

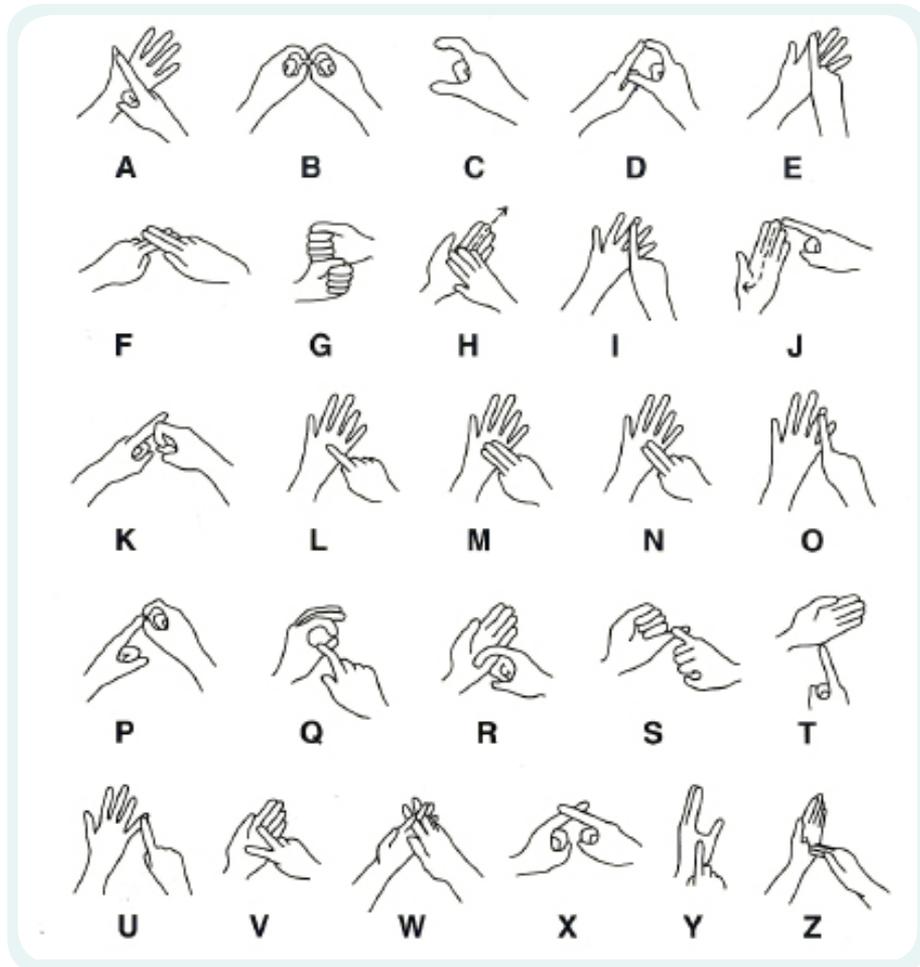
Talking Hands

Look at the images below. These are called finger spellings. Hands are used to show alphabets! Isn't that super cool!! These finger spellings are part of sign languages.

Have you seen people use sign language? Yes? Some people, who can't hear, use their hands and fingers, to communicate. These are not random hand movements as it may seem to you. They use sign language like for example, Indian Sign Language (ISL).

A sign language is a complete language with its own grammar and like verbal languages they vary country to country.

Each letter from A to Z has a specific finger sign. Use this chart to communicate with your friends. Try to finger spell the name of your favourite movie. See if your friend can guess what you spelt. Do you see how the first letter of every line spells out the word 'Diversity'? Clever, isn't it?



Did it feel difficult to do? Remember, any language seems hard in the beginning. Deaf people talk quite comfortably by signing. Practice will make it easier. Keep trying.