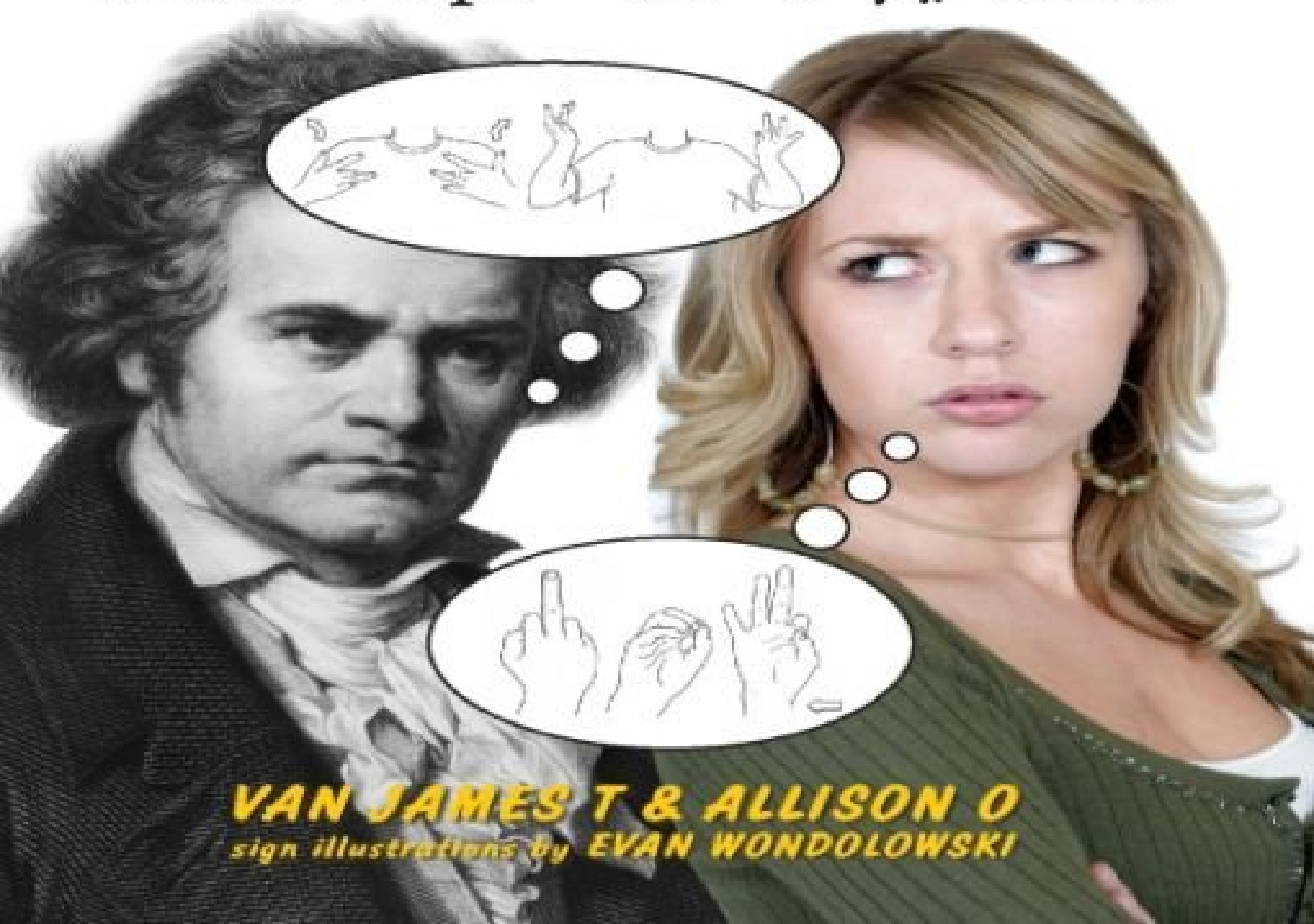


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# USING THIS BOOK

This book was written with the assumption that you already have a good handle on sign language. If you failed to get the gist from the cover, this is a slang book, and the following pages won't show you how to quickly sign "Where is the train station?" or "My name is Chad, what's yours?" Chances are, you've learned quite a bit of sign language but nobody's bothered to teach you how to tell the douchebag at the bar to "fuck off," or how to inform your friend that his dick is abnormally small. If that's just the book you've been looking for, you've found it! We're about to school you on the most some useful words, phrases and curses that Thomas Gallaudet only wished he knew.

You might be wondering if this book covers all sign language dialects. While we've tried to gather the most common sign slang from around the country, we'll be the first to admit that this guide has distinctly Chicago accent to it. Why? Because Chicago is awesome—it's a huge, international city that revolutionized pizza and mobsters like New York never could—and packs a trendy, diverse community of hard-of-hearing people. It's also where we live.

Unlike common foreign languages like Spanish, Mandarin or Luxembourgish, there's really no universal form of sign language. The phrases and signs not only change from state to state, but city to city. So don't be surprised if some of the terms in this book get you a laugh, get you laid or get you a punch in the face, and others just get you a blank stare and a "lost in translation" shrug. Just keep signing. After all, while there's no better way to learn sign language than total immersion in a deaf community,

Chicago is a great place to develop the confidence to tell your new deaf friends that they "fucking rock." So what are you waiting for? Go get your dirty on!

## •••••Simple tips on signing

Wanna sign like a pro? Here are some basic tips to hold the attention of the people you're signing to. Maintain eye contact so that it's apparent who you're chatting up; this also gives the recipient a clearer view of your lips (for lip-reading, of course). Speak while you sign; many deaf people also read lips, and when you're a beginning signer, your deaf friends may be relying more on what you say than what you sign. Be sure you have enough space so you can freely move your arms and really get into the conversation without knocking things over. Be free with your emotions and really let them show; using facial expressions helps you get across the tone of what you're saying when someone can't hear your voice change in volume, pitch and cadence. Sit or stand face to face; signing is easier to understand when you are face to face than side to side. And finally, if you're a beginner, take your time and sign clearly so your signs don't blend together and become confusing.

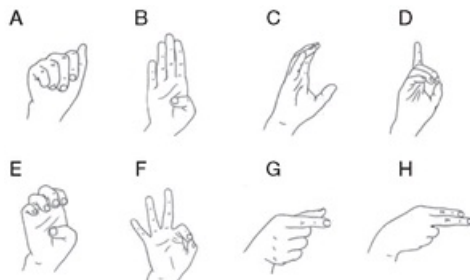
All right, some of the basic rules may not work in practice. Like if you're biking or kayaking, how the hell are you going to sit face to face? Just be sure you sign away from your body so you don't block the view. Also keep it brief and concise; for God's sake, you're not gonna hold a debate on religion, politics or what the best TV show is unless you stop to talk.

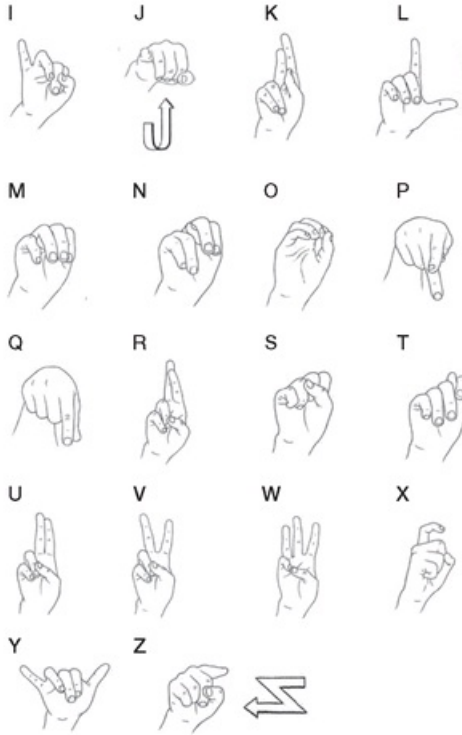
## MIX AND MATCH>>>

This book is full of simple phrases that you can match up with different sentence endings so you can express yourself any way you want. When you see the beginning of a phrase that ends with ellipses, it's followed by a few options of how you would complete the sentence. For example, "I wanna..." might be followed by "...sleep," "eat," or "fuck." With a few basics under your belt, you'll never be at a loss for signs.

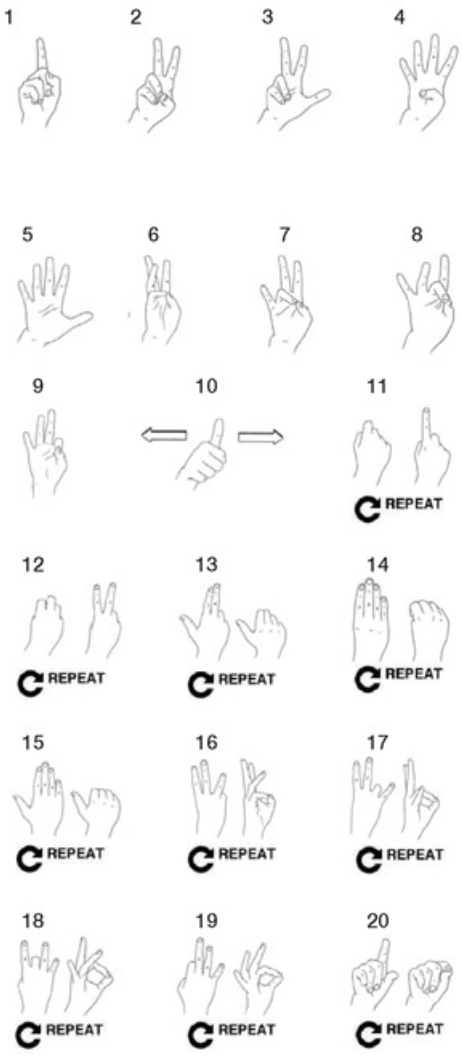
But the best way to get better and increase your vocabulary is to hang out with deaf people. So go party, have a pint, converse at lunch or play sports with a deaf person, or if you're lucky, pick up a hot deafie and learn all the best dirty words while you do them!

## THE ALPHABET





**NUMBERS**



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**REPEAT**

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**REPEAT**

# CHAPTER 1

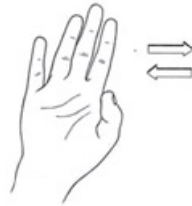
## HOWDY SIGN LANGUAGE

Looking to start things off on the right foot with that cute deaf girl across the room? First off, don't be the dumbass who throws something at her to get her attention—that's just rude. Instead, gently tap her on the shoulder, or wave in her direction.

Once you're talking, be yourself! You don't need to be more polite or "sensitive" just because you're signing. If you swear when you're speaking out loud, do the same with your signs. Don't clean up your language or dumb it down; it's insulting to think just because someone is deaf they can't take it.

### •••••Hello

**Hi**



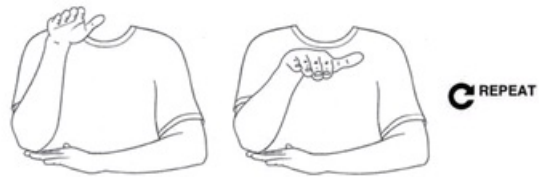
**Howdy**



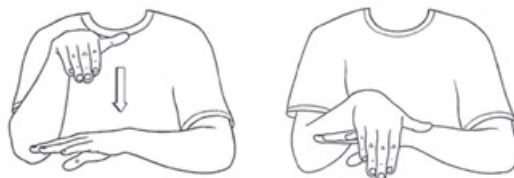
**Good mornin'**



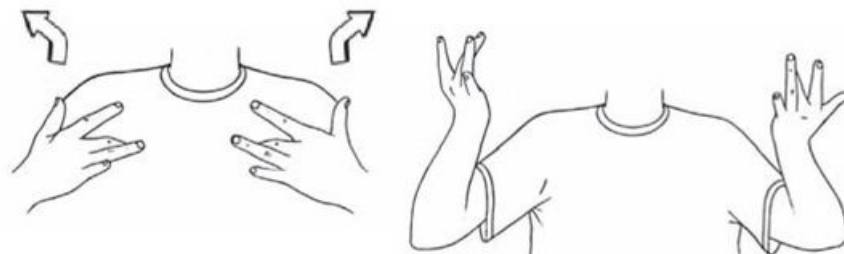
**Afternoon**



**G'night**

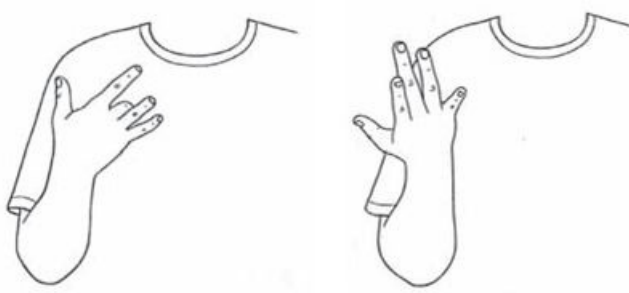


**What's up...?**



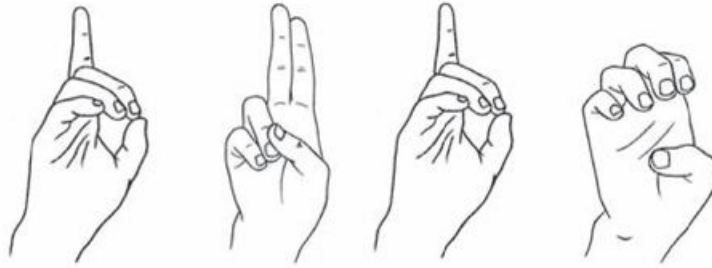
**What up...? (laid-back sign for "What's up?")**



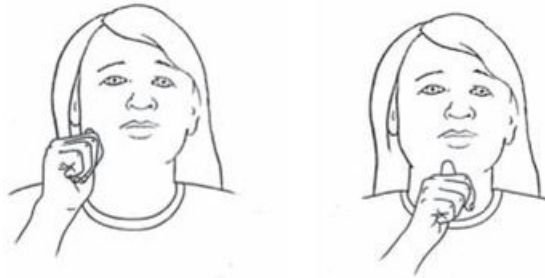


**dude**

Some words don't have signs, or you may not know them; then you just spell it out.



