

Lesson 1: Family Vocabulary

Module 4 – Expand Your Vocabulary

Family



How To Make This Sign

• **Family:** Using the fingerspelling sign for 'F', rotate your hands in a circle.

Mother



How To Make This Sign

• **Mother:** Double tap the sign for 'M'.

Father



How To Make This Sign

• **Father:** Double tap the sign for 'F'.

Grandmother/Grandfather







How To Make This Sign

- **Grandmother:** Fingerspell the letter 'G', then tap the letter 'M' twice, just like in the sign for mother.
- **Grandfather:** Fingerspell the letter 'G', then tap the letter 'F' twice, just like in the sign for father.

Brother



How To Make This Sign

• **Brother:** Make fists, palms facing one another and rub them together up and down.

Sister



How To Make This Sign

• **Sister:** Create a hook or 'r' shape with your index finger and brush it a couple of times down the nose.

Husband/Wife



How To Make This Sign

• **Husband/Wife:** Pretend that you're putting on a wedding ring and then place one hand flat on top of the other.

Divorced



How To Make This Sign

• **Divorced:** Throw the wedding ring off.

Friend



How To Make This Sign

 Friend: Shake your hands (it's like having a handshake with yourself!)

Partner



How To Make This Sign

• Partner: The same handshapes as brother (two fists, palms facing one another). But instead of rubbing them together, just tap them together twice.

Person/People



How To Make This Sign

- **Person:** Use your index finger and thumb to draw straight lines.
- **People:** The same as 'person' but in plural. Repeat the sign multiple times to indicate that you're referring to more than one person.

Man



How To Make This Sign

 Man: Use your hand to indicate a triangular shape from the chin (like a beard).

Woman/Girl



How To Make This Sign

 Woman/Girl: Use your index finger to stroke the cheek towards the mouth.

Note: Woman and girl are the same sign so context will help indicate which you're referring to. You could also indicate who you're talking about by signing the height of a child or an adult.

Adult



How To Make This Sign

 Adult: With one hand, indicate height (tall indicates an adult).

Boy



How To Make This Sign

• **Boy:** Use your index finger and slide it from one side of the chin to the other.

Parents



How To Make This Sign

 Parents: Fingerspell 'M' and then 'F' (representing 'mother' and 'father').



Auntie



How To Make This Sign

• **Auntie:** With your index finger and middle finger slightly apart, tap your chin.

Uncle

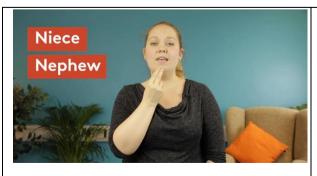




How To Make This Sign

• **Uncle:** With your index finger and middle finger slightly apart, tap the chin with a slight rock from one finger to the other. This action can be performed on either side.

Niece/Nephew



How To Make This Sign

- Niece/Nephew: Create the 'N' sign with your hand using your index and middle fingers held together and tap the chin.
- Alternatively, you can simply fingerspell 'N'.

Cousin



How To Make This Sign

• **Cousin:** Create a 'C' shape with your hand and move it in circular motions.