

I know my ABCs

Course 1 Day 2

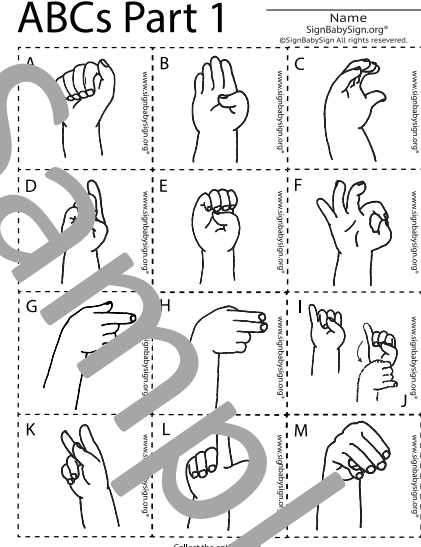
Fingerspelling, also called the American Manual Alphabet, is the process of spelling out words by using signs that correspond to the letters of the alphabet.

It consists of 22 handshapes that when held in certain positions and/or have a certain movement will represent the 26 letters of the American alphabet. There are many different manual alphabets throughout the world. Fingerspelling is used for things needing to be spelled out: people's names, places, titles, brands, and when there is not a sign for the word, or the signer does not know the sign.


It's time to learn your ABCs forwards and backwards. Follow these steps for success:

1. Download the FREE ABC flash cards in Course 1.
2. Optional:
 - Practice with our ABC dice game- a PDF download (\$) or
 - Download the ABC bookmark (\$) @ <http://aslteachingresources.com>
3. Practice your ABCs in front of the mirror making sure your palm orientation is correct.
4. Practice fingerspelling words you see in public-signs, menus, etc.
5. Practice fingerspelling from a book or magazine.


ABCs Part 1



6. When you are ready, record yourself to check your accuracy and to start to get familiar with “reading” fingerspelling.
7. Teach your family member the ABCs to have someone to practice with.
8. Good luck and practice, practice, practice!

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