**girl**

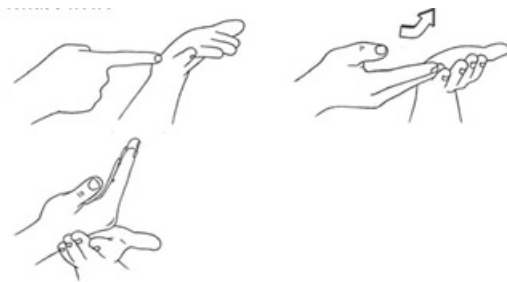


**my deafies**

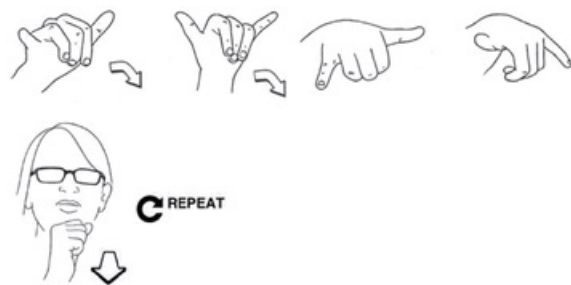




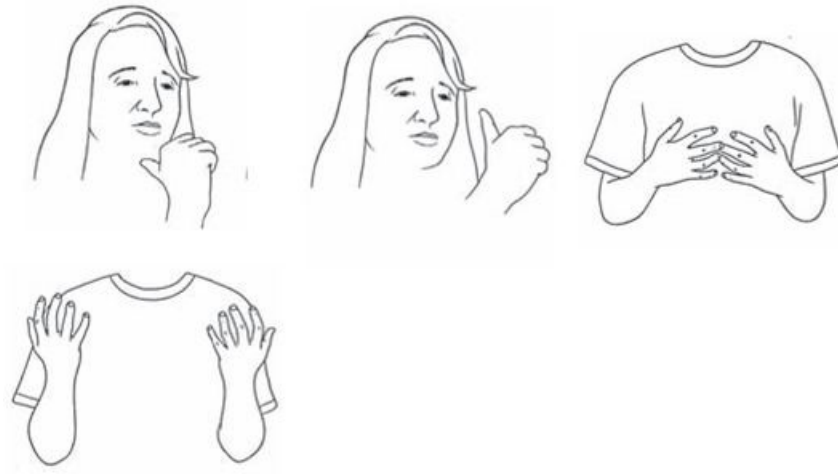
**What's new?**



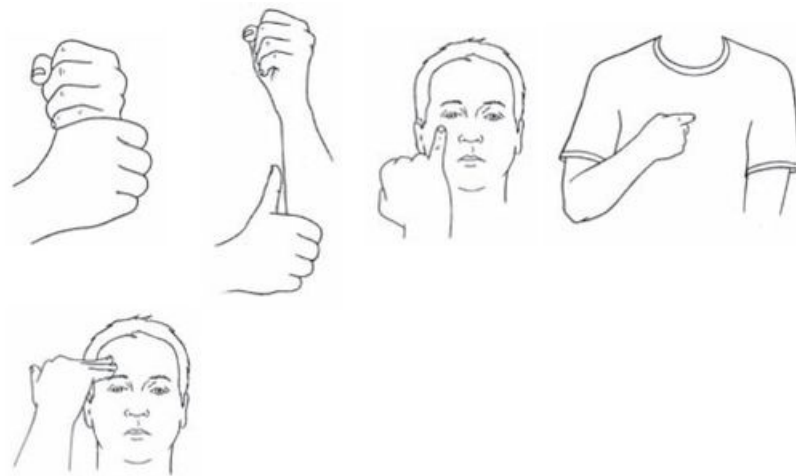
**Eh, same old, same old.**



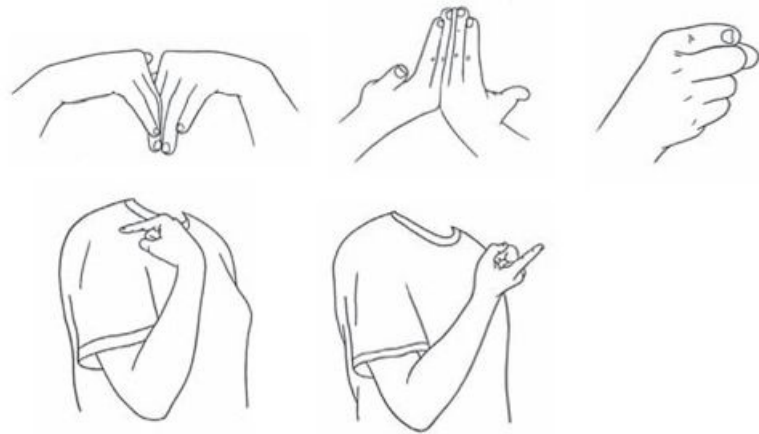
**Not much.**



**Shit if I know.**



**How you been?**



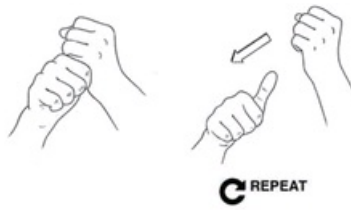
**How are you?**



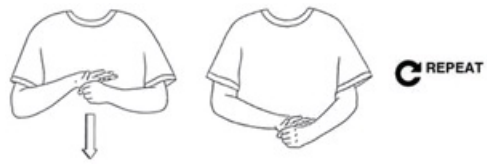
**I'm feeling...**



**crappy.**



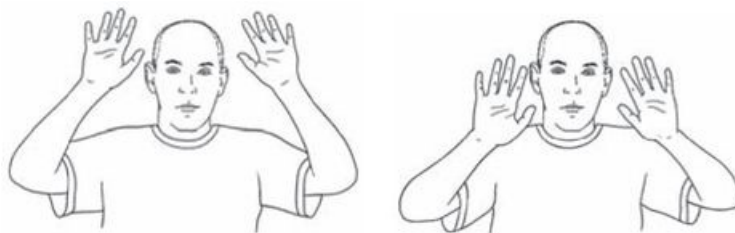
**stressed.**



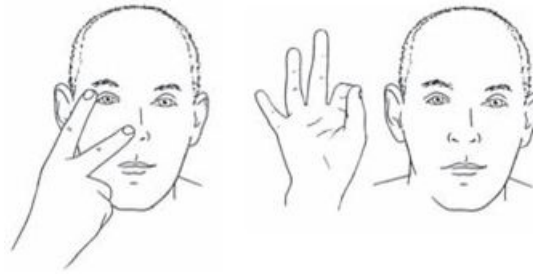
**happy.**



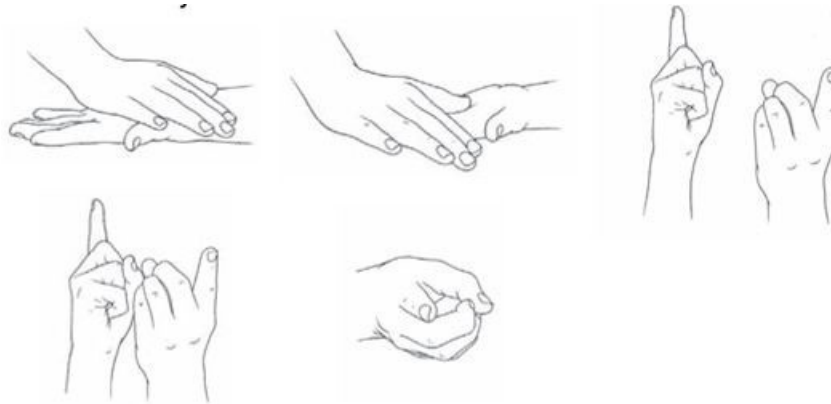
**great!**



**pissed off.**



**Nice to meet you.**

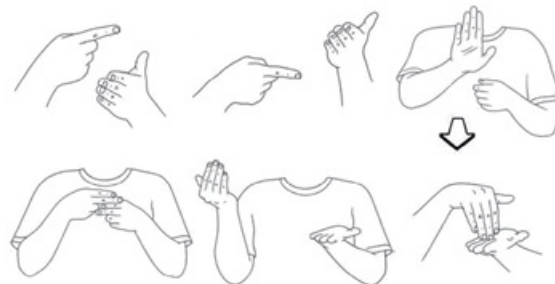


**•••••It's all in the name**

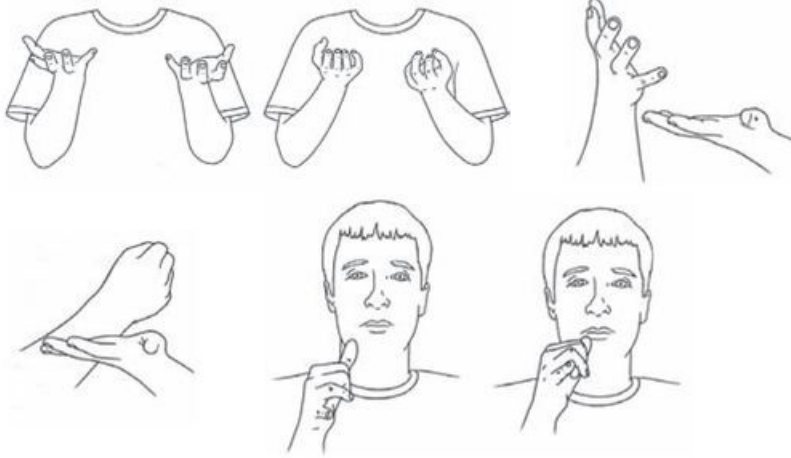
Saying someone's name in sign language can be far more interesting than the way you'd write it. This is because there is no one way to say a name. For simple impersonal signs, use the first letter of the name and place it outward from the face (forehead for masculine, jaw for feminine).

However, more personal name signs tend to incorporate elements of the person's appearance or personality. A guy named Sean who has attention deficit disorder may be an "S" bouncing on the opposite palm—translated as "Hyper-as-Shit Sean."

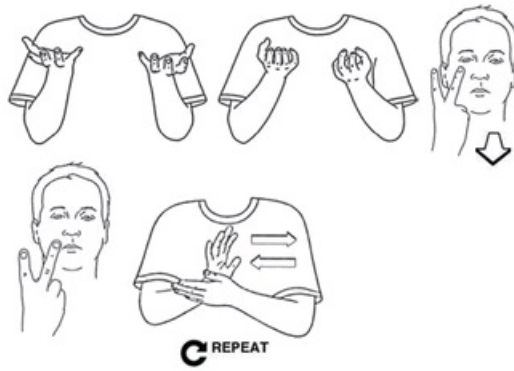
**What's your name again?**



**Wanna grab a drink?**

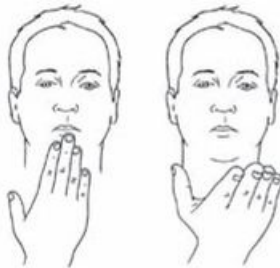


**Want to see a movie?**

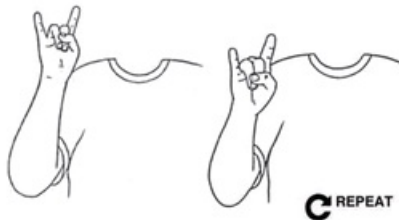


**•••••Thank you**

**Thanks.**



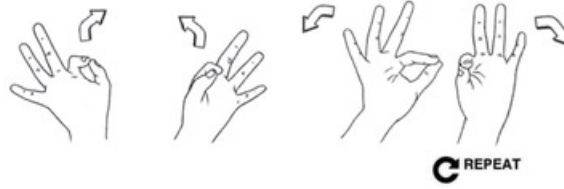
**You rock!**



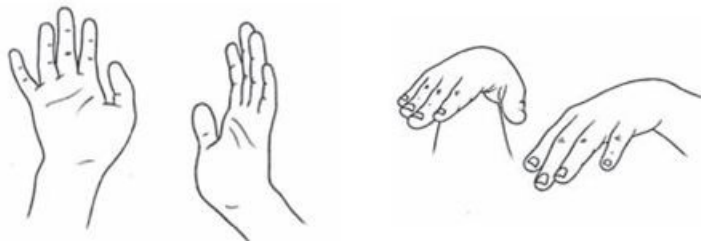
**You're welcome.**



**No prob!**



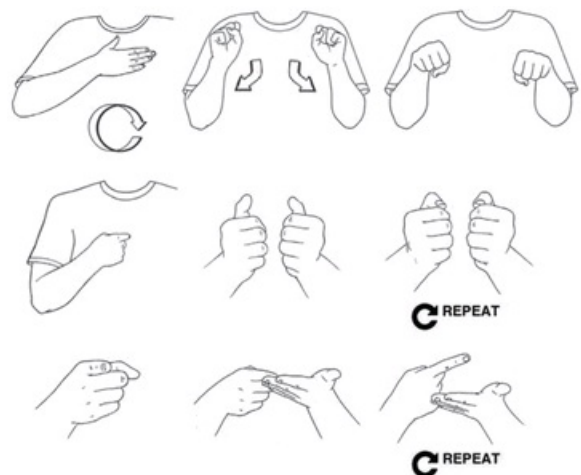
**Forget about it.**



**Please.**



**Please could I text you sometime?**



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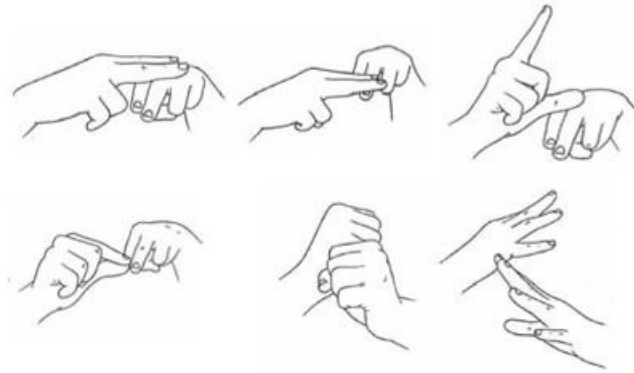


that's fucking ridiculous.

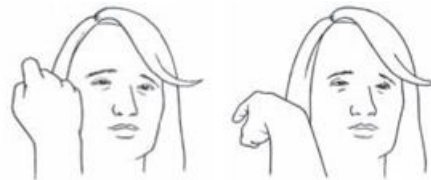


that train left the station and blew up.

This means that the conversation's moved on and we ain't going back. It's usually used in group conversation when you missed something but no one wants to repeat it.



that's over my head.



.....Get me out of here

'Scuse me.

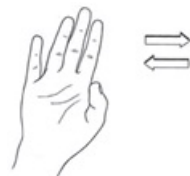




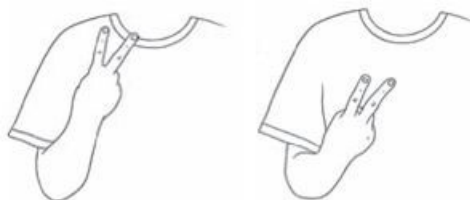
**My bad.**



**Bye.**



**Peace out.**



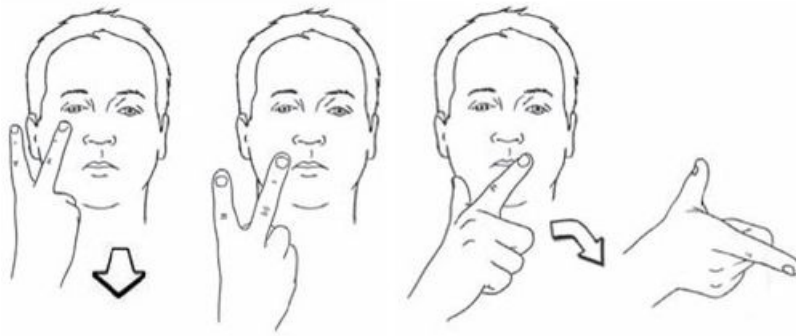
**I'm gonna roll. ; I'm gonna take off.**



**ILY**  
Literally, "I love you"; friendly sign for goodbye.



**See you later.**



# CHAPTER 2

## FRIENDLY SIGN LANGUAGE

You wanna make deaf friends? Well the most important thing is to learn sign! Sure you could rely on gestures and body language or type it up on the phone or even write it down on paper like an old timer. But after a nanosecond, these methods become so tiresome and slow, you might as well be chiseling it out in stone. If you don't put some effort into learning some sign, or finger spelling at least, that deafie is gonna lose interest in trying to talk to you so there goes your chance at a friend or more.

### •••••Friends

#### My girls



#### My boys



#### BFF



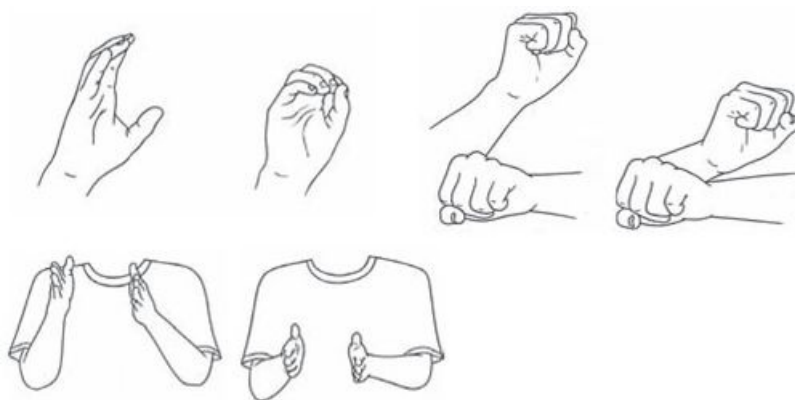
#### Classmate



**Roomie**

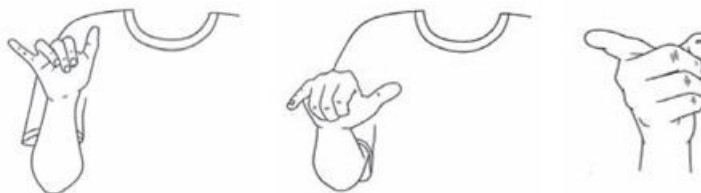


**Coworker**

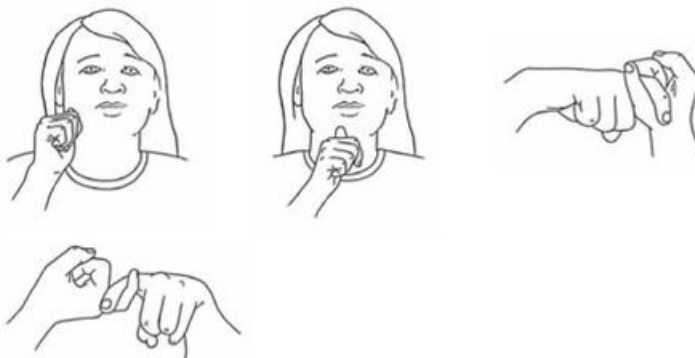


**•••••Lovers and flings**

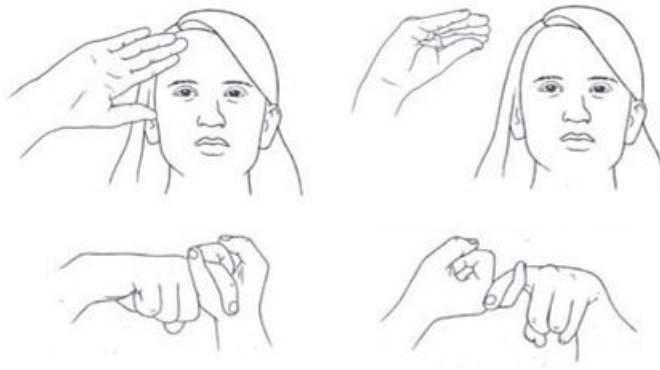
**Oh, him/her? That's just my...**



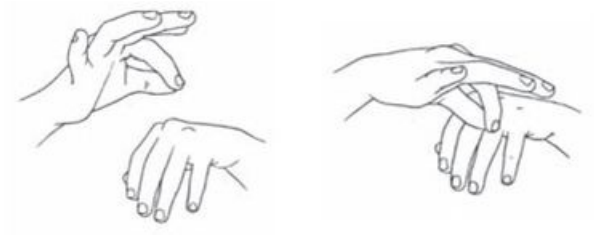
**girlfriend.**



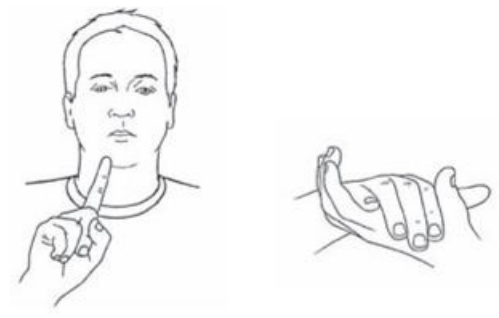
**boyfriend.**



**fiancé.**



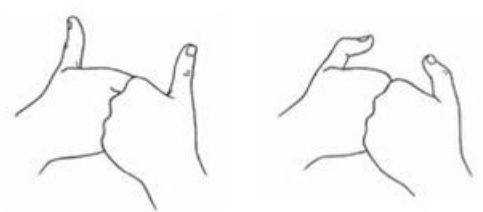
**wife.**



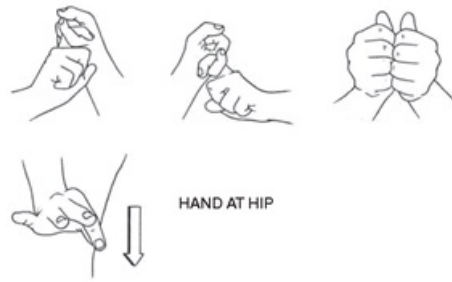
**husband.**



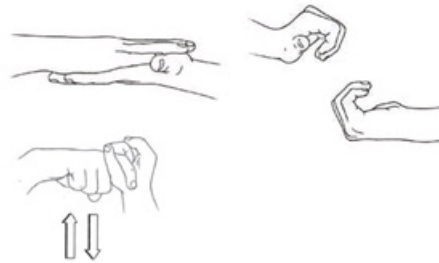
**sweetheart.**  
Hands over heart.



