

UNIT FIVE

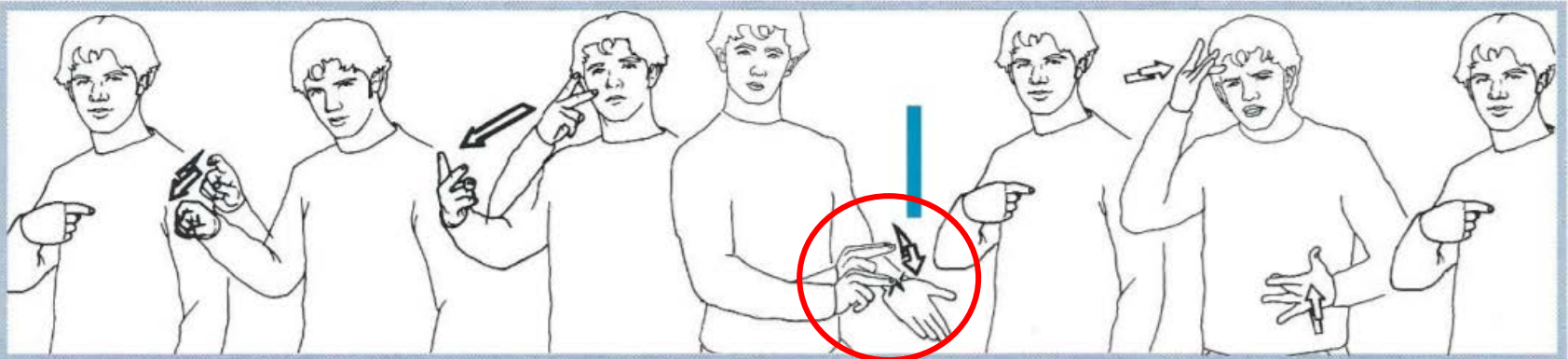
School Days

School Personnel & Activities



School Personnel

In this lesson you will learn vocabulary for people you encounter at school. You will see some signs for school personnel include an added feature called the **Agent Marker**, while others do not. With the exception of a small group of signs, the Agent Marker creates the meaning of someone who does something. In the sentences below, compare the sign *nurse*, which doesn't use the Agent Marker, with *teacher*, which does.



I need to see the nurse. I'm sick.



Is your ASL teacher a man or woman?



The Agent Marker



To learn



Student

The Agent Marker

What is the connection between the signs *to learn* and *student*? The Agent Marker indicates a person who works as, or does, the meaning of the sign. In this example, *one who learns* is a *student*. There are some exceptions to the Agent Marker you need to know, such as the signs for *nurse*, *principal*, and *coach*.



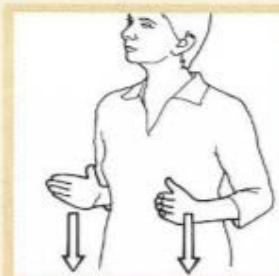
Teacher

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To teach

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Agent Marker



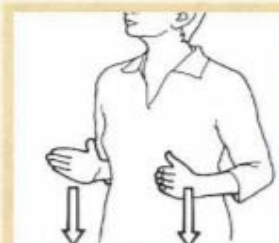
Athlete

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To play sports

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Agent Marker



Psychologist

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Psychology

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Agent Marker

What other meanings can you make using the Agent Marker?

Let's review some vocabulary:

Vocabulary

School Locations

Fingerspell these words: **Lab / laboratory, Pool**



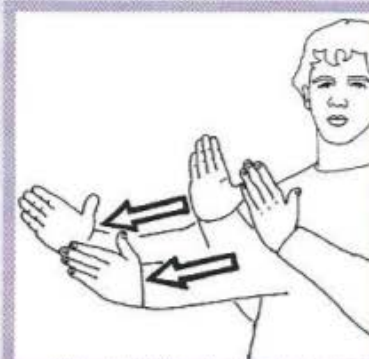
Area (location)



