Talk With Your Hands

Some people can't hear. These people have a special way of talking. They talk with their hands. This is called "signing." There are two main ways to sign. First, you can spell out each letter in a word. Here is the word love.

Spelling words takes a long time. There is a faster way to sign. You can show a whole word with one sign.

To sign some words, you keep your hands still. (Look at the signs for love and ball below.) To sign other words, you need to move your hands. To sign the word dog, you pat your leg.

Signing is lots of fun. Anyone can learn. You can learn from a book. You can learn from a teacher. You can learn from a friend who uses signing every day. Here are good signs to start with:

love ball hello
1. What is this passage mostly about?
   A. how to be a better speller
   B. why some people cannot hear
   C. all the things you can do with your hands
   D. using your hands to talk

2. Look at the sign. What letter is it?
   A. L
   B. O
   C. V
   D. E

3. What word does this sign stand for?

4. Name a word that you have to move your hands to sign.

5. There are many ways to learn how to sign. Name two.

   hello