**friend with benefits.**



**fuck buddy.**



**lover.**



## •••••Characters

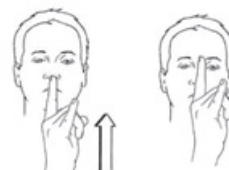
**He/She is a total...**



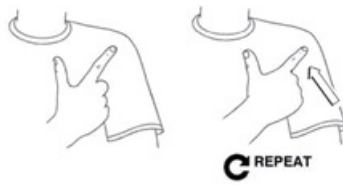
**loser.**



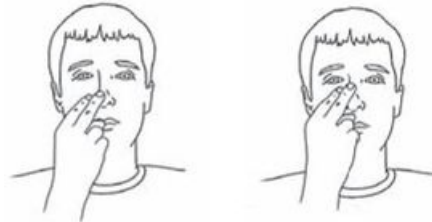
**snob.**



**slacker.**

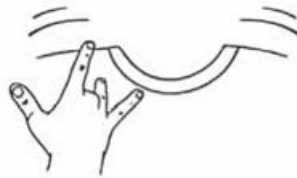


**nerd.**



**hipster.**

Move shoulders back and forth.

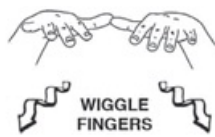


**jock.**



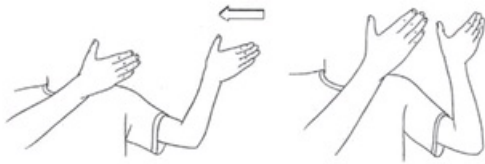


**flirt.**

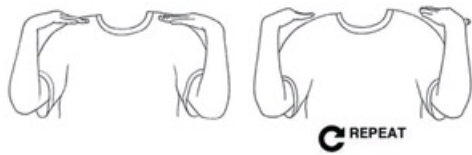


**genius.**

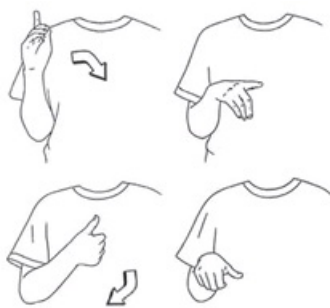




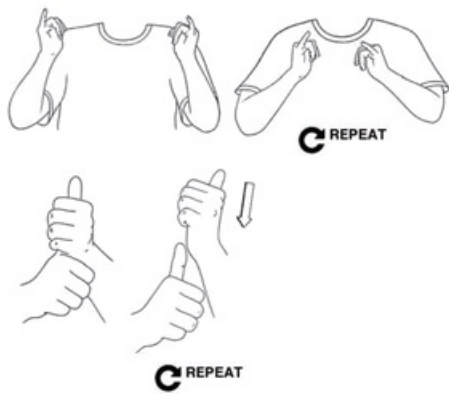
**hippie.**



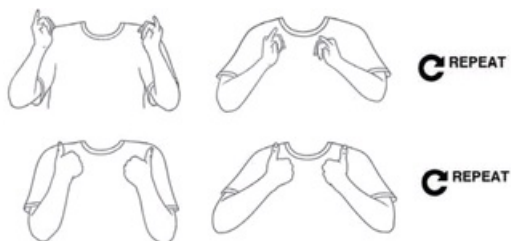
**dipshit.**



**party pooper.**



**party animal!**



•••••**All in the family**

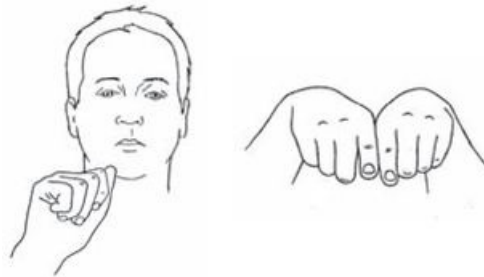
**That's my...**



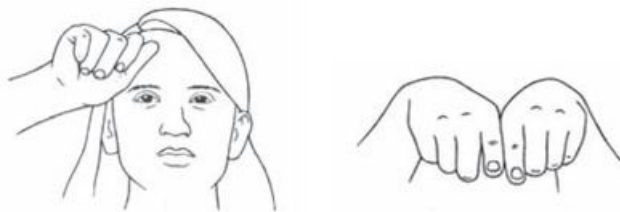
**ma.**



**sis.**



**bro.**



## CHAPTER 3

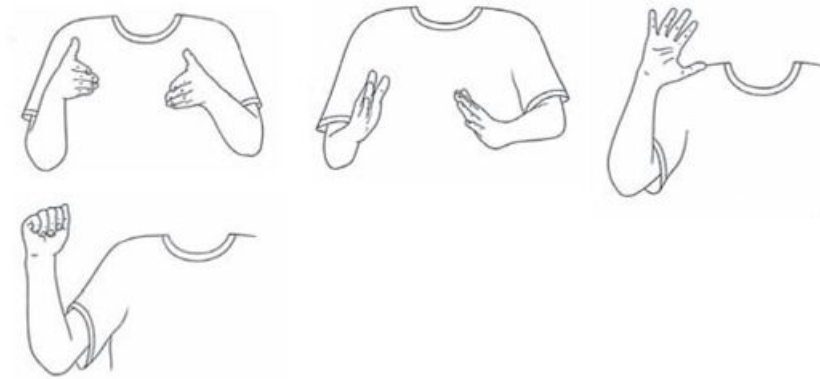
### PARTY SIGN LANGUAGE

Ain't no party like...a deaf kid's party? Ever wonder what your local deafies are doing on Saturday night? Well, it's not much different from anyone else who likes to have a good time. A deaf bash runs the spectrum from your average house kegger infused with beerpong, flip-cup and beer-bongs to a night out at the local bar or club to get boozed. The only difference tends to be lighting. While the hearing population may struggle to hold a conversation in a crowded, thumping club, deaf bar-hoppers have the same problem in darkened watering holes—making a decently lit bar an immediate favorite.

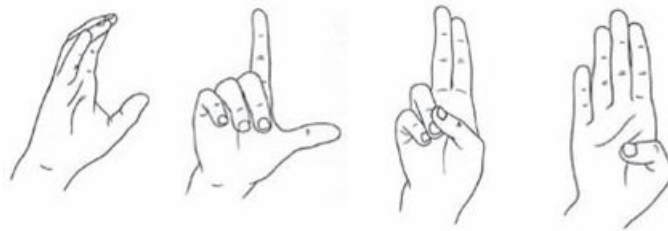
Now, you may think that deaf events are awkwardly quiet—but you're dead wrong. More than three quarters of the deaf parties we've ever been to have ended up with the cops having to shut it down for noise violations. Mix alcohol with a bunch of festive and flirty deaf people (with no volume control), and you might as well be at a raucous rock concert.

•••••Let's party!

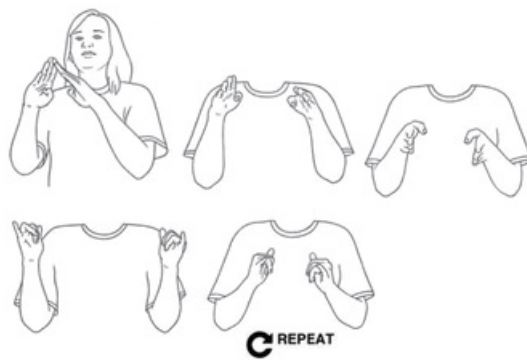
Let's hit up that...



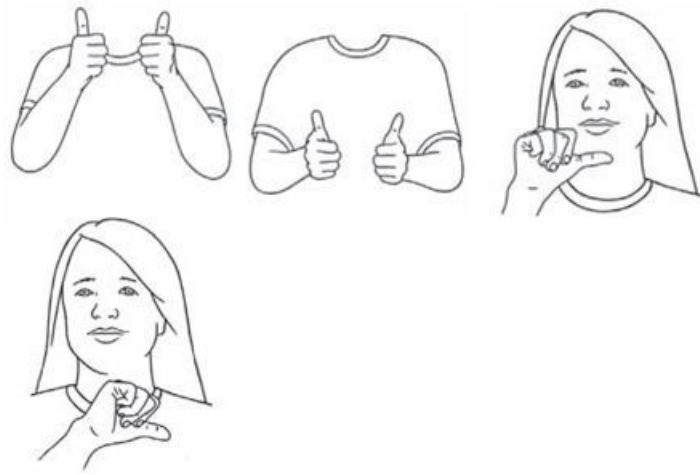
club.



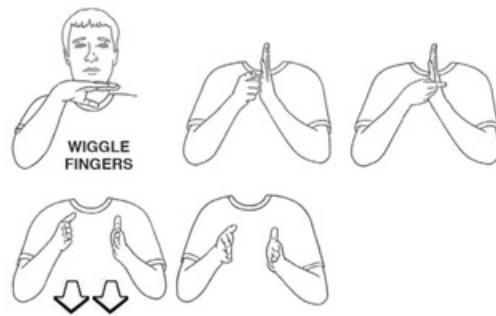
house party.



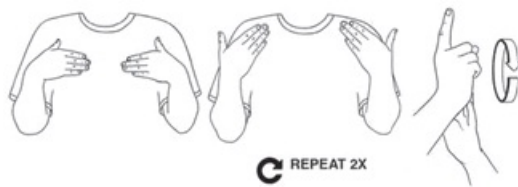
dive bar.



**seedy alley.**



**happy hour!**



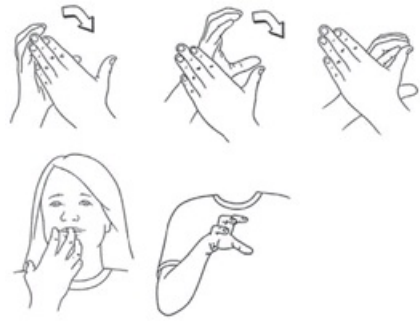
**truck stop.**



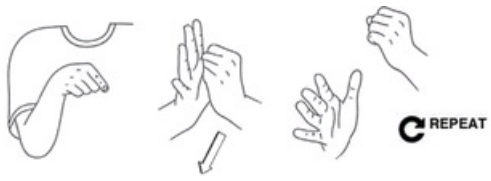
**This place is bumpin'!**



**Check out the hotties!**



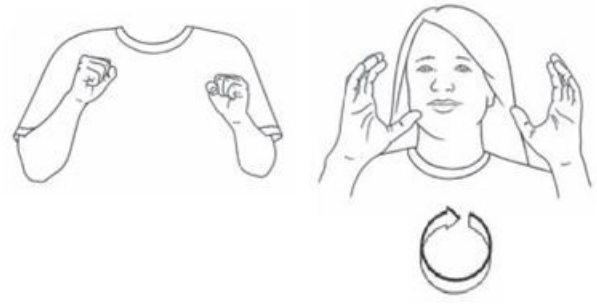
**What a shithole!**



**Are you up for...**



**an all-nighter?**



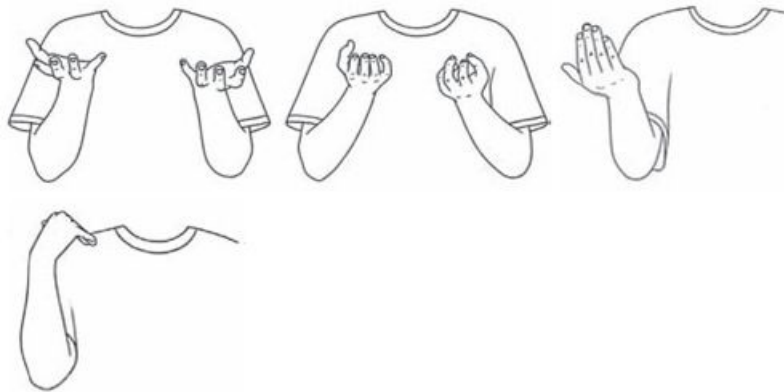
**getting drunk?**



**beer pong?**

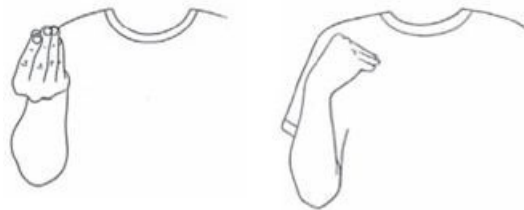


**Want to come back to my place?**



**•••••Booze**

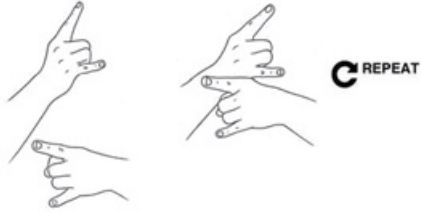
**Gimme a...**



**brewskie.**



**whiskey.**



**vodka.**



**tequila.**



**mixed drink.**

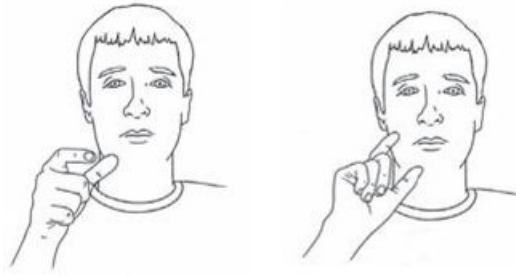


**margarita.**





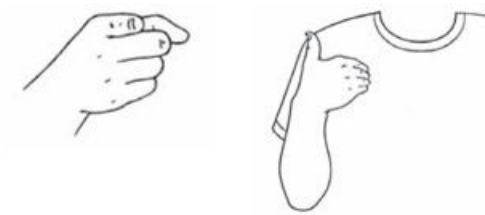
**shot.**



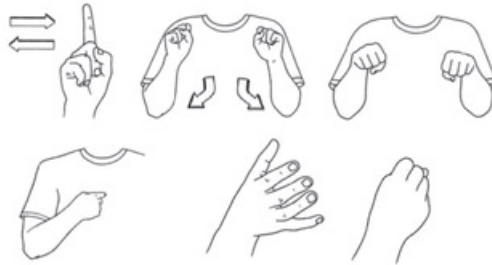
•••••**Getting high**

Slurring your words when drunk or stoned is a universal occurrence—even in sign language. Don't be surprised if your hands don't want to say what your brain is thinking or if you lose track of what you're talking about when you have to use your hands to stop yourself from face-planting on the ground. Some deaf people will switch from Signed Exact English to American Sign Language—which is kind of like hearing someone with perfect grammar start saying sentences backward.

