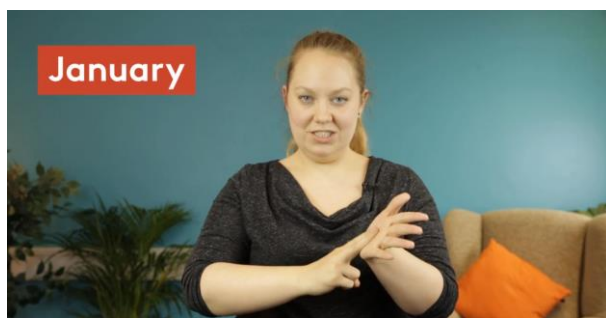
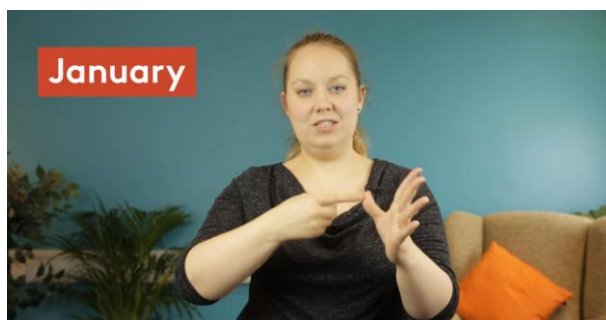
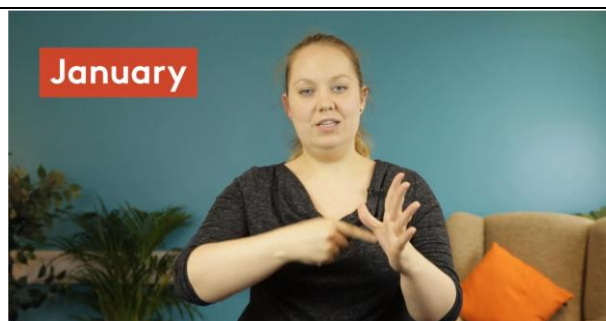


Lesson 5: Months Of The Year

Module 4 – Expand Your Vocabulary

Tip: When using fingerspelling, initials or abbreviations, lip pattern (mouthing the English word) can help clarify and form better understanding of the sign. Context within the sentence will also play an important part.

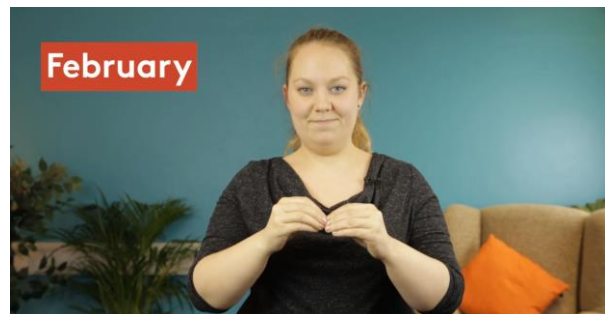
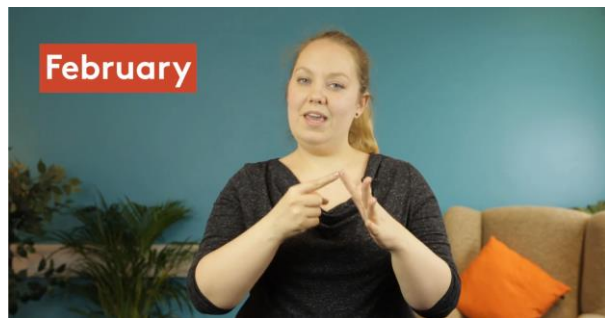
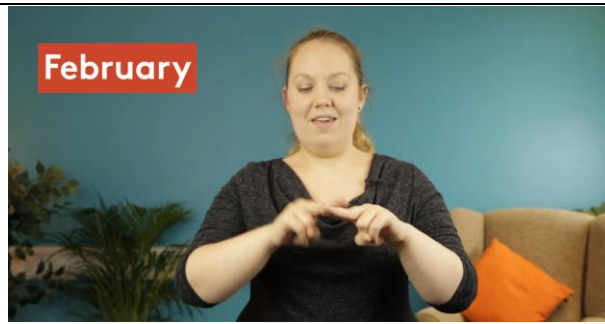
January



How To Make This Sign

- **January:** Fingerspell J - A - N
 - **J** - Hold your non-dominant hand flat, palm up, and relaxed. Use your index finger on your dominant hand to draw a 'J' shape starting from the tip of the middle finger taking it all the way and around to the tip of the thumb.
 - **A** - Point to the thumb.
 - **N** - Place 2 fingers (index and middle) onto the palm.

