

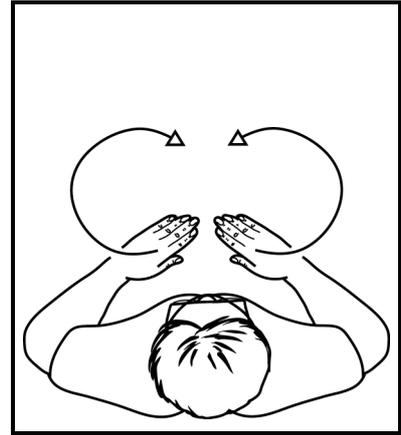
Enjoying A Day Out

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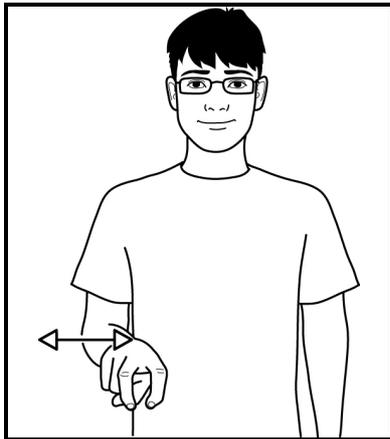
Flat hands (palms in/down, pointing in/up), tips of indexes against sides of forehead, move forwards/out while turning to palms forward, pointing in/up.

PARK



Flat hands (palms down, pointing forward/in) make inward circle. May be followed by the sign for "tree" or other appropriate sign if necessary.

OUTING



Working clawed "V" hand (palm down, pointing forward), moves out and back in.

PICNIC



Working bent hand (palm forward, pointing up) bends forwards from wrist; then working bunched hand (palm back, pointing up) taps at side of mouth to sign "food".

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When Signalong was first being prepared in 1991 the team felt that it was important to include sign requests from parents of children at Abbey Court School, Signalong's original home. High on the list of priorities were signs for things encountered on outings, and these signs can be found in the Topic Vocabulary sections of Signalong Basic Vocabulary Phase 1 (supplemented by later publications). Finding interesting things to do and see is essential to developing children's understanding of the world, and learning the language is the key to unlocking this understanding.

Signing is a simple way of reinforcing a verbal message, and in most cases there is a visual connection between the sign and the concept being conveyed. By using signs consistently a link can be established with the words and the whole communication process becomes easier and the world becomes a more interesting place.

Signalong has the largest illustrated sign vocabulary in Britain, adapted from British Sign Language for the needs and abilities of children and adults with speech, language and communication needs.

Signalong is made accessible by its approach to how the signs are formed, analysing them for handshape, orientation, placement and movement, supporting the descriptions with clear line drawings. This method enables families and practitioners to produce accurate signs relevant to their situation. Special vocabularies can be compiled on request. Users can also call or email the charity for descriptions of signs which they do not have to hand – this is a free service.

The Signalong Group is a charity (no 1039788) which provides resources, training and free advice, and readily works with others in the field to promote communication skills for children and adults with speech, language and communication needs.

Training is provided both directly by the charity and through its national network of registered tutors. For information about courses, or becoming a trainer, please contact Sarah on 0845 450 8424, email sbissett@signalong.org.uk.

For information about Signalong resources please go to our website at www.signalong.org.uk or call 0845 450 8422 to request a catalogue

