

Sign Language

BSL and alternates

British sign language is the oldest established and official signing language, however there are a number of cultural alternatives for example ASL (American Sign Language) which offers a one handed finger spelling and ESL (Spanish Sign Language).

Facial expression

Facial expression within sign language is very important. Facial expressions offer context to the signs being shown. Facial expressions help to convey emotion, and facial emotion within sign has a strong influence on the way in which a sign is read as there are no audio clues. Without offering the correct emotion in your face it can be hard for the reader to grasp the correct meaning of the sign as all sign is interpreted dependent upon contextual signifiers in both the environment and the signers body language and facial expressions.