

all done/finished: Open both hands with palms facing you, then turn them outward and downward.

apple: Bend your index finger and rotate it against your cheek near your mouth.

ball: Form each hand into a cup shape, and then bring them together to create a round shape, as if you are holding a ball. This sign is usually done in front of your body and can be moved slightly to mimic the action of holding or bouncing a ball.

banana: Point one index finger toward the sky. This is your banana. Use the other hand to pretend to peel the banana.

bed/sleep: Place your hand flat against your cheek, then tilt your head down onto it as if resting on a pillow.

big: Place your hands in front of you, palms facing each other. Start with your hands close together and then move them apart to indicate something large or big.

blocks: Use both hands to mimic the action of stacking blocks. Move one hand on top of the other, alternating, as if you are building a tower with blocks.

book: Put your palms together, then open your hands as if opening a book.

brush teeth: Mimic the motion of brushing your teeth with your index finger.

bug: Begin by pinching your thumb and index finger together, then open and close them, mimicking an insect's pincers or legs. This motion is typically done near the face or in front of the body, representing the small, quick movements of an insect. You can also move your hand slightly as if the insect is walking or moving around.

car: Hold your hands as if gripping a steering wheel and move them slightly as if driving a car.

cat: Stroke your cheeks with your fingers, mimicking whiskers.

cereal: mimic the action of eating cereal from a bowl. First, form your non-dominant hand into the shape of a bowl (curving your fingers together, as if holding a bowl). Then, use your dominant hand to imitate the motion of a spoon scooping from the bowl and bringing it to your mouth. This motion is repeated a few times to convey the idea of eating cereal.

change diaper: The sign for “diaper” is made by pinching your thumb and fingers together and tapping them against your waist. This gesture mimics the action of fastening a diaper.

cow: Make a “Y” shape with your hand (thumb and pinky extended). Place your thumb on the side of your head where the horn of a cow would be and rotate your wrist forward and backward a couple of times.

dog: Pat your thigh with an open hand, as if you’re calling a dog to come.

doll: Mimic cradling and rocking a baby.

drink: Form your hand into the shape of a “C” as if you are holding a cup. Then bring your hand to your mouth in a gesture similar to drinking from a glass.

eat: Bring your fingers to your mouth as if putting food into it, using a closed hand with your fingers touching your mouth.

face: Use your index finger to draw a small circle around your face. Start near your forehead and trace the circle down and around to the other side of your face. The circle should be small and centered to focus on the face as a whole.

farm: Place the thumb of your dominant hand on your chin and then move your hand across your jawline from one side to the other (like outlining a farmer's beard). This represents the broad landscape of a farm.

gentle: Gently stroke the back of one hand with the fingers of the other hand.

happy: Place both open hands at chest level, palms facing inward. Make a circular motion with both hands going upward and out, as if you're brushing your chest upwards.

help: Extend an open hand, palm up. Make a “thumbs up” fist out of the other hand and bounce it on the open hand, pulling your hands toward your body as you do.

jump: hold your non-dominant hand flat. Place the tips of your other hand's index and middle fingers on your flat hand and make it jump up and down like a little person.

milk: Mimic milking a cow with a hand-squeezing motion.

more: The fingertips of both hands together.

music: Use one hand to conduct music over the bent elbow of the other arm.

phone: Mimic holding a phone to your ear.

pig: Place your dominant hand under your chin with the fingers flat and then wiggle your fingers slightly while keeping your palm facing down.

play: Form the “Y” handshape with both hands (thumb and pinky extended, other fingers tucked in). Then, shake your hands back and forth, as if you're showing excitement or engaging in playful activity.

please: Place your dominant hand flat on your chest with fingers together, and make a circular motion over your chest in a clockwise direction.

potty: Make the letter “T” handshape (thumb tucked between the index and middle fingers), and then shake your hand back and forth, as if indicating urgency.

sad: Place your open hands in front of your face at eye level and slowly move them downward while showing a sad facial expression.

small: Hold both hands open and facing each other, with palms facing in and fingers slightly apart. Move your hands together to indicate a small or shrinking space between them.

spider: Cross your wrists and spread your fingers out, as if creating spider legs. Then, wiggle your fingers while moving your hands forward, mimicking a spider crawling.

stop: Hold one hand up with your palm facing outward.

thank you: Place the fingertips of your dominant hand on your chin (with the palm facing inwards). Then, move your hand forward and slightly downward, away from your face, as if blowing a kiss.

tree: Bend your elbow with your hand up, fingers spread out like tree branches. Your forearm is the tree trunk.

walk: Use two fingers to mimic legs walking.

water: Form the "W" handshape (with the index, middle, and ring fingers extended, and the thumb and pinky tucked in). Tap the index finger of the "W" handshape against your chin twice.

wash hands: Rub your palms together as if washing them.

wet and dry (for diapers): For “wet,” you can wave your hand down in front of the diaper area to symbolize wetness. Conversely, for “dry,” show a flat hand facing downwards.