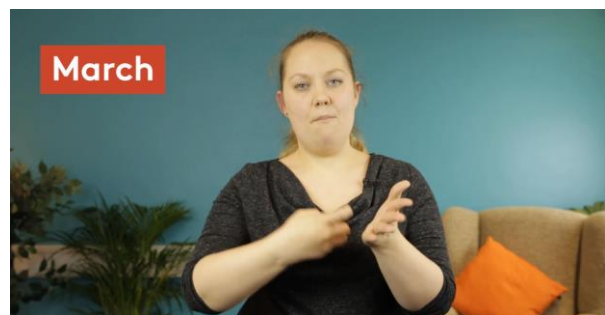
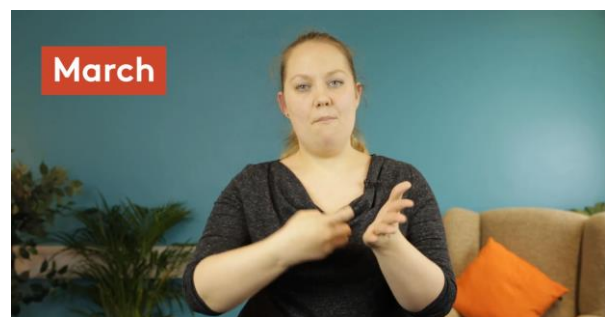
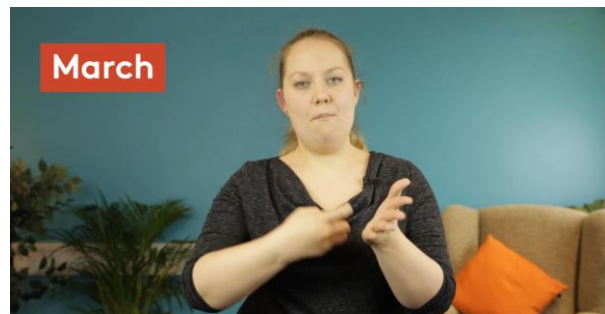
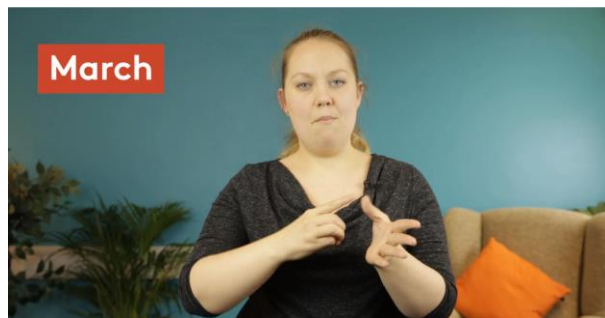
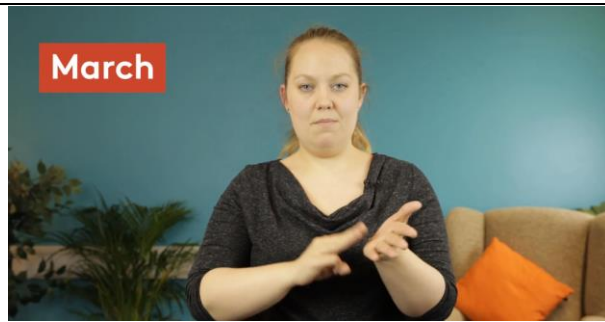
February



How To Make This Sign

- **February:** Fingerspell F - E - B
 - **F** - Your index and middle fingers on both hands are extended and closed together. Place one on top of the other (both palms face down) creating a cross.
 - **E** - Point to the index finger.
 - **B** - Use both hands. On both hands, all 4 fingers should meet with the thumb, creating slightly circular shapes, both thumbs should touch one another.