**Got any...?**



**Where can I get some...?**



**drugs**



**weed**



coke



x



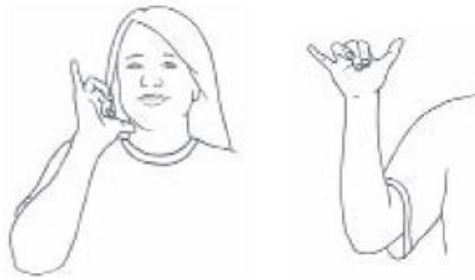
'shrooms



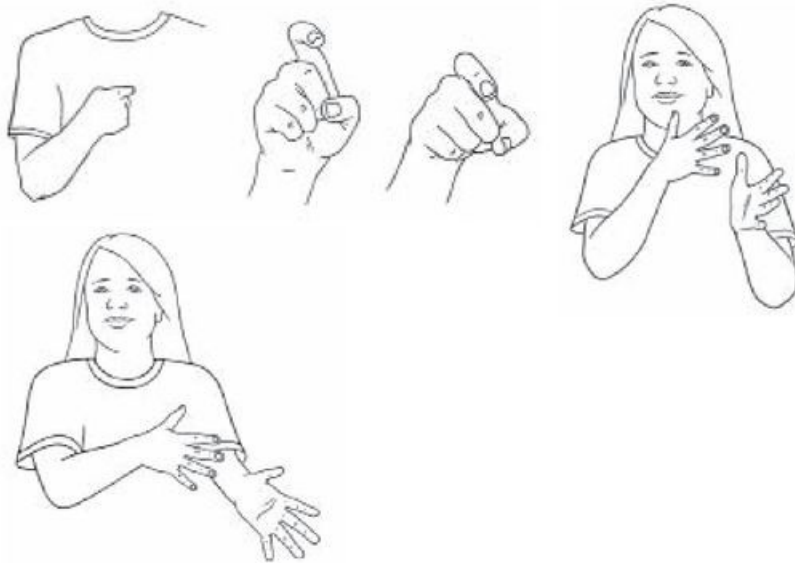
**I'm wasted!**



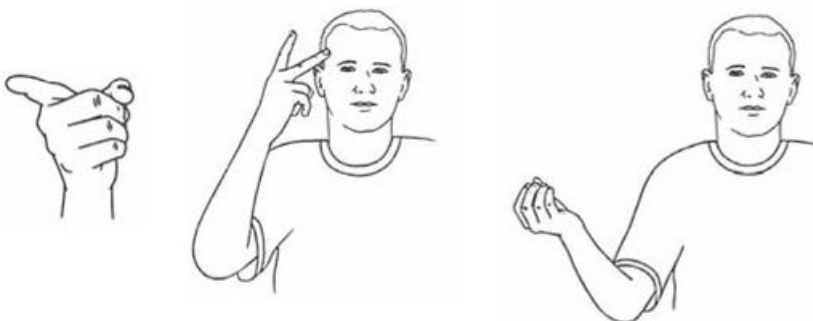
**I'm hungover.**



**I need to puke.**



**He/She just passed out!**

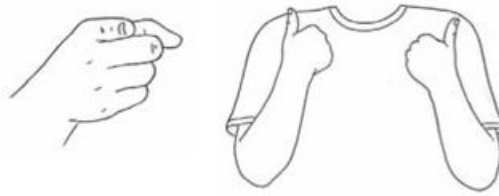


## CHAPTER 4

### BODY SIGN LANGUAGE

If you wanna survive in deaf culture, pay attention to your body language. Trying to compliment someone? Be sure you make and keep eye contact otherwise they may not even know you are talking to them and your best line is missed. Also smile (you're being friendly right?) and nod to show you appreciate what you're complimenting. On the other hand, if you're talking shit about someone and you don't want them to see, turn your back to shield what your signing and use smaller gestures—the sign version of whispering. Keep in mind if you don't want to get caught, don't point or make eye contact with the person you are talking about!

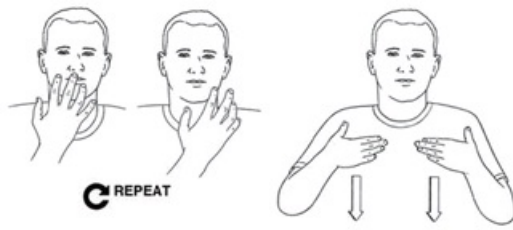
**You have such...**



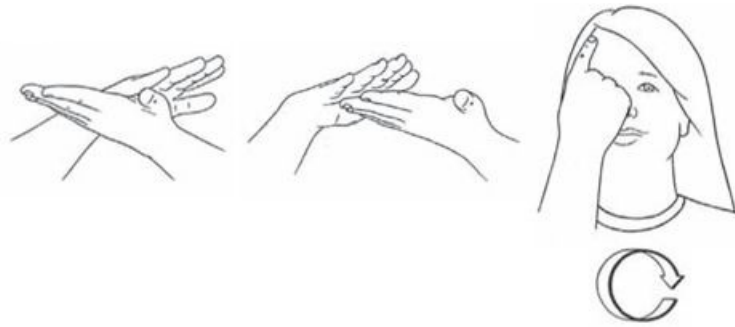
**pretty eyes.**



**a hot bod.**



**a nice face.**



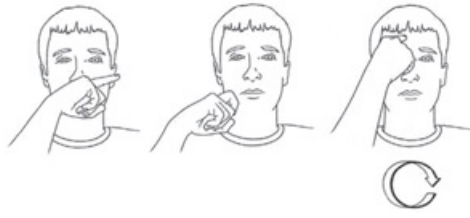
**a huge rack.**



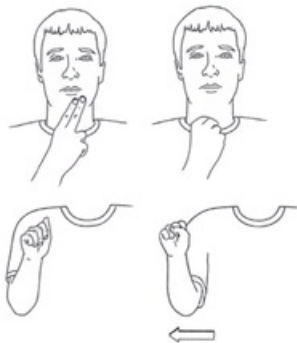
**a beer belly.**



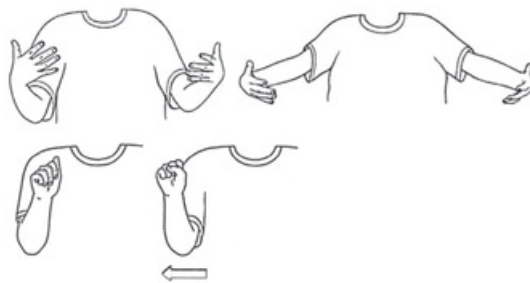
**a fugly face.**



**a cute ass.**



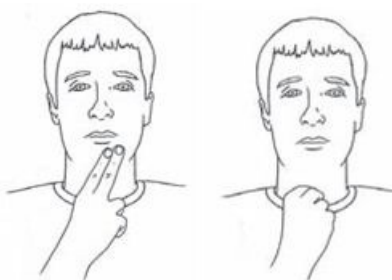
**a fat ass.**



**He/She is...**



**cute.**



**beautiful.**



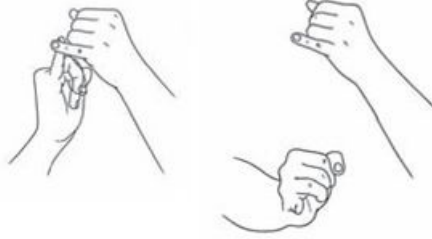
**really hairy.**



**sexy.**



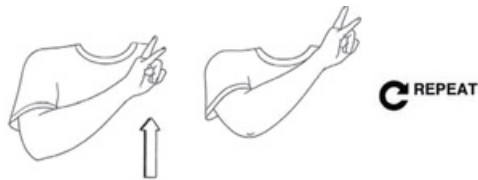
**skinny.**



**fine.**



**stylish.**



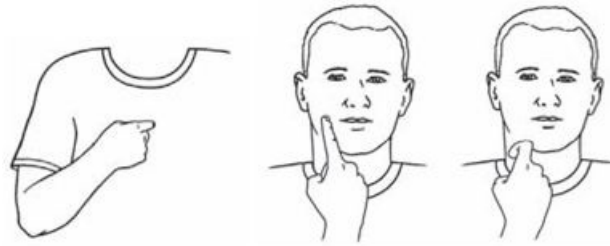
**chunky.**



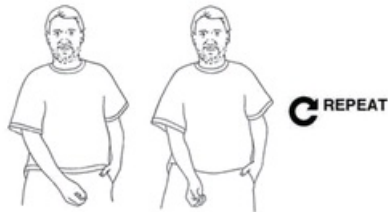
**•••••Bodily functions**



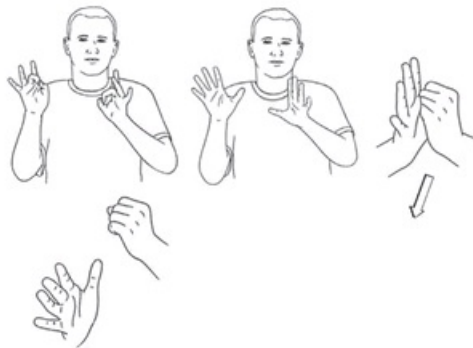
**I just...**



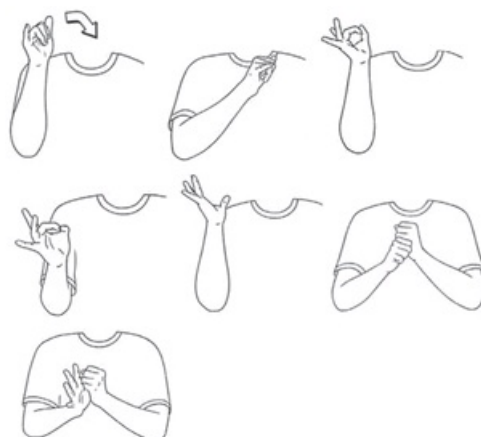
**pissed. (rude one only)**



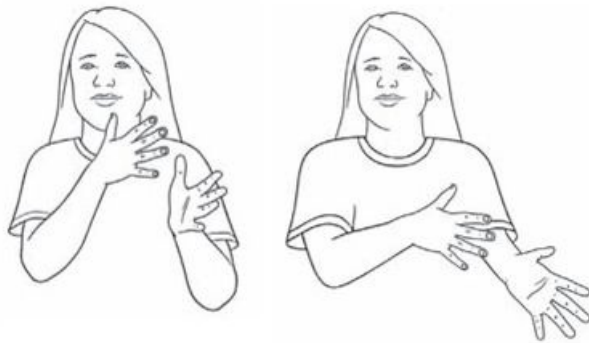
**took a nasty shit.**



**ripped a horrendous fart.**

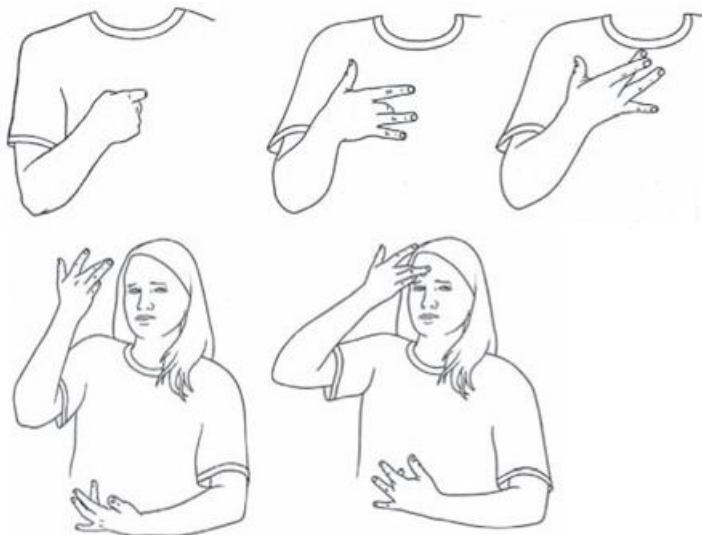


**puked.**

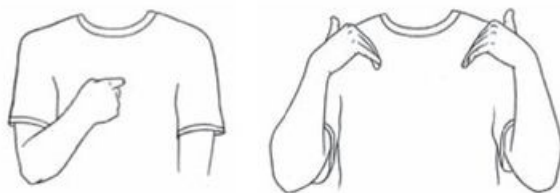


**•••••Getting sick**

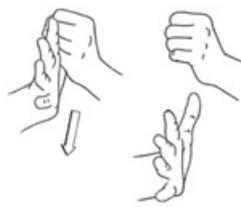
**I feel sick.**



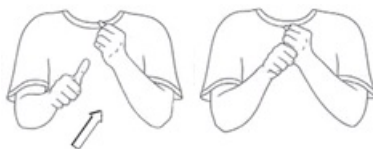
**I have...**



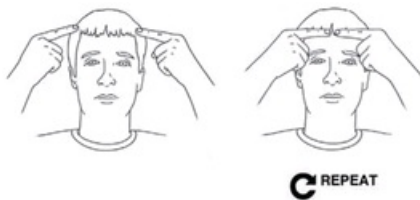
**the runs/squirts.**



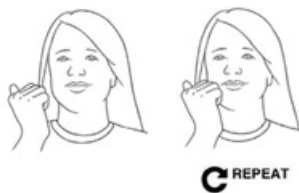
**constipation.**



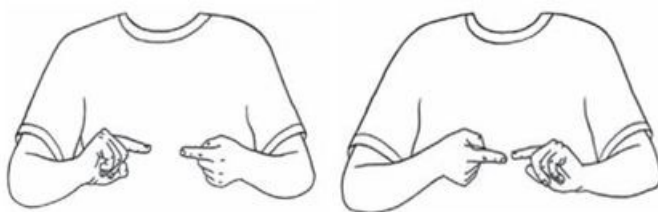
**a headache.**



**my period.**



**a stomach ache.**



**to go to the bathroom.**



**I feel like crap.**



## CHAPTER 5

### HORNYY SIGN LANGUAGE

Congratulations! You've just met some seriously smokin' deafee at the bar and, using your dirty new signs, things are going smashingly well. We're happy to take all the credit. Unfortunately, you've gotten to the point where it's time to make your move and take this hottie home. Feeling a little nervous? You're probably wondering if your regular moves and foreplay are going to cross the language barrier. Not to worry, we've got you covered.

First off, flirting and talking dirty is incredibly fun in sign language—you can do right in public and nobody catches a thing. Sure, you might make your soon-to-be partner blush, but those nasty things you're saying are for their eyes only.

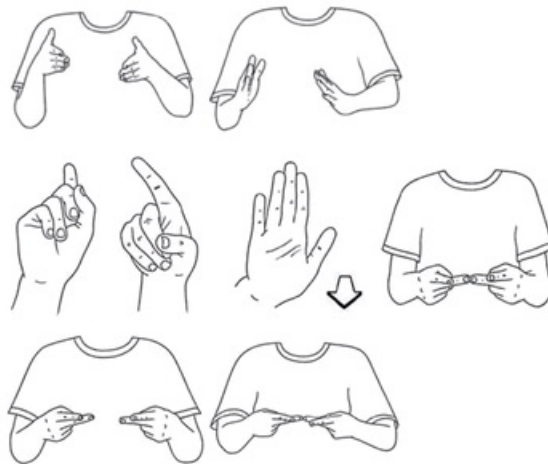
Once you're alone and things are getting hot, feel free let your hands go silent and focus on more important things. Facial expressions and body language are the key to good foreplay when your hands are occupied and you can't be heard, so pay attention and save your lingual dexterity for the fun stuff.

