

Mouse



cookie

Place a C hand on your palm and twist it, as if using a cookie cutter.



milk

Squeeze an O hand several times.



Finish

With "S" hands facing each other, swing around simultaneously and quickly to palm-out position.

NAP 1 (nāp), *v.*, NAPPED, NAPPING, *n.* (The eyes are closed.) The fingers of the right open hand, facing the forehead, are placed on the forehead. The hand moves down and away from the head, with the fingers closing so that they all touch. The eyes meanwhile close, and the head bows slightly, as in sleep. Cf. ASLEEP, SLEEP 1.



MIRROR (mīr'ər). The open curved right hand is then held palm opposite the face. The hand, pivoting from the wrist, moves back and forth a bit, as if focusing the facial image in its center. Meanwhile, the eyes are directed to the center of the palm. (The sign for GLASS is frequently omitted.)



SCISSORS (sīz'ərz), *n., pl. or sing.* (The natural sign.) The index and middle fingers, forming a "V" open and close like scissors.



blanket

Pretend to pull up a blanket with Flat O hands.



Bed



COMFORTABLE (kūm'fərt), *n., v., -FORTED, -FORTING.* (A stroking motion.) Each downturned open hand alternately strokes the back of the other, moving forward from wrist to fingers. Cf. COMFORTABLE.



Read



STORY (stōr'ī), *n.* (The unraveling or stretching of words or sentences.) Both open hands are held close to each other, with fingers open and palms facing and almost touching. As the hands are drawn apart, the thumb and index finger of each hand come together to form circles. This is repeated several times. Cf. DESCRIBE 2, EXPLAIN 2, NARRATE, NARRATIVE, TALE, TELL ABOUT.



book

Hold palms together and open them, like opening a book.



picture

Place a C hand around your eye, then bring it down to your other hand.



paper

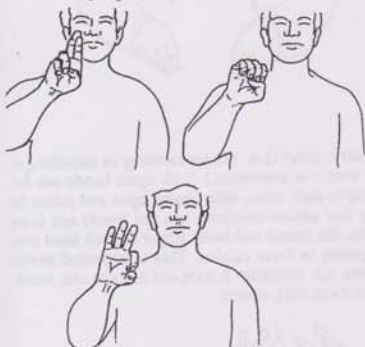
Brush the heels of your palms together twice.



NAME (nām), *n.*, *v.*, NAMED, NAMING. (The "X" used by illiterates in writing their names. This sign is indicative of widespread illiteracy when the language of signs first began to evolve as an instructional medium in deaf education.) The right "H" hand, palm facing left, is brought down on the left "H" hand, palm facing right.



FRIGERATOR 2, *n.* (A fingerspelled loan word.) The signer fingerspells "R-E-F."



thirsty

Slide an index finger down your neck.



STRAW (strō), *n.* (Miming.) The signer, lips pursed, sips through an imaginary drinking straw, held by one or both hands.

