# Introduction to British Sign Language

For left-handed users

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**TWO HANDED FINGERSPELLING USING LEFT HAND**

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Please note that some letters e.g. C D H T may change according to preceding letter.

When fingerspelling vowels the fingers of the non-dominant hand should move towards the index finger of the dominant hand.
MEETING PEOPLE, FINGERSPELLING NAMES

HELLO
Greetings:
Hello/goodbye – small wave and smile

WELL?
Asking: how are you?
Respond nod YES or NO

NAME?
What is your name?

YOU?

ME
Fingerspell or sign name to reply

WHERE
Where do you live?

FROM?

ME
Fingerspell or sign place
I live in CADINGTON

DEAF?

HEARING?
EXchanging information – families

MOTHER       FATHER       WELL?
Are your parents well?

BROTHERS  SISTERS  HOW MANY?
How many brothers and sisters do you have?

ME          BROTHERS       2
I have 2 brothers

FAMILY       YOU          DEAF       HEARING?
Is your family deaf or hearing?
AUNT/UNCLE LIVE WHERE?
Where does your aunt/uncle live?

NIECE/NEPHEW HOW OLD?
How old is your niece/nephew?

CHILDREN HOW MANY?
How many children do you have?

GRANDMOTHER GRANDFATHER
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LEISURE AND HOBBIES

READING  WATCH  TV

COMPUTER  GAMES  TRAVEL  COOK

GARDEN  WALK  SWIM  FOOTBALL

READ-LIKE (point)?
Do you like reading?

READ-LIKE (point)
Yes, I do like reading

CALENDAR AND TIME
DAYS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY MM  TUESDAY TT  WEDNESDAY WW  THURSDAY TH

FRIDAY FF  SATURDAY  SUNDAY

MONTHS OF THE YEAR

JANUARY  JAN  FEBRUARY  FEB

MARCH  MCH  APRIL  AA

MAY  MAY  JUNE  JUNE
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TIME

To reply make the number shape in front of your body and twist if for 1 – 10 o’clock but do not twist for 11 and 12 o’clock

WHAT TIME?

1 o’clock

3 o’clock

8 o’clock

11 o’clock

Half

half past 2

half past 7
TRANSPORT AND WEATHER

GO
HOW?
WALK
CYCLE

DRIVE-CAR
TRAIN
FLY
BUS
TAXI

SUNNY
CLOUDY
RAIN (GENTLE)

POUR
WIND
SNOW
YESTERDAY

POUR

TOMORROW

SUNNY

LIKE

SNOW

DON’T-LIKE (shake head)