#### •••••Fucking

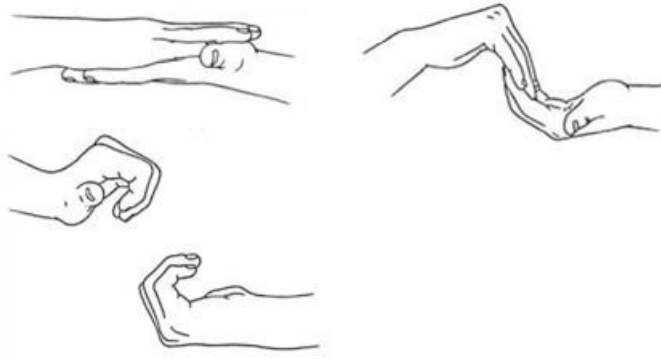
**I wanna ...**



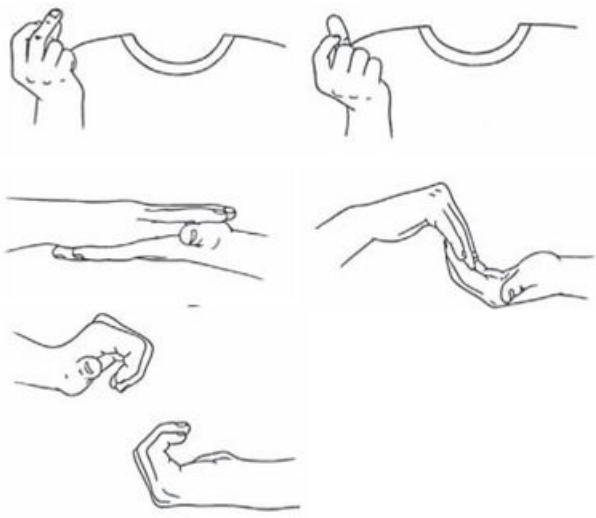
**Let's go to your place and...**



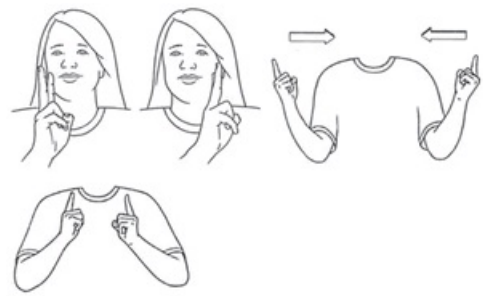
**fuck.**



**have a quickie.**



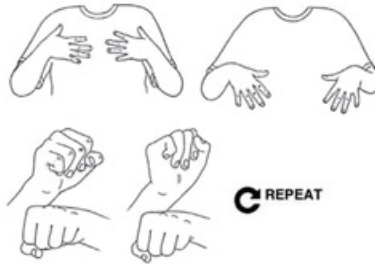
**make a twin sandwich.**



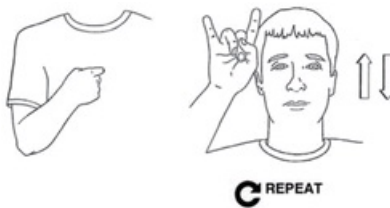
**tossed salad.**



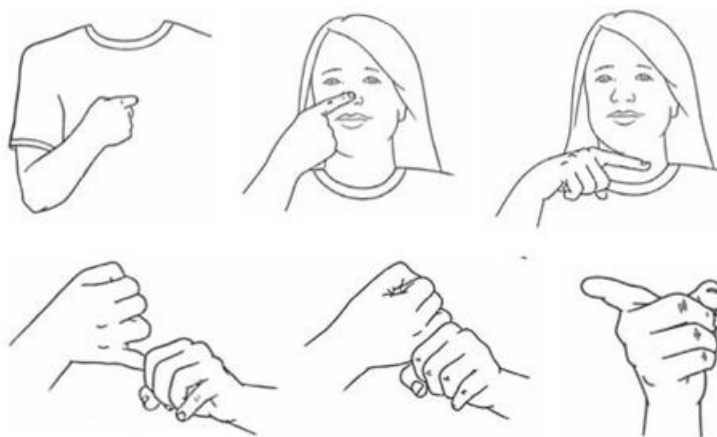
**dry hump.**



**I'm horny.**



**I'd like to bone her.**



## **VOLUME CONTROL: DO YOU HAVE IT?>>>**

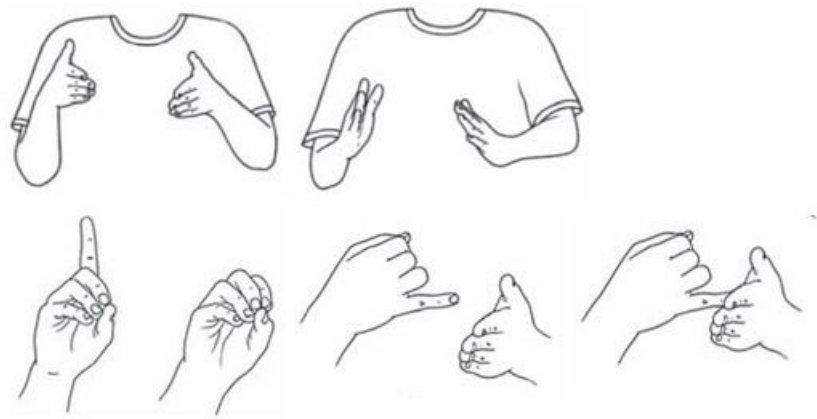
Being deaf and not knowing how much sound you're making can lead to some fun situations. What happens when your deaf girlfriend has both a very easy-to-understand speaking voice and an insatiable sexual appetite? Pure, unadulterated awkwardness. In crowds, brace yourself for the occasional, "I want your cock," in front of a vacationing family, or the shouted "You wanna have a threesome?" while your mother is in the next room. Then there's the bedroom, where the guttural grunts and shrieking moans of love making tend to have the volume turned way the fuck up. Don't blush if you try to sneak in a quickie only to have a rousing round of applause from the partygoers in the next room. Hope you don't embarrass too easily.

## **•••••Positions**

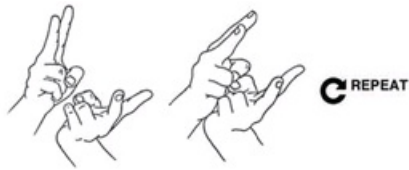
**I wanna...**



**Let's do it...**



**missionary.**



**doggy style.**



**cowgirl.**

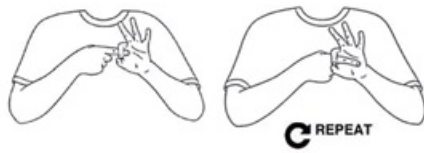


**reverse cowgirl.**

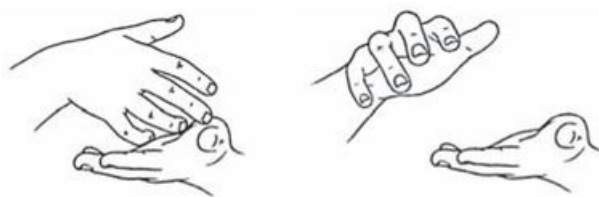




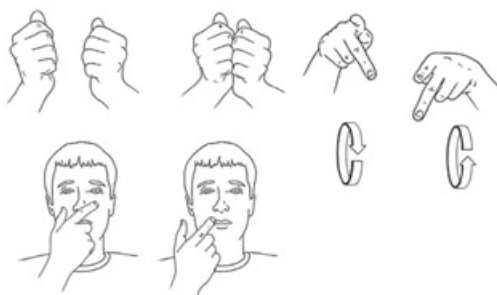
**anal.**



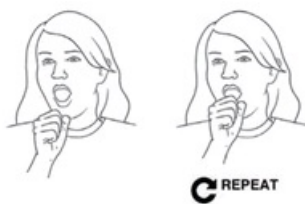
**rough.**



**with people watching.**



**Blow job**



**Cunnilingus**



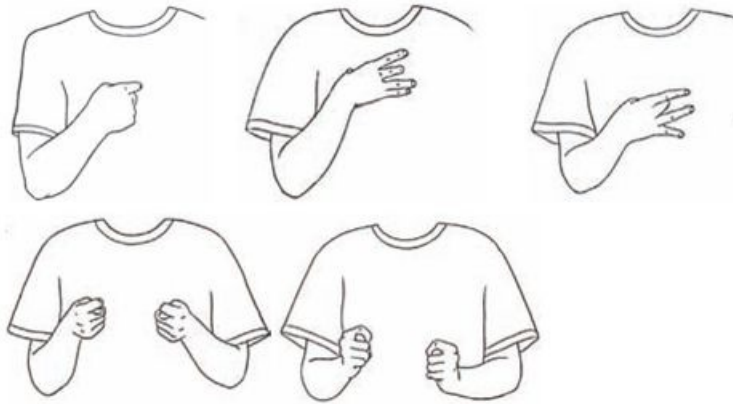
WIGGLE TONGUE

**Suck my tits.**

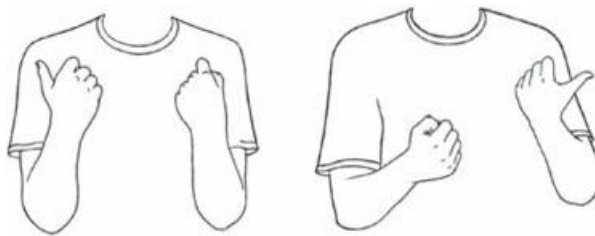


**•••••Feeling adventurous?**

**I'd like to try...**



**stripping.**



**a vibrator.**



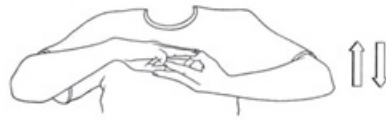
**69 (gay).**



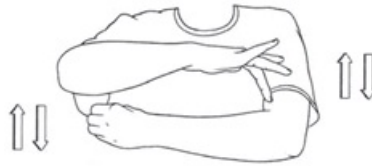
**69 (lesbian).**



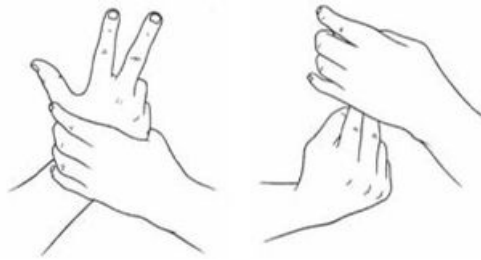
**69 (hetero).**



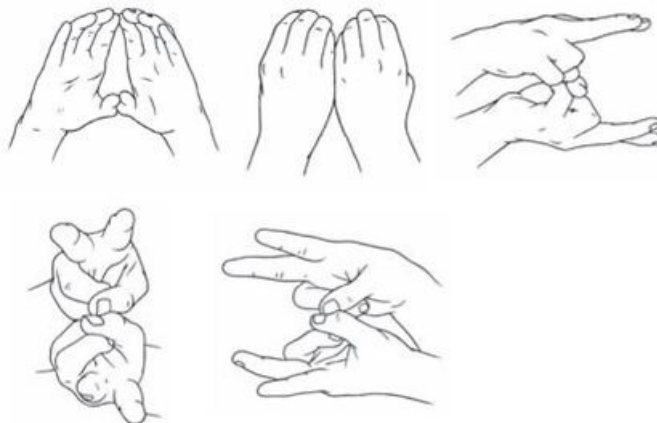
**69 (hetero).**  
Because one isn't enough.