Cafeteria



Gymnasium



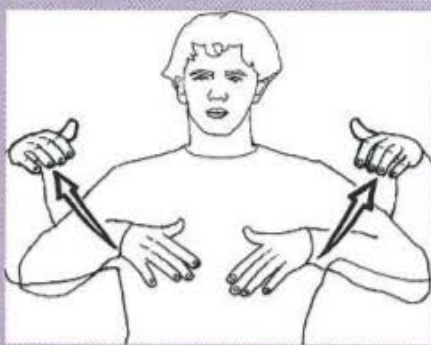
Hallway



Library



Office



Stadium, auditorium



Student center



Technology center

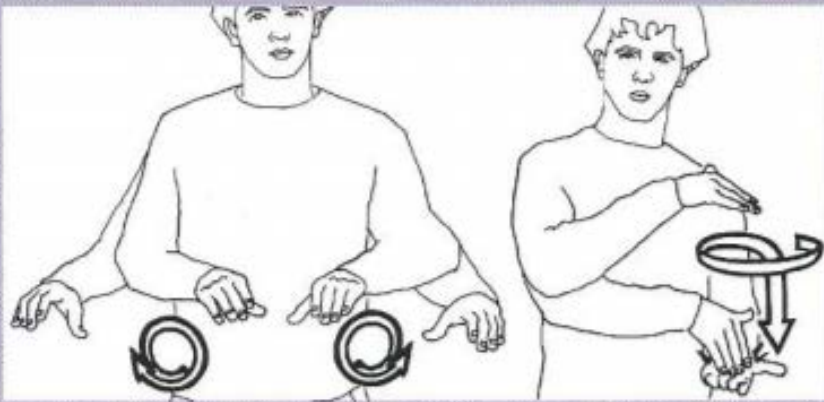


Theater

And learn a few new signs:

Vocabulary

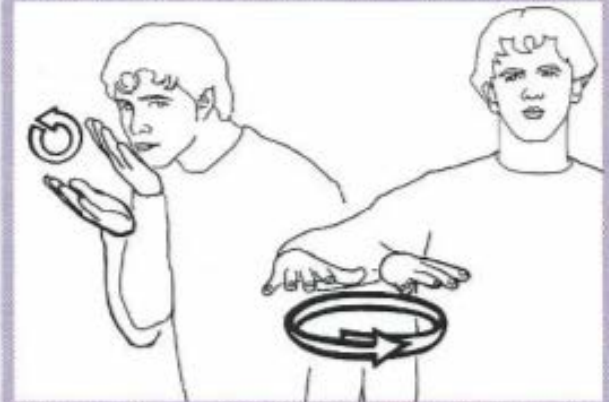
More Locations



Activity center



Back



Field (grass + area)



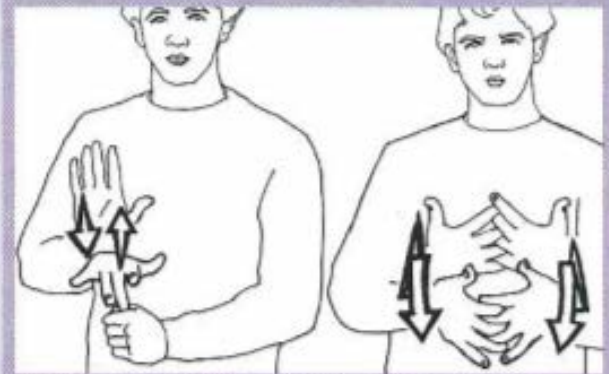
Flag



Front



Snack machine



Soda machine

A few activity signs and some things to remember:



To serve



To write

Vocabulary Activities



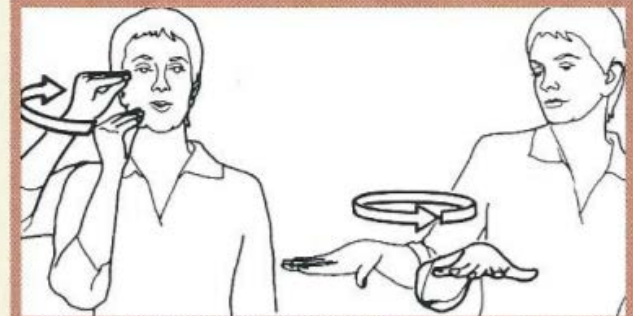
To cook



To manage



To pick on



Neighborhood

Adding the *area* sign forms a compound meaning, as in home + area: *neighborhood*. Remember this by thinking “an area of / for ____.”

Deaf Culture Minute

There are no signs for Mr., Mrs., or Miss in ASL. Within the Deaf community, an individual is known by his or her name sign and children are permitted to address their elders by name. Titles like Mr. and Mrs. are used to show respect, so signing someone's name with a respectful facial expression achieves the same purpose.

