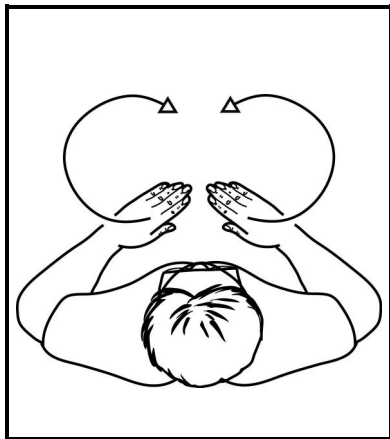




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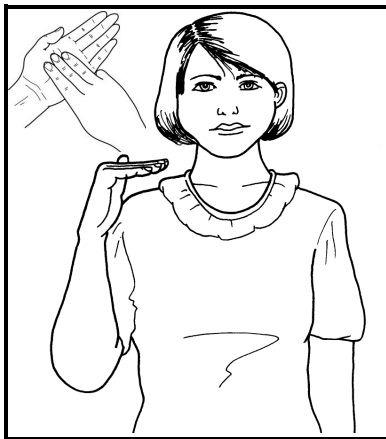
Develop your child's communication skills in the park, at a museum, in a cafe - even in the car. One of the basic requirements for communication is having something to say. New experiences help to stimulate the desire to communicate, and holidays are a wonderful opportunity to encourage speaking and listening – whether by conventional words or by augmentative methods such as Signalong (and learning new signs for new things is just so much extra fun!)

PARK



Flat hands (palms down, pointing forward/in) make inward circle.

MUSEUM



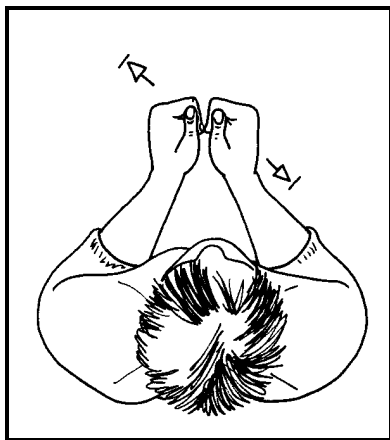
Make letter shape "M", then working bent hand (palm in, pointing up) signs "building".

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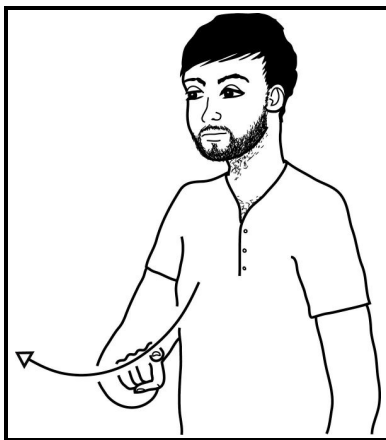
Full "O" hands (palms in, pointing forward) mime steering.

SPORT



Closed hands (palms in, pointing forward) held together, working hand pulls back as supporting hand pulls forwards.

GO



Working index hand, sweeps away from body. Directional sign.

WALK



Working "V" hand (palm out, pointing down) "walks" up supporting forearm from back of hand to elbow.

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Talk and go:

Providing stimulating new experiences is an excellent way of giving children the incentive to develop their communication skills. They will want explanations, they will want to talk about what they have seen and found. Signalong, with the largest published sign vocabulary in Britain, provides families with signing resources to go on journeys of discovery together – cementing bonds and helping to create happy, creative environments where children can grow in confidence.

Signalong is made accessible by its approach to how the signs are formed, analysing them for handshape, orientation, placement and movement, supporting the descriptions with clear line drawings. This method enables parents and practitioners to produce accurate signs relevant to their situation, taken from British Sign Language.

The Signalong Group is a charity (no 1039788) which provides resources, training and free advice, and readily works with others in the field to promote communication skills for children and adults with speech, language and communication needs.

Hello, the 2011 national year of communication, is a campaign to increase understanding of how important it is for children and young people to develop good communication skills. In the 21st century, the ability to communicate - to say what you want to say and to understand what other people are saying - is fundamental. For more information about **Hello**, please go to www.hello.org.uk.

The campaign is being run by the Communication Trust, an umbrella charity which brings together voluntary sector organisations concerned with children's speech, language and communication needs. The purpose of the Trust is to raise awareness of the importance of speech, language and communication across the children's workforce and enable practitioners to access the best training and expertise to support all children's communication needs. Signalong has been part of the Communication Trust since 2007. For more information about the Trust, please go to www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk.

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