**a threesome.**



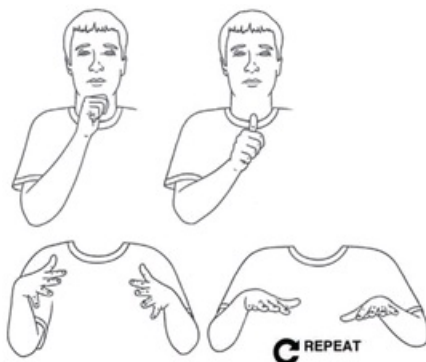
**an orgy.**



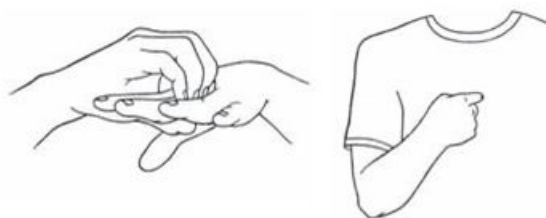
**two in the pink one in the stink.**



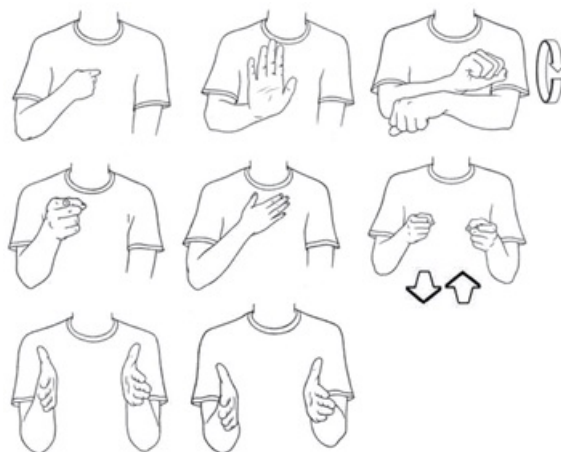
**Don't be nervous.**



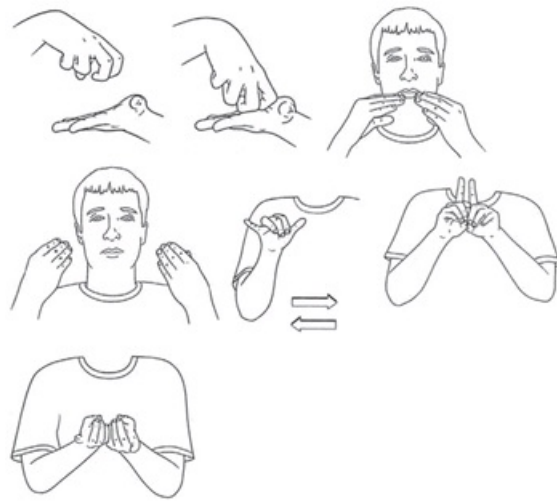
**Bite me.**



**I'm your slave, you're my master.**

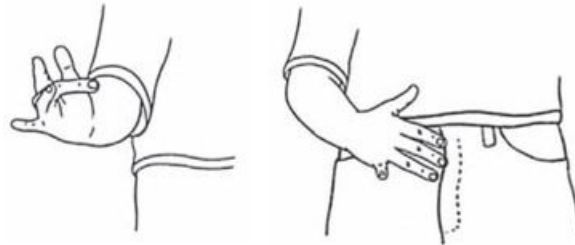


**Get on your knees and smile like a donut.**

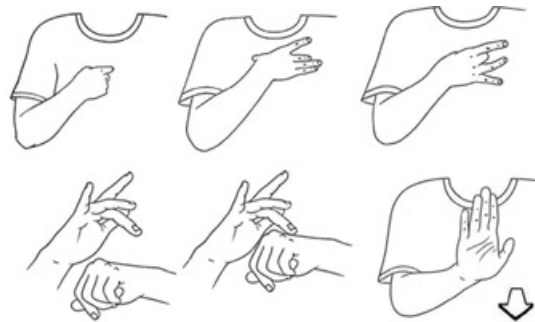


•••••Genitalia

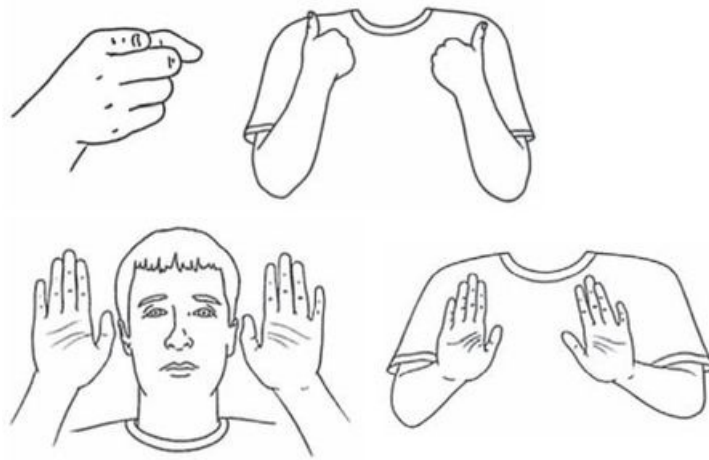
**Touch my dick.**



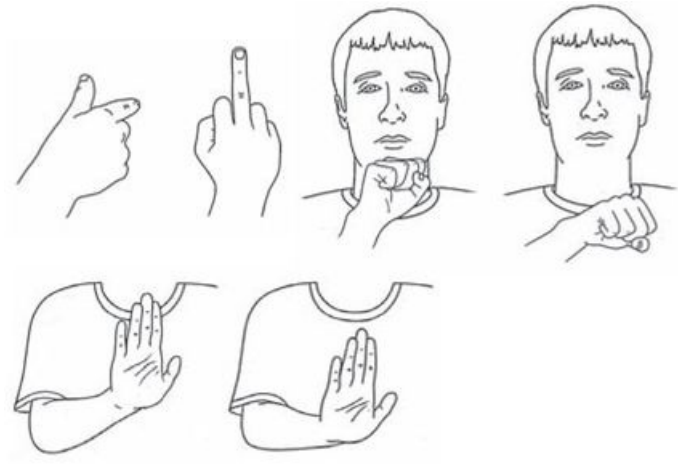
**I'd like to touch your...**



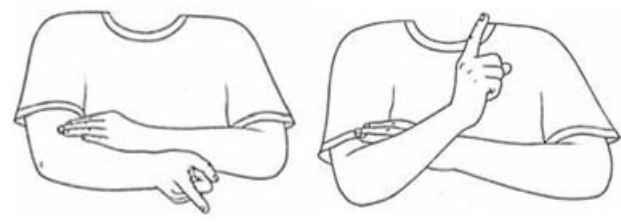
**You've got (a) great...**



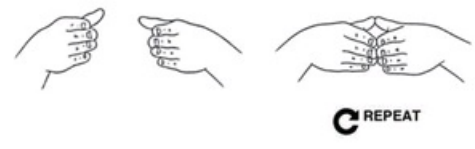
**I fucking love your...**



**boner.**



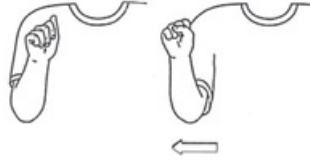
**pussy.**



**clit.**



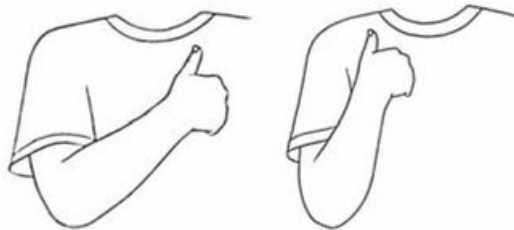
**ass.**



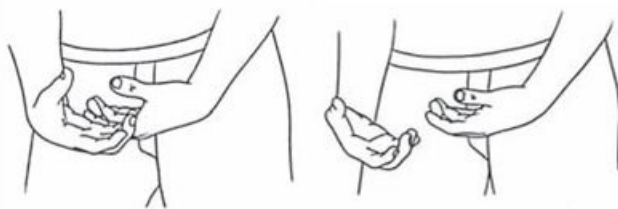
**asshole.**

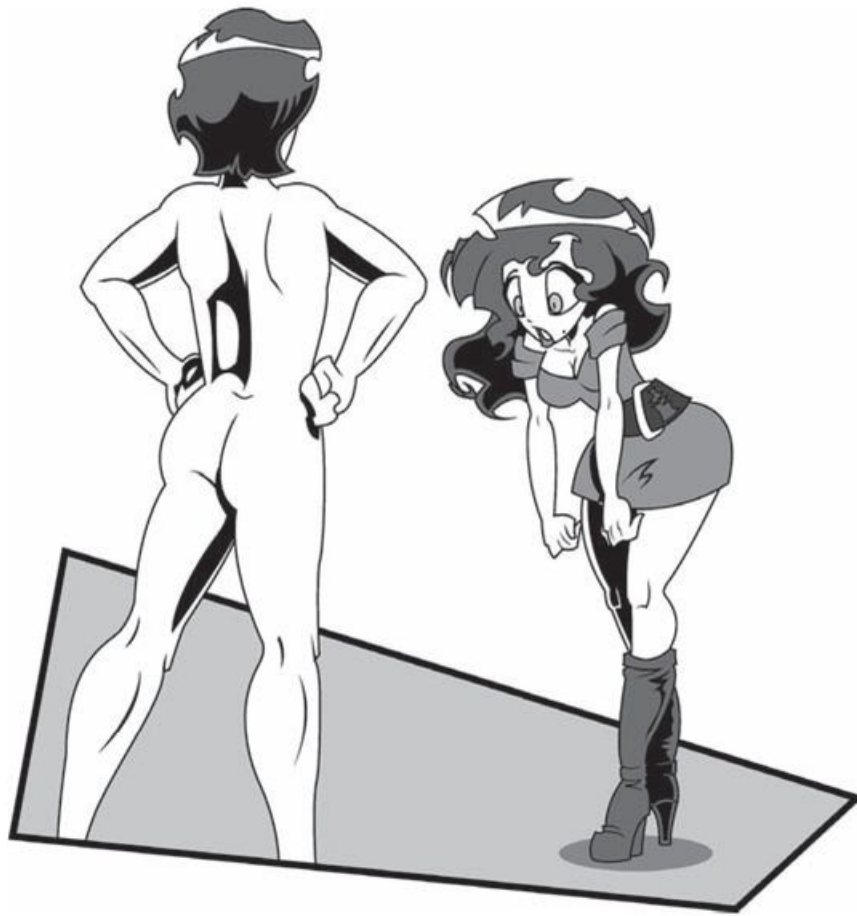


**tits.**



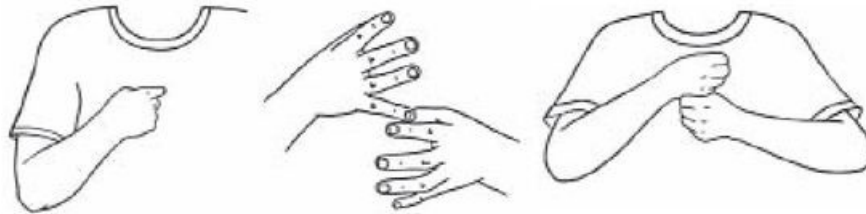
**I'm hung like a horse.**





.....I'm coming!

I'm getting...

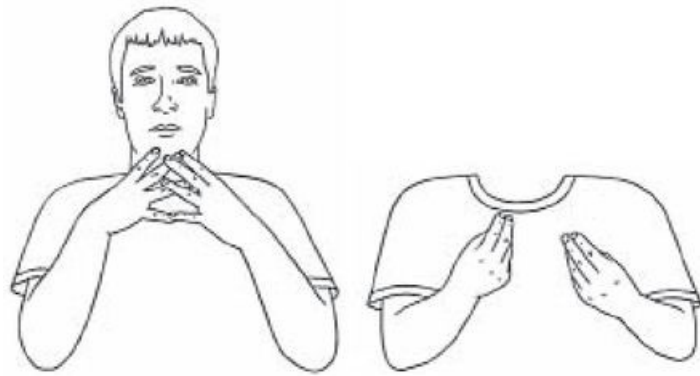


hard.

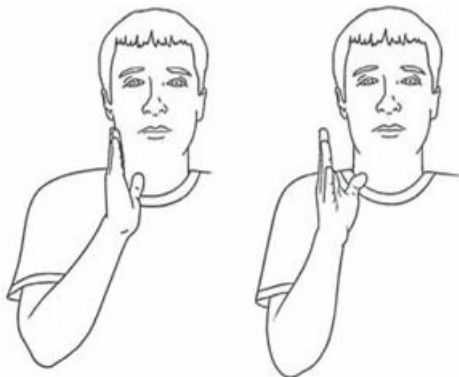


wet.

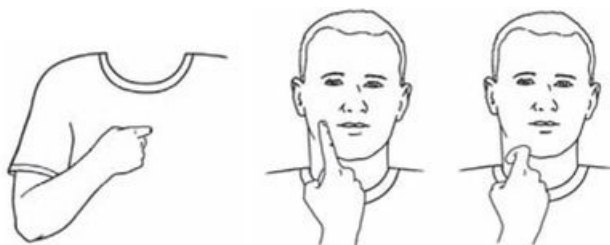




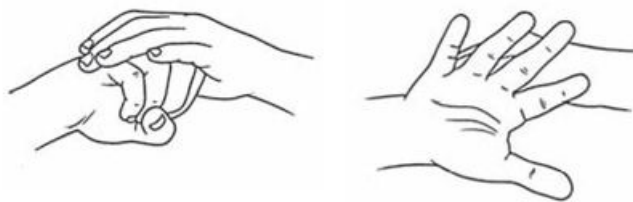
**I'm going to...**



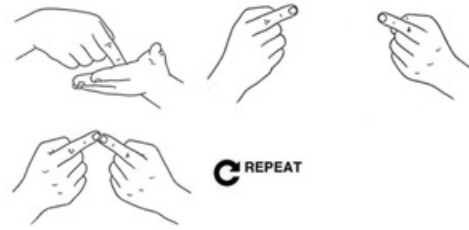
**I just...**



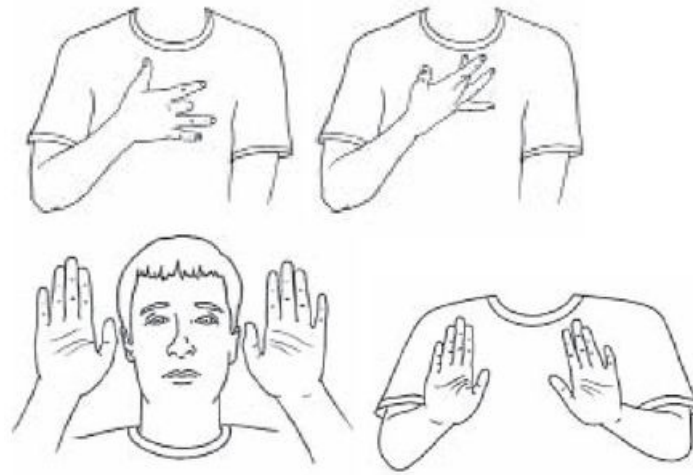
**orgasmed/came.**



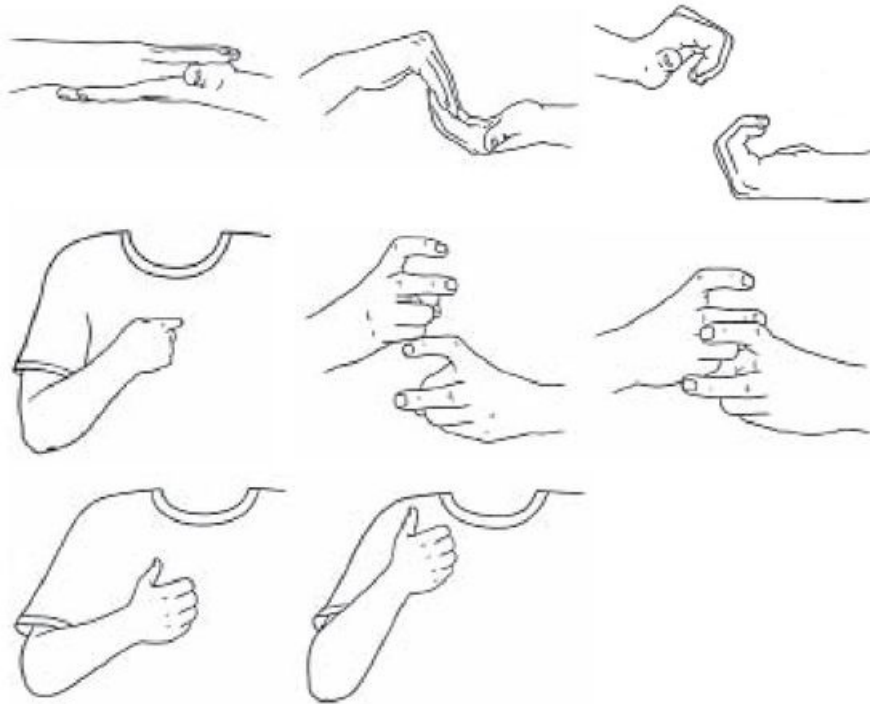
**This hurts.**



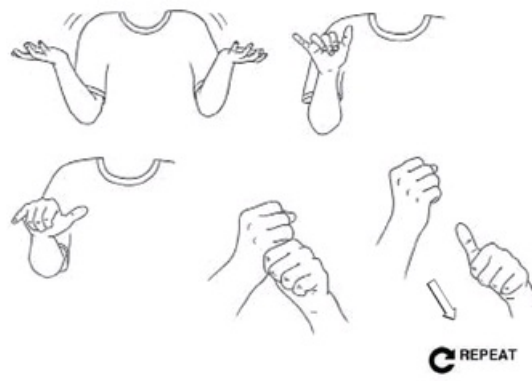
**This feels amazing!**



**Fuck me harder!**

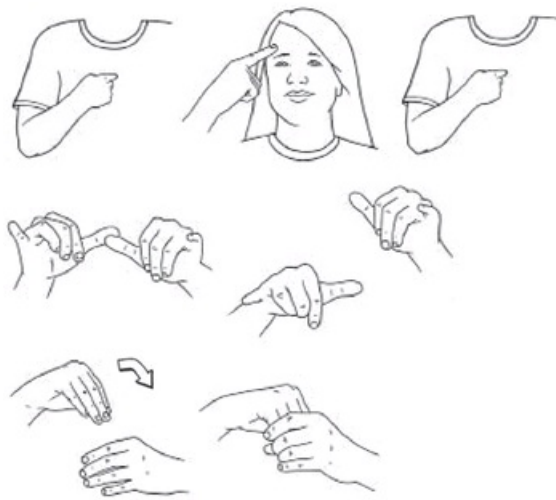


**Well, that was crappy.**

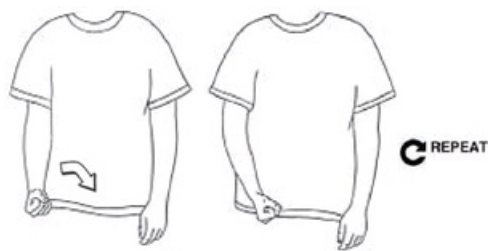


•••••Masturbation

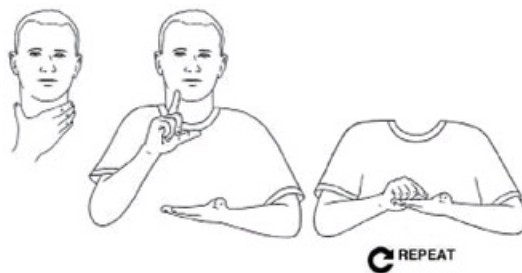
I think I'm just gonna stay in and...



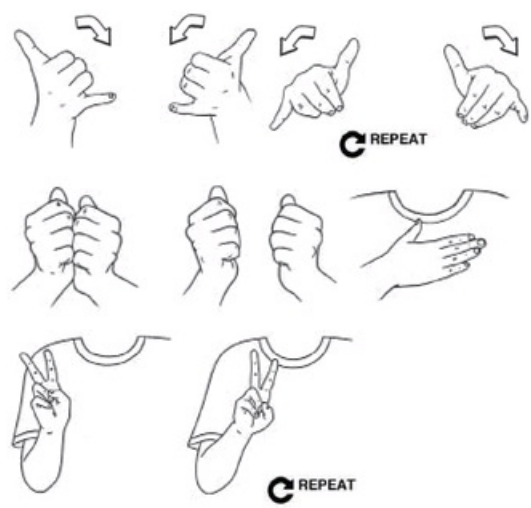
jack off.



choke the chicken.

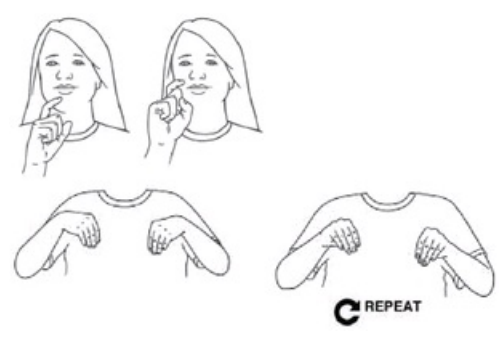


**play with my vibrator.**

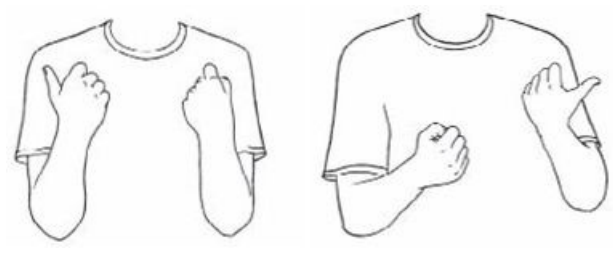


**•••••Sex industry**

**Sex shop**



**Stripper/strip club**



**Prostitute/hooker**



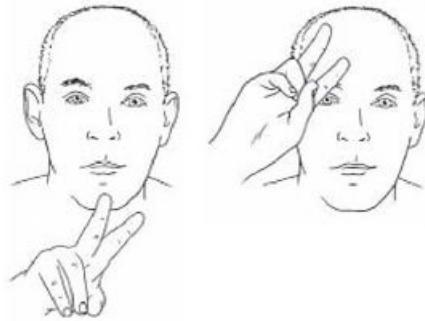
# CHAPTER 6

## ANGRY SIGN LANGUAGE

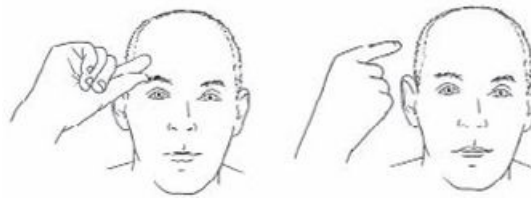
Understanding body language is important when it comes to friendly conversation and sexual attraction, but it can also save your ass. When deaf people get angry, they tend to sign much faster than normal—with more dramatic and exaggerated hand signs—so, if two deafies are signing at each other too fast for you to understand, you might want to check out their body language and facial expressions and get out of the way if they look mad cuz some shit is about to go down.

