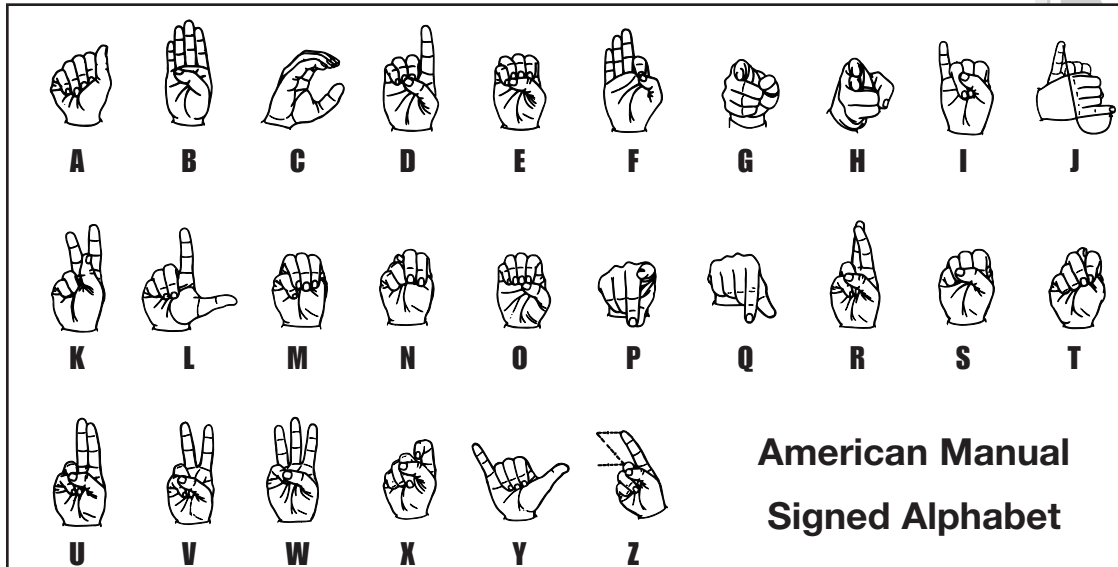




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1. Explain the difference between American Sign Language (ASL) and Signed English.
2. Demonstrate the sign language alphabet from memory.



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DESCRIBED VERSION OF LETTERS

When practicing sign language, the letters should face the person with whom the signer is talking. The starting position will be palm facing forward, fingers in a fist, and the thumb pointing up touching the pointer finger.

- A: With the palm facing forward and fingers in a fist, point the thumb up, touching the side of the pointer finger.
- B: With the palm facing forward and fingers pointing up, fold the thumb across the inside of the palm.
- C: Curve the fingers in a circle form and curve the thumb parallel to the pointer.
- D: While the pinky and ring fingers are folded and the pointer finger is pointing up, arch the middle finger and touch its tip with the tip of the thumb.
- E: With the palm facing forward and fingers in a fist, fold the thumb in and below the rest of the fingers.
- F: While the pinky, ring, and middle fingers are pointing up, touch the tip of the thumb to the tip of the pointer finger.
- G: With the palm facing the body and bent sideways, and with the pinky, ring, and middle fingers folded, extend the thumb and the pointer finger forward parallel to each other.

