

For Advanced Kids Learners

Book 2

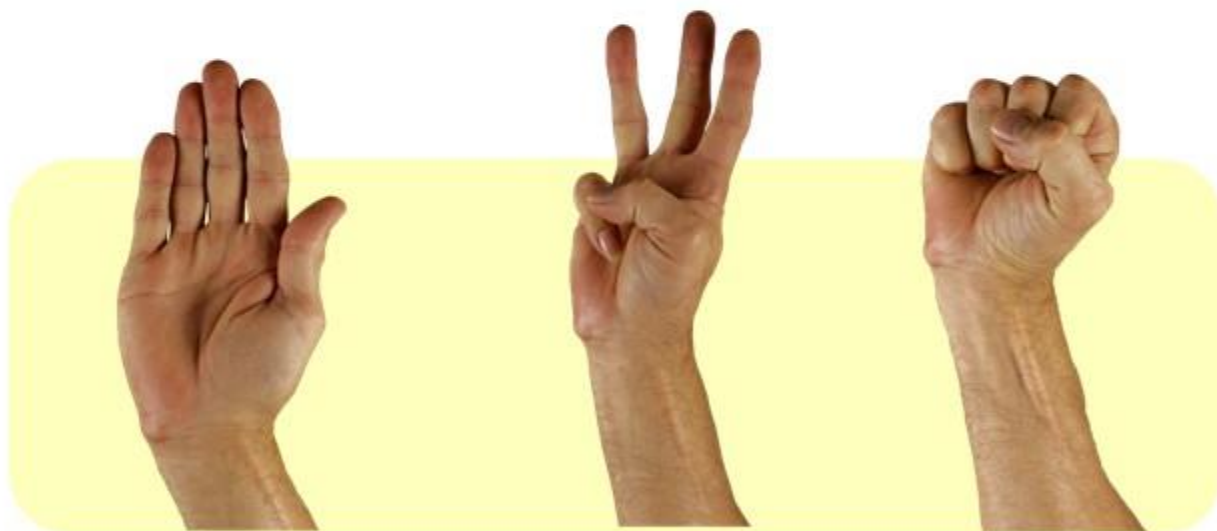
Time to Talk

Lesson 17 Sign Language



- **Warm-up question**

How do deaf people communicate?



- **Read and learn**

Sign Language

A sign language is a way of communication which uses the hands and other body parts.

There are about 70 million people in the world using sign language. American Sign Language is the third most used language in the US after English and Spanish.

Sign languages have **developed** in deaf **communities**. American Sign Language has been used in the US for over 200 years!

develop

to grow bigger and better

community

a particular area where a group of people live



- **Read and learn**

There are different sign languages in different countries. There are over 300 sign languages in use in the world.

Sign language uses the hands a lot but does not use the hands only. It also uses **facial expressions**.

facial expression

*the look on someone's face,
showing how they feel or
what they think*



- **Read and learn**

Sign language has its own **grammatical** rules. For example, when a deaf person asks a **WH-question**, his or her eyebrows are kept down. If it is a **yes-no question**, the eyebrows are kept up.

Sign language works like **spoken language**, but it is considered a **visual** language.

One more thing to remember: not all deaf people use sign language.

**grammar (noun)**

the language rules in speaking and writing

grammatical (adjective)

relating to grammar

- Write the correct word in the blanks.

develop

community

spoken
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visual

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1. A new shop opened next to the school in my _____.
2. Try to _____ your best qualities.
3. Sign language works like _____, but it is considered a _____ language.
4. Pete's paper had some _____ mistakes in it.
5. Sign language uses the hands and _____.

• **Grammar: Learn and answer.**

WH question

A question that needs a specific answer.

Wh-

Whose Where
What When
Why How

-Where does she live?
-She lives in Beijing.

VS

Yes-no question

A question that needs a yes or no answer.

Examples

1. **Is** this jacket yours?
2. **Does** she live in the city center?
3. **Are** you okay?

No, it isn't.
Yes, she does.
No, I am not.

1. How do deaf people communicate?
2. Is a sign language the same as a spoken language?

- **True or false.**

1. If it is a yes-no question, the eyebrows are kept down.
2. Not all deaf people use sign language.

- **Answer the questions.**

1. What do deaf people use to do sign language?
2. Is sign language the first used language in the US?
3. How many sign languages are there in the world?
4. How many people use sign language?

