

Lesson 2: Telling The Time

Module 4 - Expanding Your Vocabulary

Suggesting Time

How To Make This Sign

• In BSL there isn't a separate sign for 'o'clock'. Instead, you twist your hand as you make the number sign.

1 o'clock



How To Make This Sign

• **1 o'clock:** Extend your index finger and rotate/twist your hand.

2 o'clock



How To Make This Sign

• **2 o'clock:** Extend your index and middle fingers and rotate/twist your hand.



How To Make This Sign

• 3 o'clock: Extend your index, middle and ring fingers and rotate/twist your hand.

4 o'clock



How To Make This Sign

 4 o'clock: Extend your index, middle, ring finger and little fingers (upright) and rotate/twist your hand.

5 o'clock



How To Make This Sign

• **5 o'clock:** Extend all 4 fingers and your thumb and rotate/twist your hand.



How To Make This Sign

• **6 o'clock:** Extend your thumb and rotate/twist your hand.

7 o'clock



How To Make This Sign

 7 o'clock: Extend your thumb and index finger and rotate/twist your hand.

8 o'clock



How To Make This Sign

• 8 o'clock: Extend your thumb, index finger and middle finger and rotate/twist your hand.



How To Make This Sign

• **9 o'clock:** Extend your index finger, middle finger, ring finger and little finger (sideways) and rotate/twist your hand.

10 o'clock



How To Make This Sign

• **10 o'clock:** Hold both hands out showing 10 digits then rotate/twist your hand.

11 o'clock



How To Make This Sign

• **11 o'clock:** Tap your index finger and thumb together twice then rotate/twist your hand.

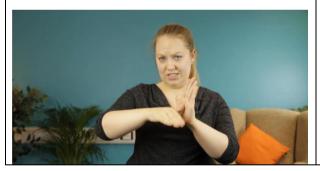


How To Make This Sign

• **12 o'clock:** Tap your index finger, middle finger and thumb together twice then rotate/twist your hand.

Half-past



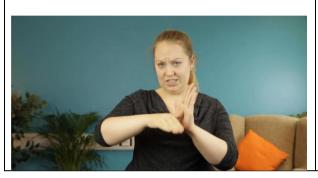


How To Make This Sign

- Half: With your dominant hand, create a slicing motion on the other palm.
- Past: Create a capital 'L' shape with your dominant hand. Place your thumb on the palm of the other hand and rotate hand down

Quarter-past



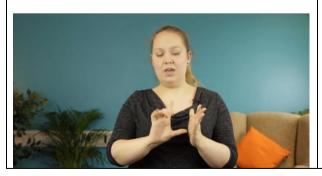


How To Make This Sign

- Fingerspell Q: On your non-dominant hand, create a circle with your thumb and index finger. Put your dominant index finger through the circle and hook on the edge (this should look a little like a capital 'Q').
- Past: Create a capital 'L' shape with your dominant hand. Place your thumb on the palm of the other hand and rotate hand down

Quarter-to





How To Make This Sign

- Fingerspell Q: On your non-dominant hand, create a circle with your thumb and index finger. Put your dominant index finger through the circle and hook on the edge (this should look a little like a capital 'Q').
- **To:** Point forward.

Twenty-past, ten-past, twenty-five-past, etc.



How To Make This Sign

 First sign the number you want to make and then sign 'past' as outlined above.

Time



How To Make This Sign

• **Time:** Simply point to your wrist where your watch would be.