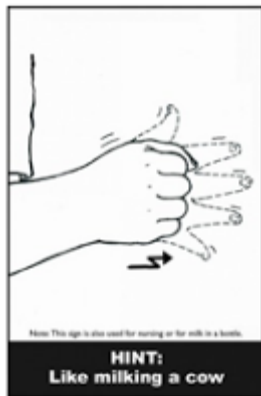


ASL: American Sign Language

Curriculum Support for infants & 1YOs

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Infants commonly get frustrated because they are unable to communicate their wants and needs with their care giver. When infants learn sign language before they are able to talk, they are able to communicate in an appropriate way. Research also shows that children who learn sign language early also begin to speak earlier as well!



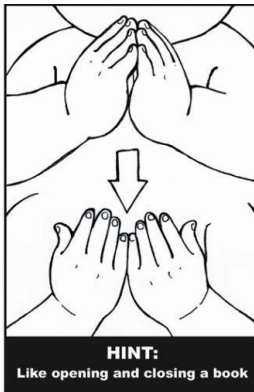
Sign: Milk

Infants can use this sign to specifically ask for milk! Remember, the context in which you teach this sign is important. Only introduce this sign while feeding infants milk. This helps them to draw a connection between the sign and the object.



Sign: Thank you

Little ones are never too young to begin working on manners! Baby sign language proponents say that signs not only help your child communicate with your earlier and more easily, it also helps them speak sooner too.



Sign: Book

Foster an early love of reading with the simple sign for "book."

Make a connection between the action by asking babies "Do you want to read a book?" as you make the sign for book.



Sign: Eat

Stay consistent with your signs. Use them frequently—every time you engage in the activity or say the word. When you're eating, use the "eat" sign and say, "We're going to EAT. Do you want to EAT? Let's EAT another bite of cereal."