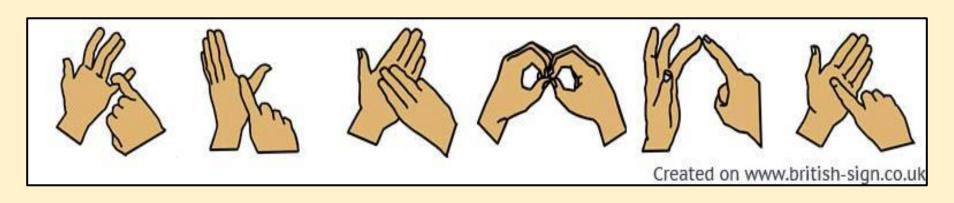
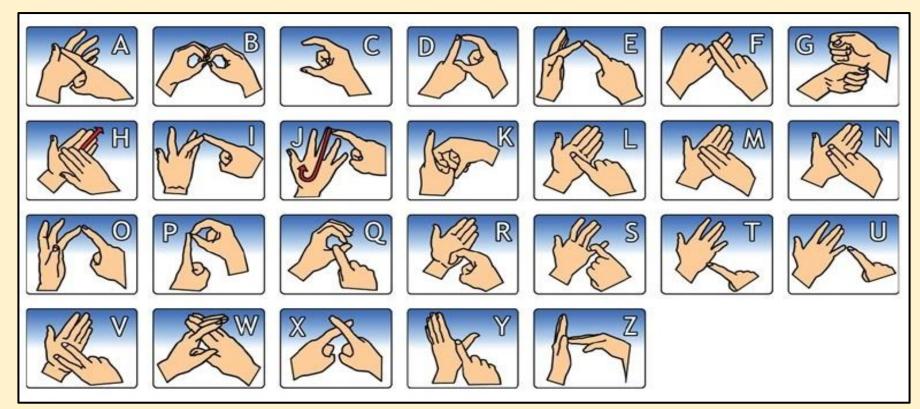
British Sign Language

British Sign Language (BSL) is a way of communicating using signs made with a person's hands. It is used by deaf and hearing impaired people

BSL is a legally recognised language in the United Kingdom with about 15,000 people using it as their main language – and about 150,000 people using it in some way





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BSL has been used since 1900 in a standard form

The 26 letters of the English language alphabet have their own signs

There are other signs for words or phrases (like "happy", "sad", "grumpy" or "excited") and facial expression and movement are also used – this means that every word doesn't have to be spelled out letter by letter

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BSL is used on TV, at speeches and events, at concerts, in schools and in lots of other places



