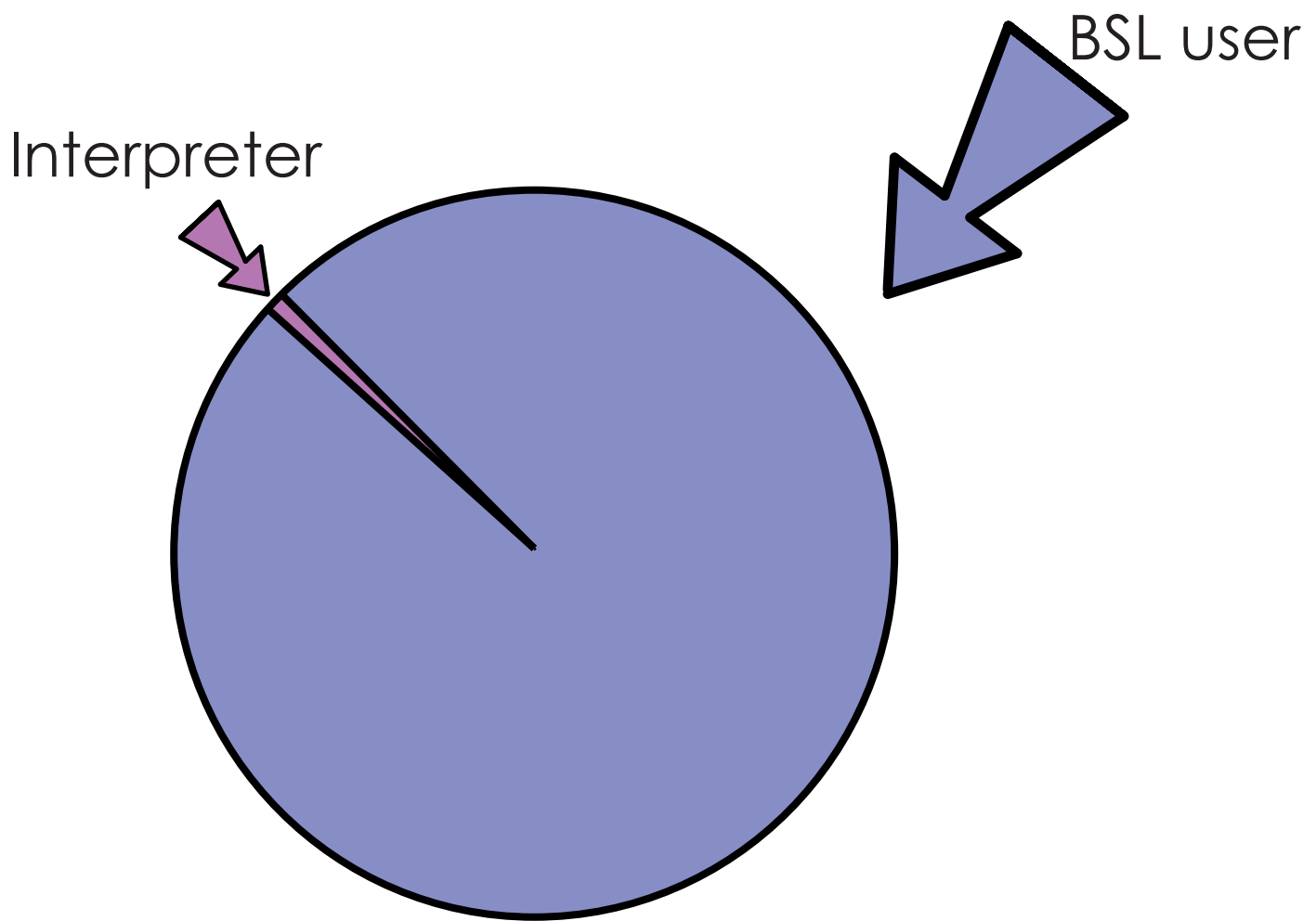


Deaf Awareness

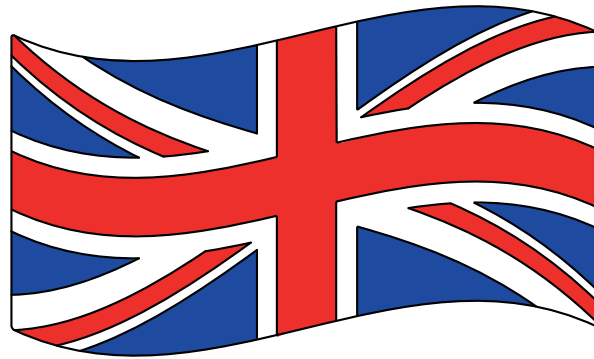
Deaf Awareness

In the UK there are 10 Million people who are deaf and hard of hearing, 70, 000 of those people use BSL but there are only 695 interpreters.



That means there is only 1 interpreter for every 100 BSL users.

