It's been **EATEN** by...

2. an **OCTOPUS**...

3. Tuna **FISH**...

4. Great white **SHARK**...

5. Humongous **WHALE**...

BURP! Excuse me!

(cover mouth)

Movement Song:

The Horses are Walking

(On High 5 Communication Resources YouTube Channel)

**1. The Horses Are Walking,
They're Walking Along,
Walking Along, Walking Along
The Horses Are Walking,
They're Walking Along. Woah, Woah, Woah!**

2. Trotting along

3. Galloping along

**4. Horses Are Walking,
They're Walking Back Home,
Walking Back Home, Walking Back Home
The horses Are Walking,
They're Walking Back Home.
Woah, Woah, Woah!**

5. Trotting back home

6. Galloping back home

Signing Song:

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

(On High 5 Communication Resources YouTube Channel)

OLD MacDonald had a FARM

E-I-E-I-O

And **ON** his **FARM** he had a _____
name an animal

E-I-E-I-O

With a _____, _____ **here and a**
animal noise + animal sign

_____, _____ **there**
animal noise + animal sign

Here a _____, **there a** _____
animal noise + animal sign *animal noise + animal sign*

Everywhere a _____, _____ **!**
animal noise + animal sign

OLD MacDonald had a FARM

E-I-E-I-O

(keep going with different animals!)

OLD:

Hold your dominant S-hand underneath your chin, then pull downward and slightly outward.

Memory Aid: Think of an old man stroking his long beard.

ON:

With 2 closed, flat hands, place with non-dominant hand palm down in front of your body. Start with your dominant hand slightly above your non-dominant hand at a perpendicular motion, then put it "on" your non-dominant hand.

FARM:

Using an open 5-hand with your palm down, start with your thumb touching your throat with your hand across your body. Pull your hand horizontally across your throat.

Memory Aid: On farms, we often slaughter animals. This motion is similar to slaughtering an animal.