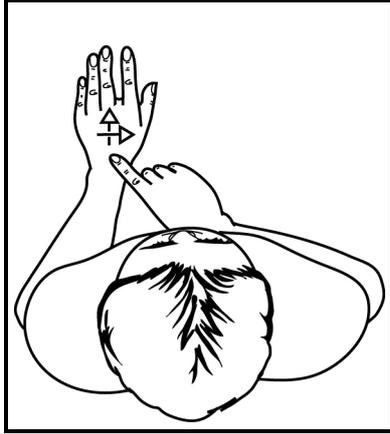


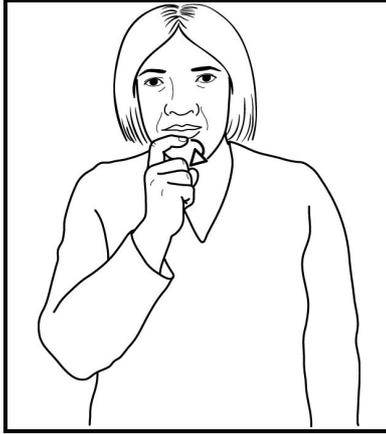
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EASTER



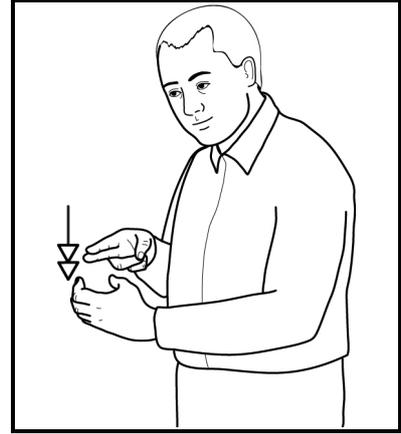
Supporting relaxed hand (palm down); working index draws cross-shape on back of supporting hand.

CHOCOLATE



Working "R" hand (palm in, pointing up) makes inward circle on chin.

EGG



Supporting full "C" hand (palm in, pointing forward); working "N" hand (palm in, pointing forward) mimes tapping top of egg twice.

RABBIT



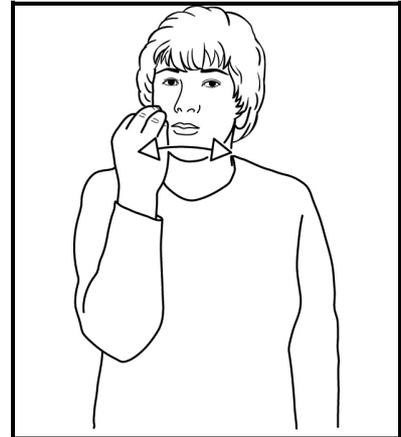
"N" hands (palms forward, pointing up) at either side of head, fingers flex forwards and straighten.

BABY ANIMAL



Make appropriate animal sign with hunched shoulders; then cupped hands (palms in, pointing up) a little apart in front of chest.

FLOWERS



Working bunched hand (palm back, pointing up) held under the nose, waves from side to side.

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In spite of cold snaps, Spring which began in March really gets under way in April, with baby animals and birds emerging and a profusion of flowers blooming. There's also the celebration of Easter, and we've provided what is probably the most popular sign in the whole vocabulary – *chocolate*!

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