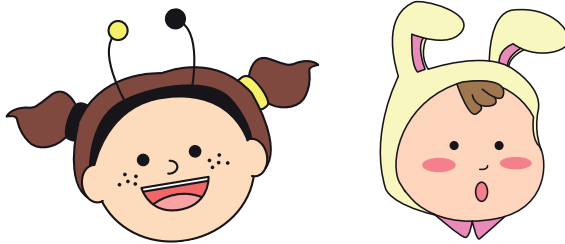
What does BSL stand for?



British **S**ign **L**anguage

The three main parts to BSL

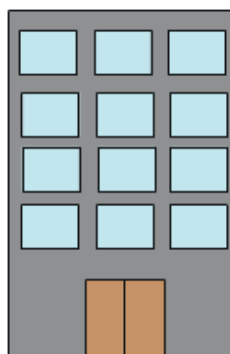
Facial expression



Pointing



BSL structure

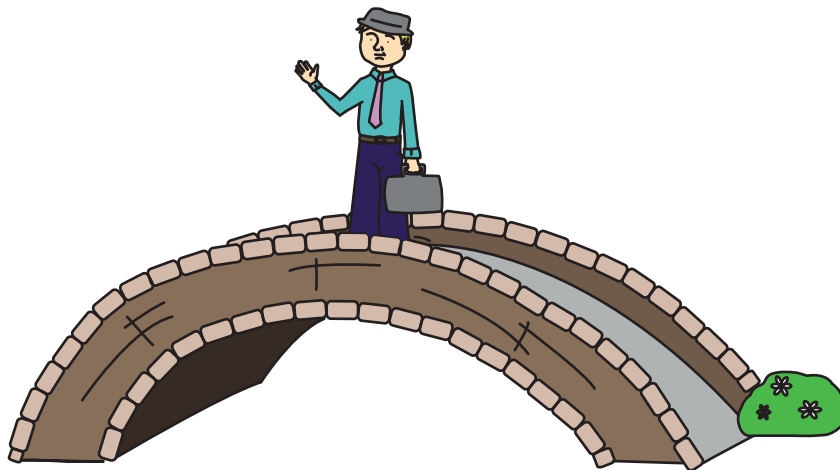


BSL Structure

BSL is a visual language so you sign it differently than spoken English.

When you sign in BSL your object or subject always needs to be first

For example



In English: The man stands on the bridge.

In BSL: bridge man stand

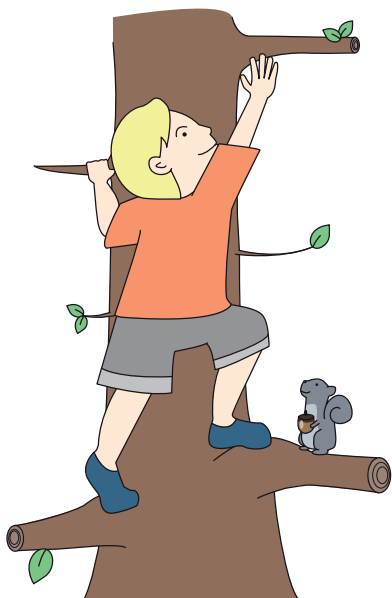
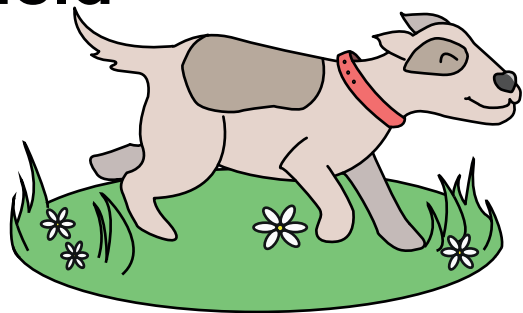
Examples of BSL structure

In English:

The dog ran through the field

In BSL:

field dog ran



In English:

The boy climbs the tree

In BSL:

tree boy climb

In English:

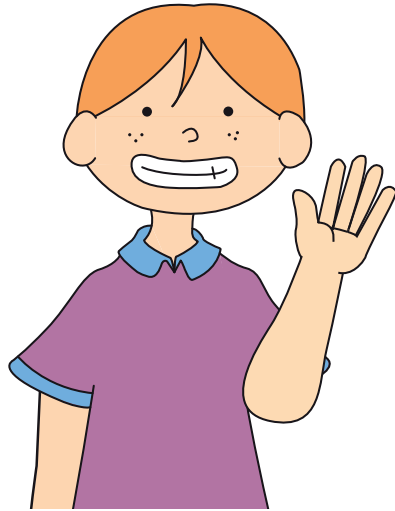
The man climbed the ladder

In BSL:

lader man climb

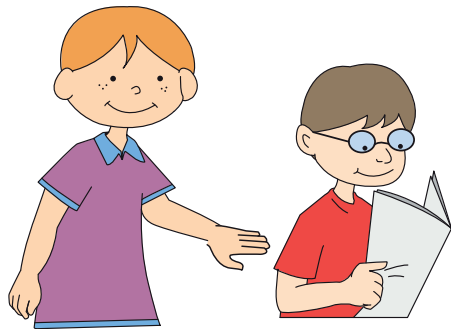
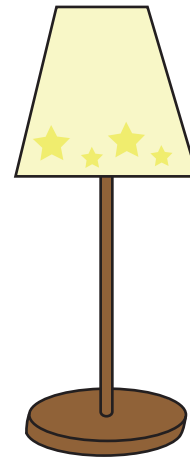


How do you get a deaf persons attention?



