

Basic sign repertoire beyond survival words

Animals:

- Dog** Slap the thigh and snap your fingers
- Cat** Make as though you're pulling cat whiskers on your own face
- Fish** Wave your hand from side to side like a fish swimming away
- Cow** Rest your thumb on the side of your forehead and point out your pinkie finger
- Horse** Rest your thumb on the side of your forehead and place your first two fingers together, others folded under, and wave the two fingers up and down

Foods:

- Milk** Squeeze your fist open and closed as though milking a cow
- Apple** Place the crook of your bent index finger into the side of your mouth and wiggle it back and forth
- Cracker** Place a "c" hand under the opposite elbow
- Cheese** Place both flat palms together and rub the top palm back and forth as though pressing cheese between the hands
- Popcorn** Flick each index finger up in the air sporadically in front of you

Action words:

- Sit** Place the first two fingers together and on top of the first two fingers of the other hand. Move the fingers downward
- Stand** Place an upside down 'v' hand into the palm of the other hand
- Jump** Place the upside down 'v' hand into the palm of the other hand and make it move up and down as though jumping
- Read** Place the hands together, palms facing up in front of you and open and close them
- Look** Take the 'v' hand placing the fingers near the eyes then toward the item of interest

Prepositions:

In Place the first two fingers of the right hand into a slightly open fist of the left hand

Out Take the above 'in' hand out of the open fist of the left hand

Up Point up with the first two fingers

Down Point down with the index finger

Under Place the right open hand under the left open hand and circle the right hand around