### •••••Light insults

**You're a stupid...**



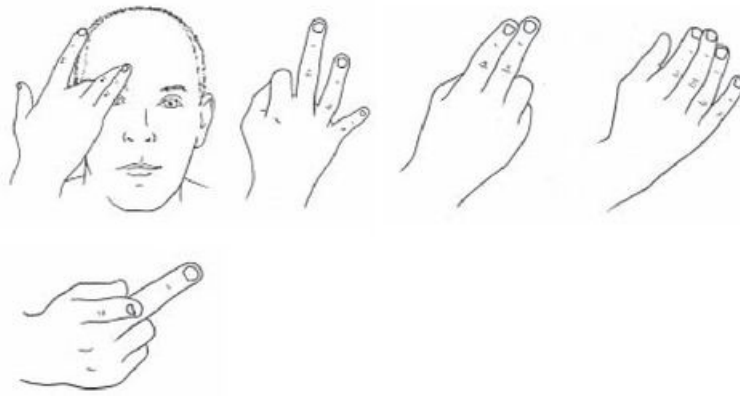
**moron.**



**dumbass.**



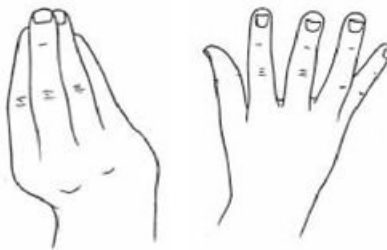
**sick fuck.**



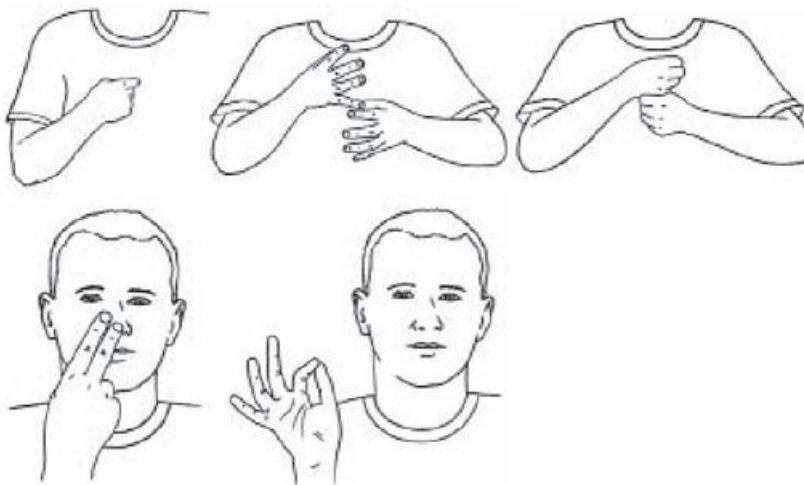
**We fuck. (dislike each other)**



**What's the matta with ya?**



**I'm getting pissed, dude.**

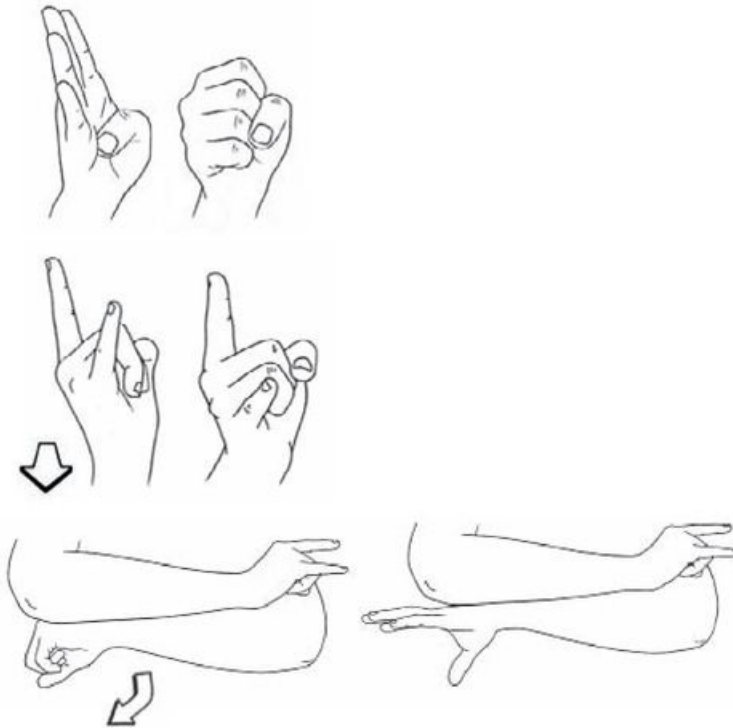


**What the fuck is your problem?**



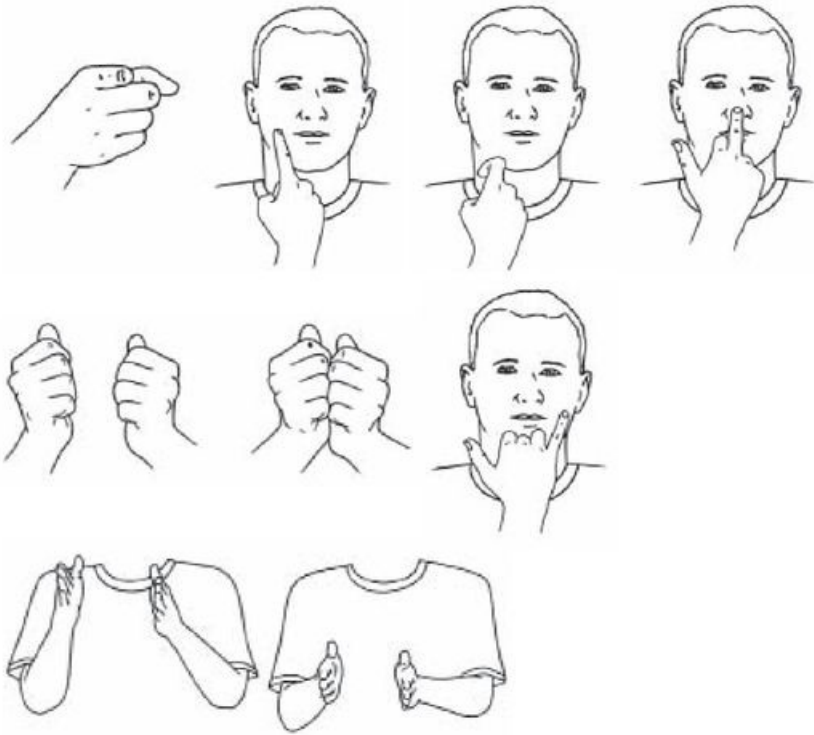
•••••Bullshit by the pound

I've had enough of your bullshit. (three different signs)

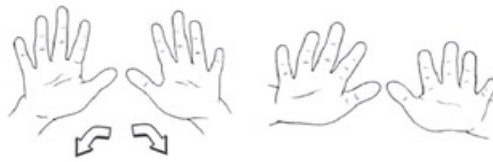


•••••Talking shit

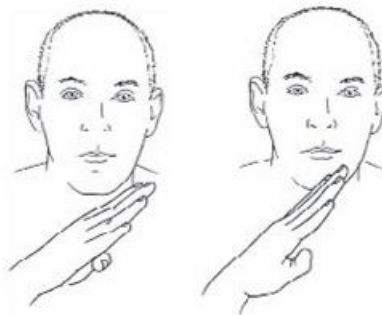
You just fucked with the wrong person...



**Chill...**



**bitch.**

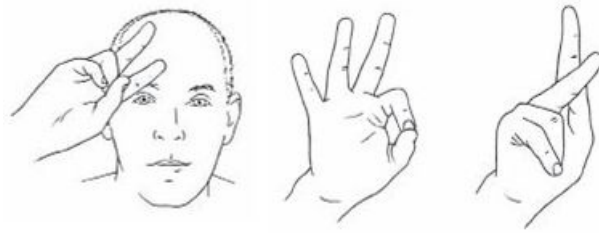


**asshole.**



**dumbfuck.**





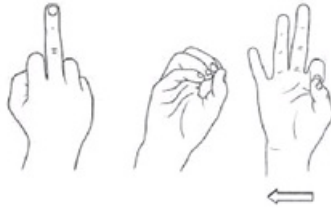
**motherfucker.**



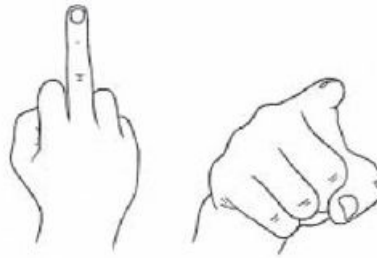
**cunt.**



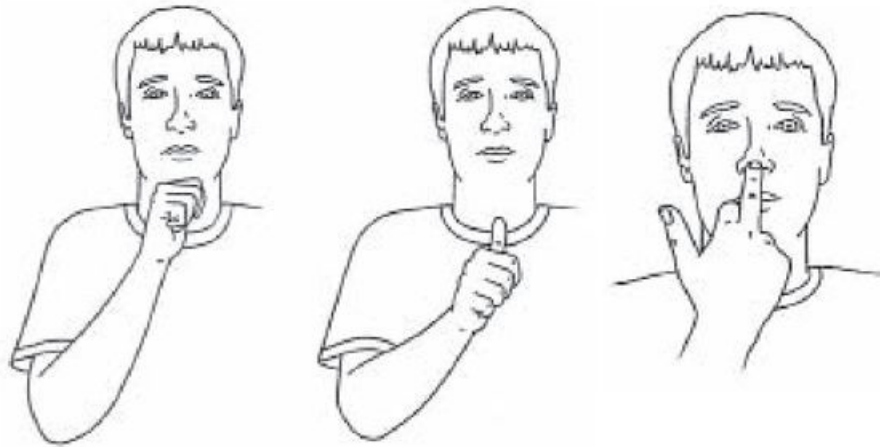
**Fuck off!**



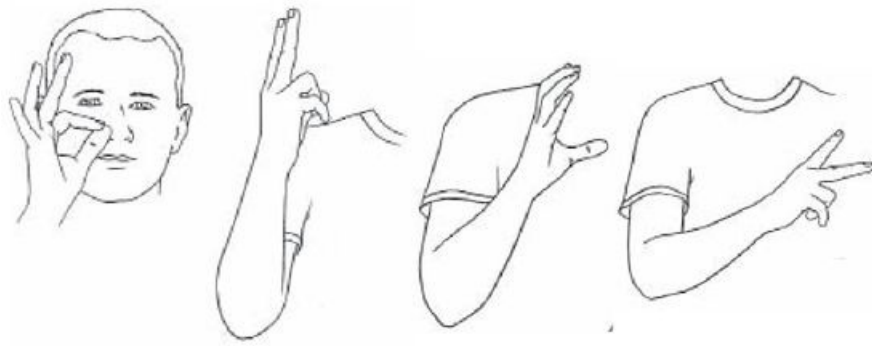
**Fuck you!**



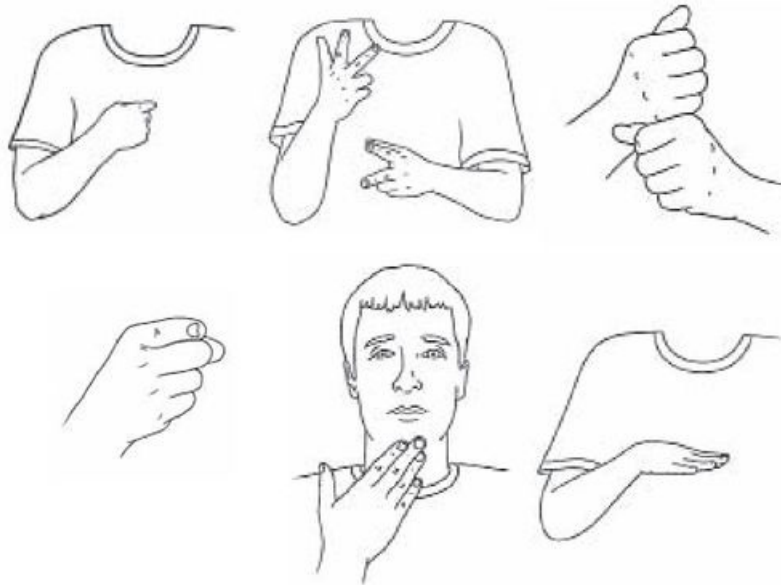
**Don't fuck with me.**



**Don't give a fuck.**

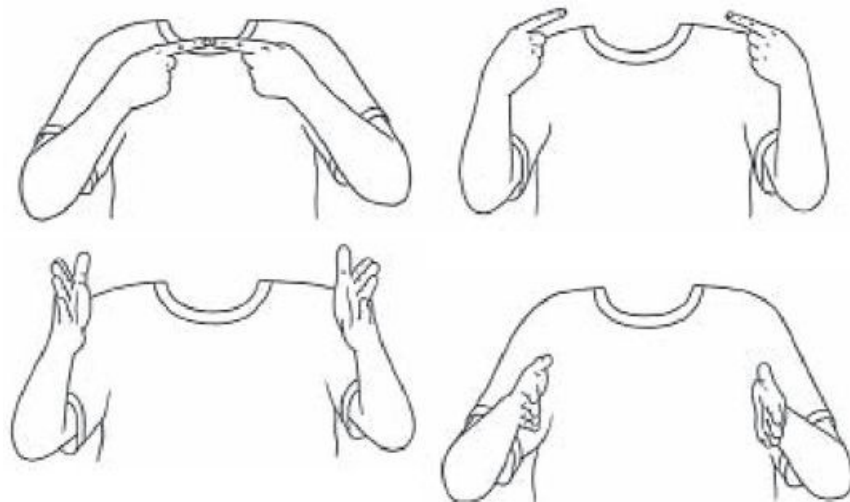


**Ima fuck you up so bad.**



**•••••Let's get ready to rumble**

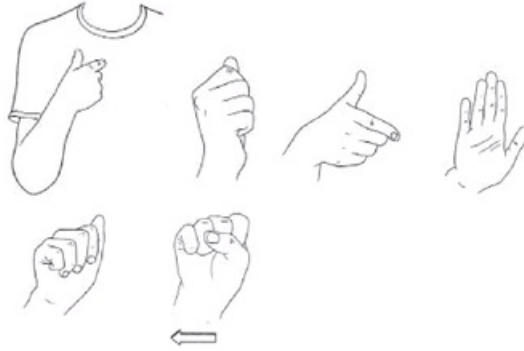
**Enemy**



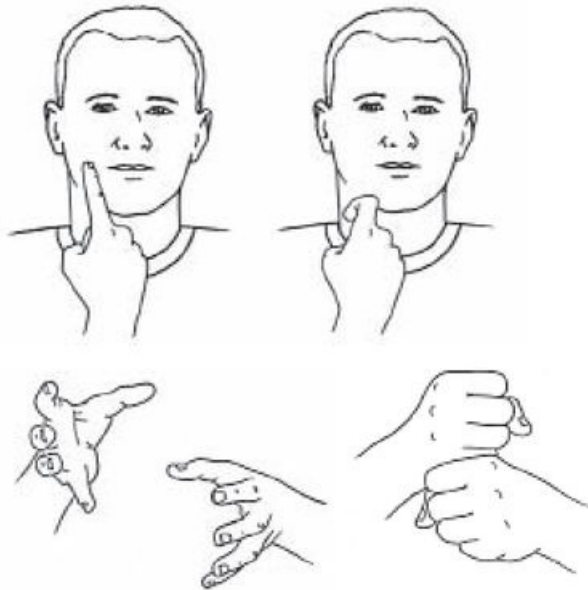
**Fighting**



**I'm gonna whoop ass.**



**Dude just got...**



**punched.**



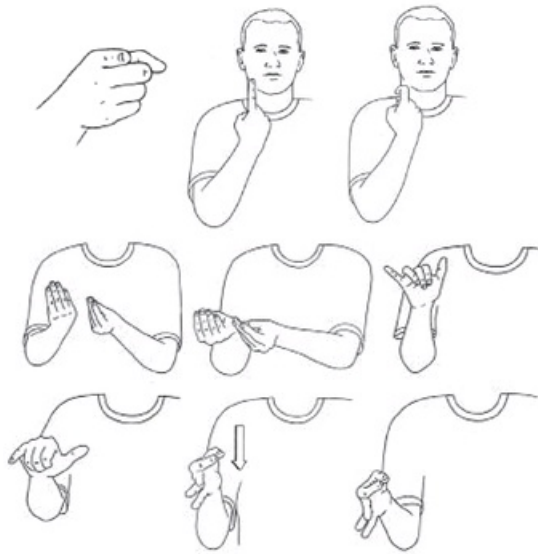
**choked.**



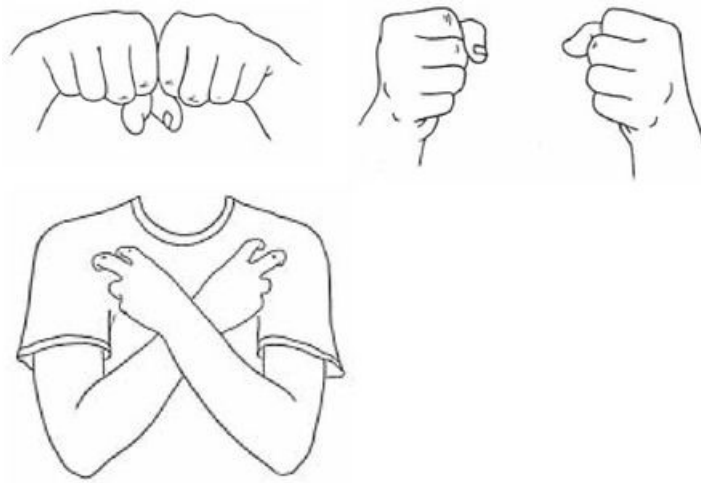
**blood everywhere.**



**You just gave that asshole...**



**a broken bone.**



•••••**Stopping a fight**

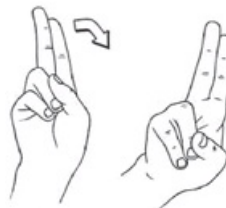
**The cops are coming.**



**Calm the fuck down.**



**Pow**  
This is what you say to someone when you've won an argument.



# CHAPTER 7

## SPORTY SIGN LANGUAGE

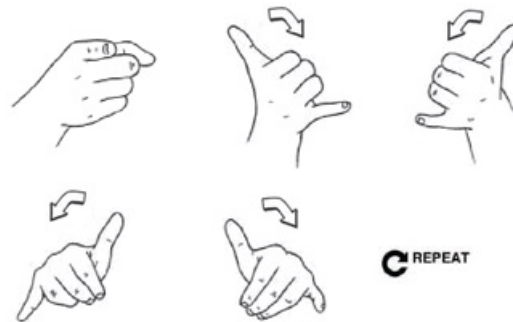
You might think that a deaf person playing sports may look uncoordinated and like a lousy team player. That ain't true. If you're playing with a deaf teammate for the first time, chances are it's going to make you look like an idiot when you repeatedly scream at your deaf teammate to no avail. Instead, simply ask your teammate what hand gestures you should use to communicate on the field or court; after all, they've probably played a team sport before and know what they're doing.