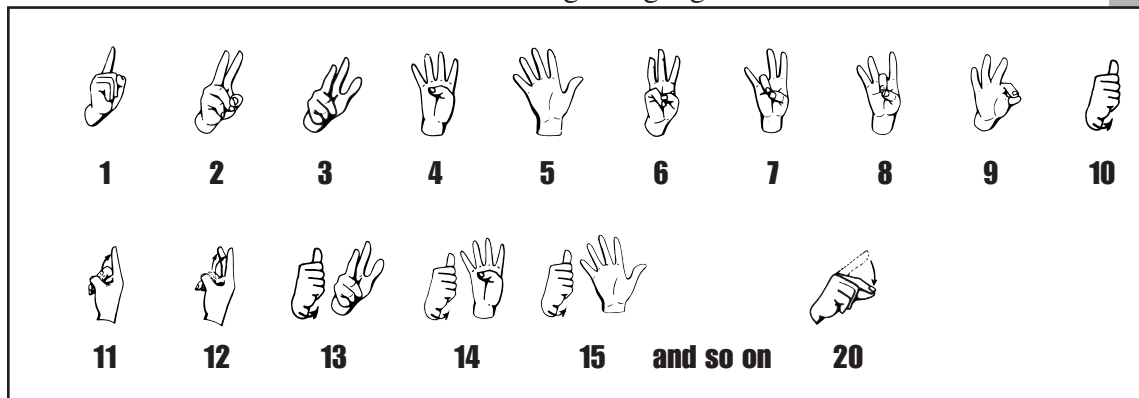
- H: With the palm facing the body and bent sideways, and the pinky and ring fingers folded, extend the thumb, pointer and middle fingers forward parallel to each other.
- I: With the palm facing forward, point the pinky finger up while the other fingers are folded with the thumb across the folded fingers.
- J: With the palm facing forward and the fingers folded with the thumb across the folded fingers, point the pinky up and move it in a J shape.
- K: With the pinky and ring finger folded and the pointer finger pointing up, extent the middle finger forward and touch the tip of the thumb to the center of the middle finger.
- L: With the palm out and the pinky, ring, and middle fingers folded, point the pointer finger up and extend the thumb to the side.
- M: With the palm out and fingers in a fist, fold the thumb under the pointer, middle, and ring fingers.
- N: With the palm out and fingers in a fist, fold the thumb under the pointer and middle fingers.
- O: While curving the fingers, touch the thumb tip to the fingertips of the pointer and middle fingers.
- P: With the palm facing down and ring and pinky fingers folded, point the pointer finger down slightly, extend the middle finger toward the floor, and touch the thumb tip to the center of the middle finger.
- Q: With the palm facing down and the pinky, ring, and middle fingers folded, point the pointer finger and the thumb down.
- R: With palm facing out and other fingers folded, cross the pointer and middle fingers as they point up.
- S: With the palm facing out and the fingers in a fist, fold the thumb to cover the front of the other fingers.
- T: With the palm facing out and the fingers in a fist, place the thumb between the pointer and middle fingers and point the thumb up.
- U: With the palm facing out and the pointer and middle fingers up side-by-side, place the thumb in front of the folded pinky and ring fingers.
- V: With the palm facing out and the pointer and middle fingers up and spread apart, place the thumb in front of the folded pinky and ring fingers.
- W: With the palm facing out and the thumb in front of the folded pinky, point up and spread apart the pointer, middle, and ring fingers.
- X: With the palm facing out and the pinky, ring, and middle fingers folded, place the thumb over the middle finger and curve the pointer finger.
- Y: With the other fingers folded, point the pinky and the thumb out sideways.
- Z: While the thumb is folded in front of the other folded fingers, point the index finger up and move it in a Z shape.



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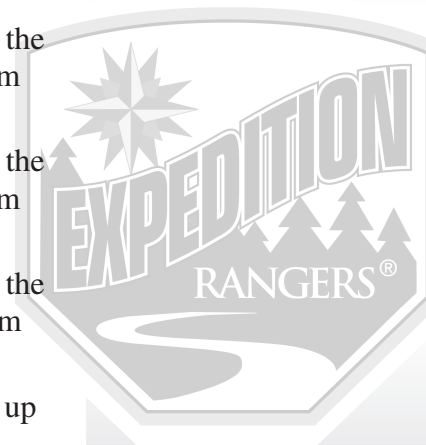
3. Demonstrate the numbers 1 to 20 in sign language.



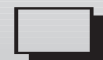
The numbers 1 to 20 are described below:

- 1: With the palm facing forward, the fingers in a fist, and the thumb folded across the folded fingers, point the pointer finger up.
- 2: With the palm facing forward and fingers in a fist, point the pointer and middle fingers up and spread them apart, and fold the thumb over the folded pinky and ring fingers.
- 3: With the palm facing forward and the pinky and ring fingers folded, point the pointer and middle fingers up and spread them apart while extending the thumb to the side.
- 4: With the palm facing forward and the thumb folded across the palm, point the pinky, ring, middle, and pointer fingers up and spread them apart.
- 5: With the palm facing forward, point all fingers up and spread them apart.
- 6: With the palm facing forward and the thumb in front of the pinky finger, point the pointer, middle, and ring fingers up and spread them apart.
- 7: With the palm facing forward and the tip of the thumb touching the tip of the ring finger, point the pointer, middle, and pinky fingers up and spread them apart.
- 8: With the palm facing forward and the tip of the thumb touching the tip of the middle finger, point the pointer, ring, and pinky fingers up and spread them apart.
- 9: With the palm facing forward and the tip of the thumb touching the tip of the pointer finger, point the middle, ring, and pinky fingers up and spread them apart.
- 10: With the palm facing forward, the fingers in a fist, and the thumb pointed up and touching the side of the pointer finger, shake your fist.
- 11: Hold the “S” in front of you (palm in) and snap the index finger up.
- 12: Hold the “S” in front of you (palm in) and snap the index and middle fingers up.
- 13: Sign “ten” (palm in) and “three” (palm out).
- 14–19: Follow the pattern for 13 above.
- 20: Bring the thumb and index finger together (other fingers closed).

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4. Demonstrate fifty signs in sign language and explain their meanings.
5. Recite the following Scripture verses on soul winning from memory in sign language.
 - a. John 1:12
 - b. John 3:16
 - c. Romans 3:23
 - d. Romans 6:23
 - e. 1 John 1:9
 - f. Revelation 3:20
6. Sign a Christian song or chorus as if you were signing it for a Deaf congregation while someone sings the words.

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