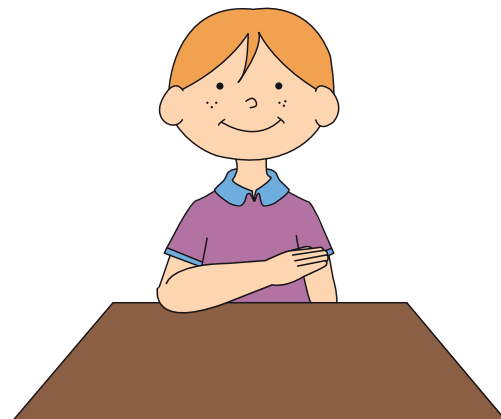
Wave

Turn light on and off



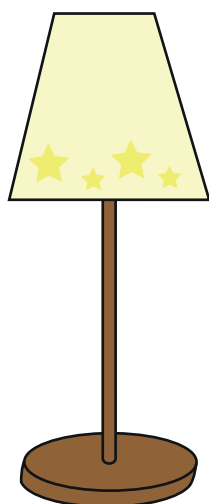
Tap on shoulder

**Vibrations on
tables and floor**



How do Deaf people wake up when they need to get up on time?

Special alarm clock with vibration

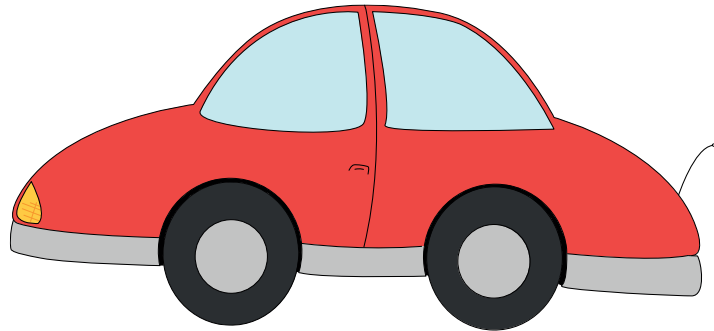


Special lamp that flashes on and off

Hearing dogs for the Deaf



Can Deaf people drive?



Yes!

Deaf people can drive as well as hearing people

Can Deaf people enjoy music?

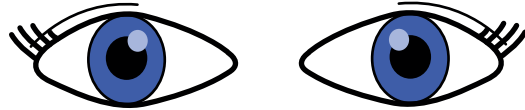


Yes!

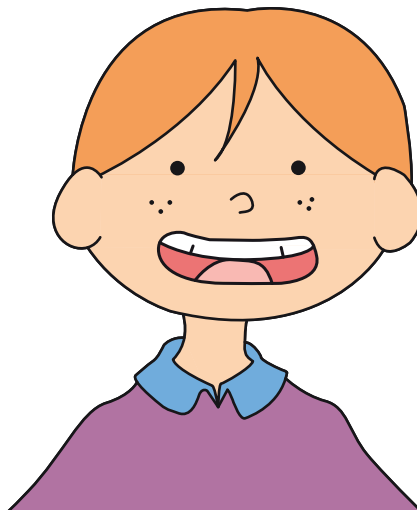
Deaf and hard of hearing people can enjoy music too as well as feel the vibrations!

When you meet a Deaf person remember ...

Keep eye contact



Your lip pattern (say all words clearly)



Facial Expressions

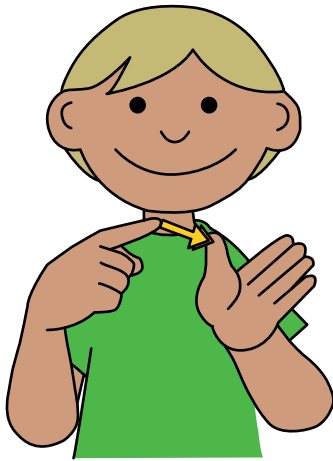


If you don't understand a Deaf person ...

If you don't understand what a deaf person is saying what would you try and do?

Use a pen and paper

you can write what you want to say to each other using a pen and some paper.

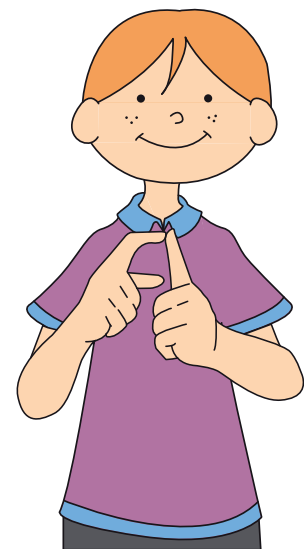


Gesture

Use gestures to act out what you are trying to say.

Fingerspell

If you know the BSL alphabet you can fingerspell what you want to say.



Lip read clearly

Speak normally and say all your words clearly.