Some kick-ass deafies have rocked the sports world, and knowing some of this trivia may help you break the ice at a party. Talking baseball? Just mention William "Dummy" Hoy who, among other things, set a major league record by throwing out three runners at home plate in one game, as well as hitting the first grand slam in the American League. Oh yeah, he also pretty much invented the catcher's "strike" sign—the most recognizable sign language in all of sports. It also never hurts to bring up Matt Hamill, a deaf wrestler (the real kind) and MMA fighter who's huge in deaf culture. If anyone still has doubts as to deaf people's abilities, just step into the ring with him.

Just remember this when you take the field: Playing with a deaf teammate may be frustrating at times, but it doesn't make them stupid. Thinking they are, however, makes you a dumbfuck.

### ••••Sports

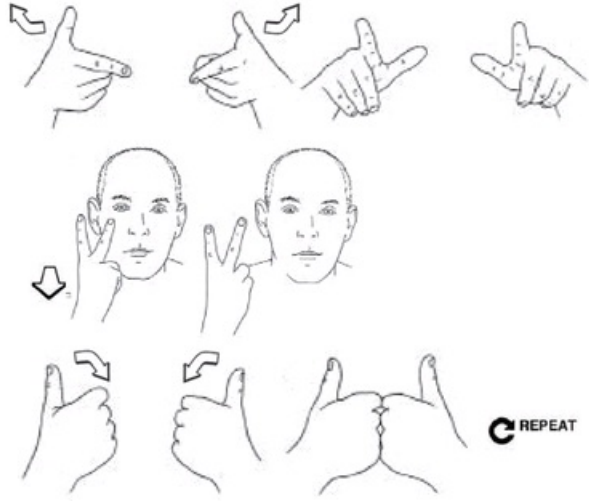
**Do you play...?**



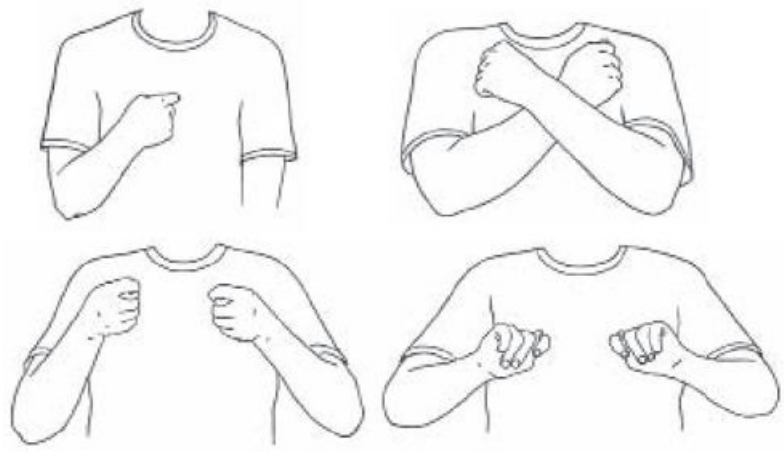
**I dominate at...**



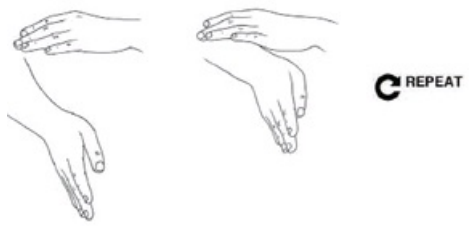
**Let's watch the...game.**



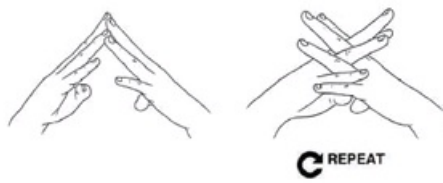
I'd love to try...



soccer

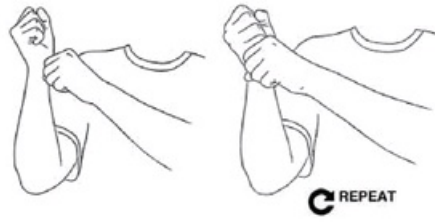


football



baseball

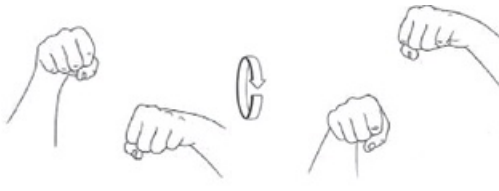




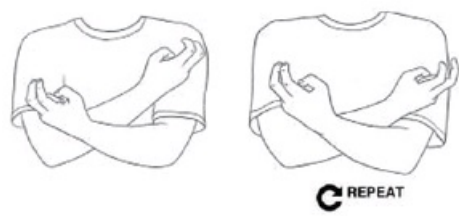
**surfing**



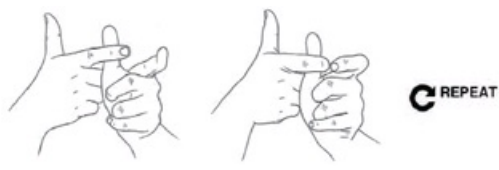
**biking**



**skating (skateboarding)**



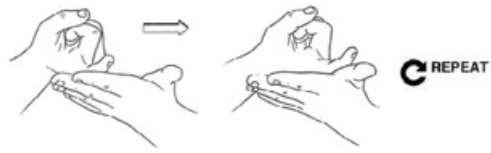
**running**



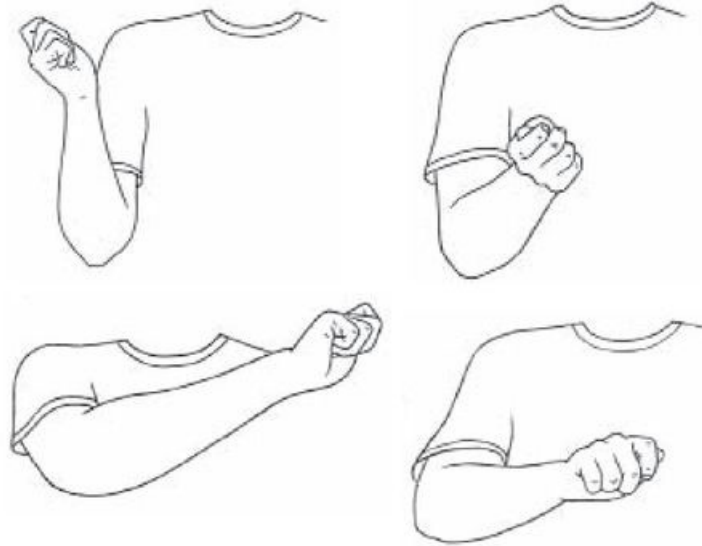
**swimming**



**hockey**



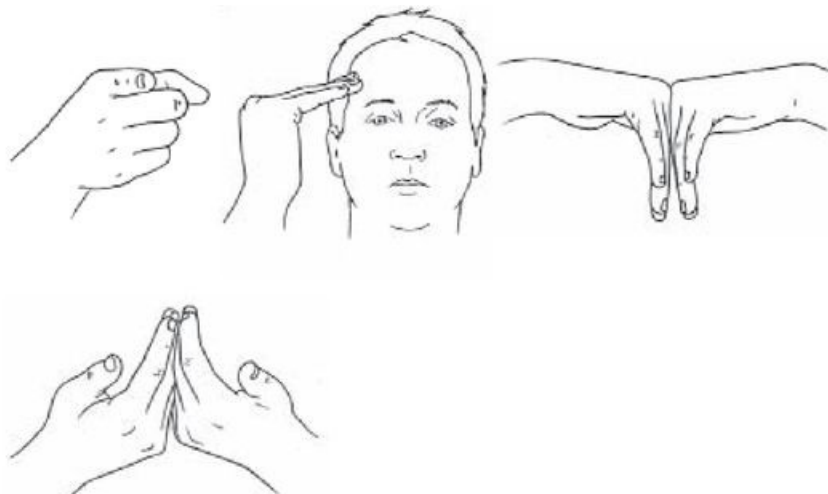
**tennis**



**boxing**



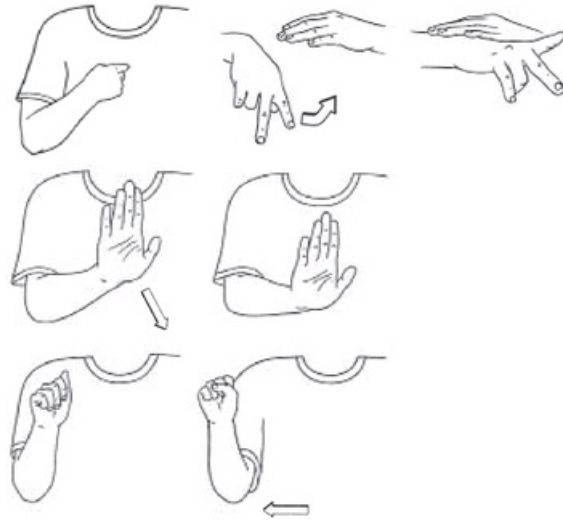
**Do you know how to...**



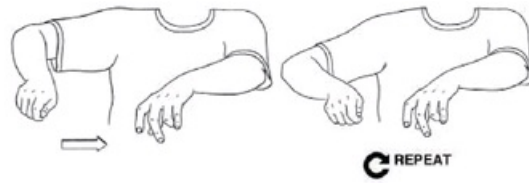
do a submission hold?



I will kick your ass at...

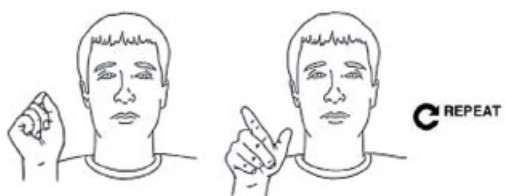


pool.

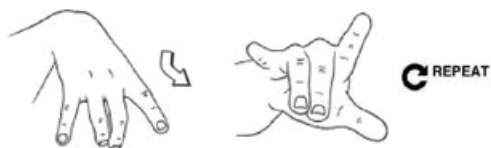




**darts.**

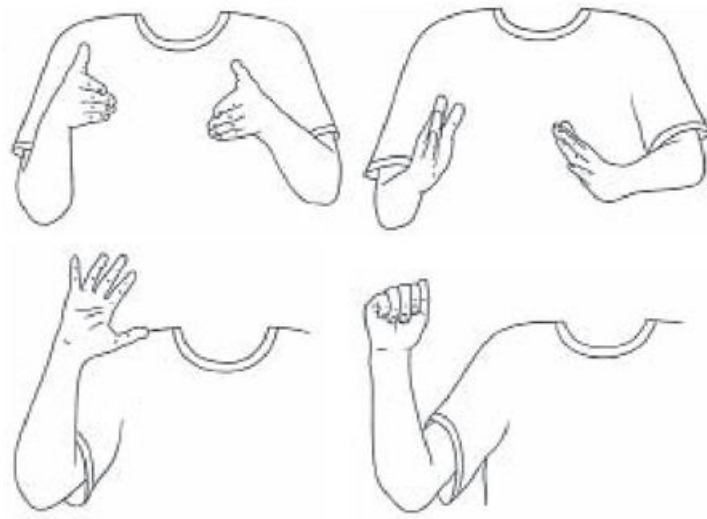


**bowling.**

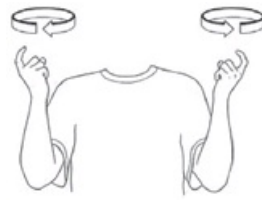


**•••••Exercise**

**Let's hit the...**



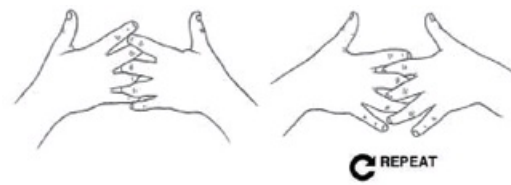
**gym.**



**track.**



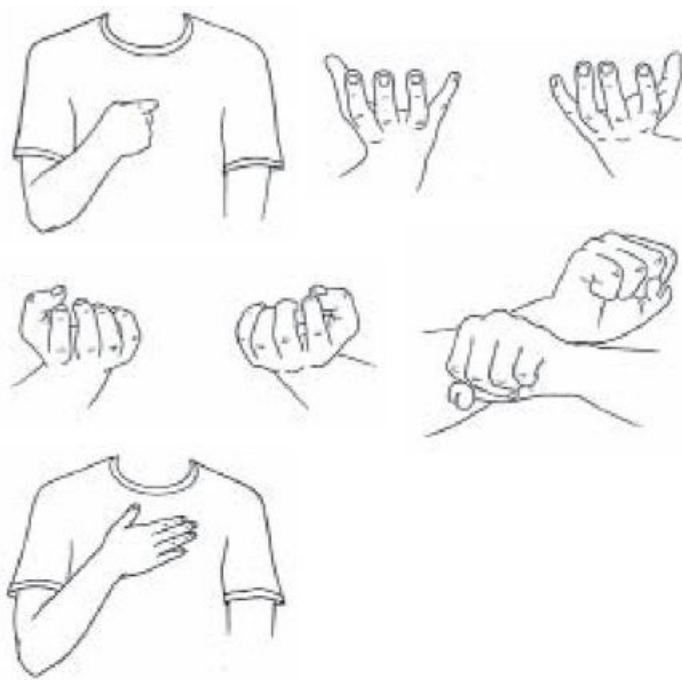
**machines.**



**treadmill.**



**I want to work my...**



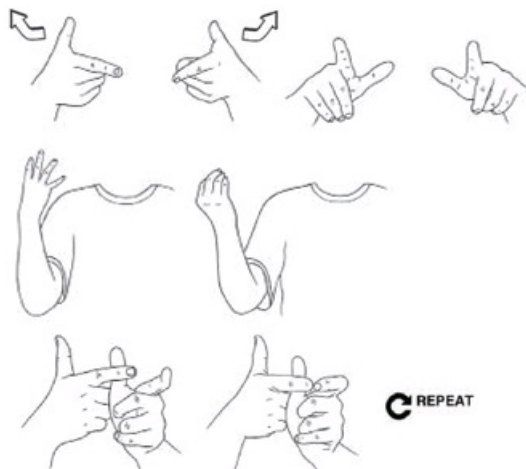
arms.



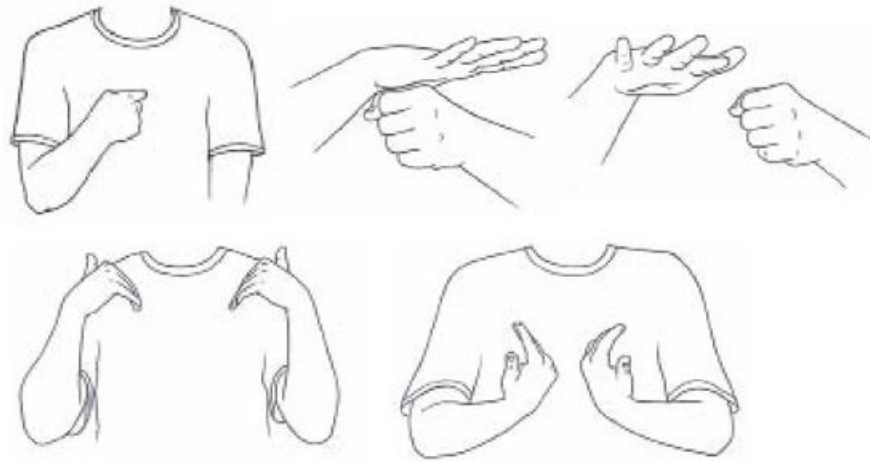
chest.



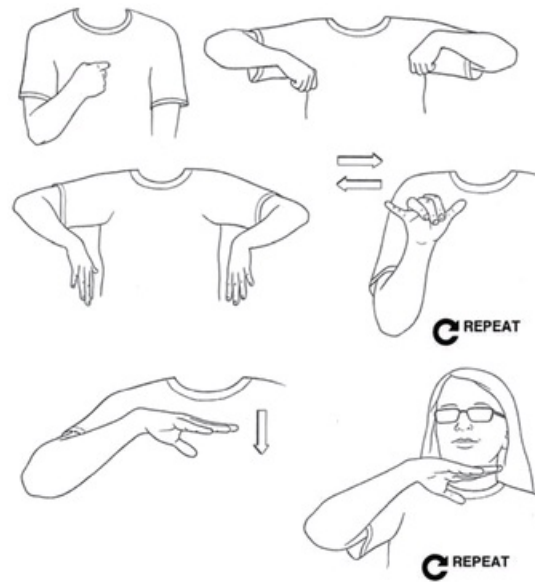
Let's go for a run.



**I'm totally exhausted.**



**I'm sweating like a pig.**



**One more set!**







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Both authors live in a spacious condo where Van continues to introduce Allison to dirty things that she shows him the signs for.