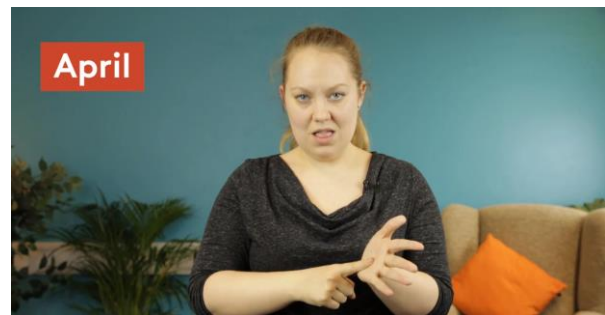
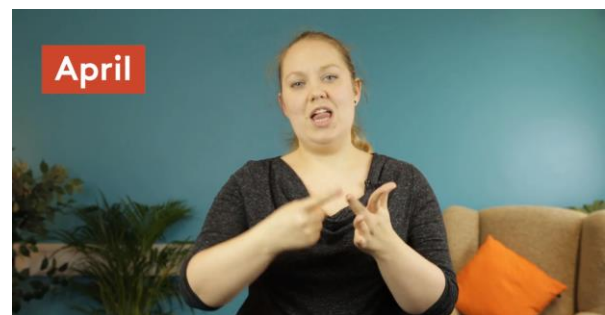
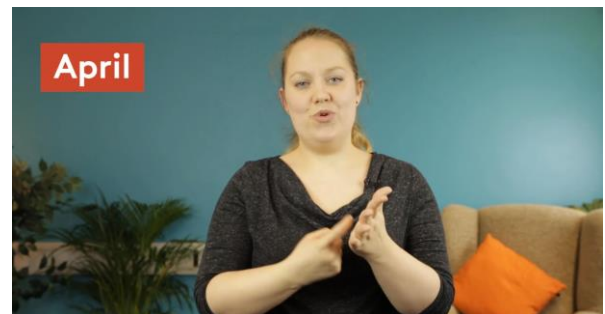
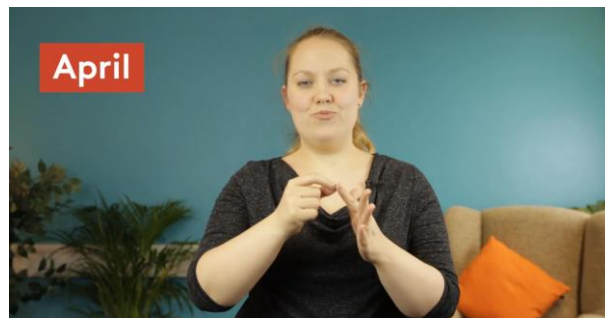
March



How To Make This Sign

- **March:** Fingerspell M - A - R - C - H
 - **M** - Place 3 fingers (index, middle and ring) onto the palm.
 - **A** - Point to the thumb.
 - **R** - Hold your non-dominant hand flat and palm up and create an 'r' shape by curving your dominant index finger and placing it on the palm.
 - **C** - Create the shape of the letter 'C' with your dominant hand.
 - **H** - Hold your non-dominant hand flat facing up, then take your dominant hand palm facing down and place it flat on the other hand at 90 degrees. Swipe from palm to fingertip.

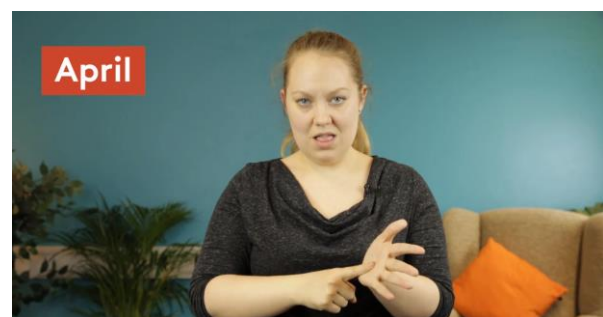
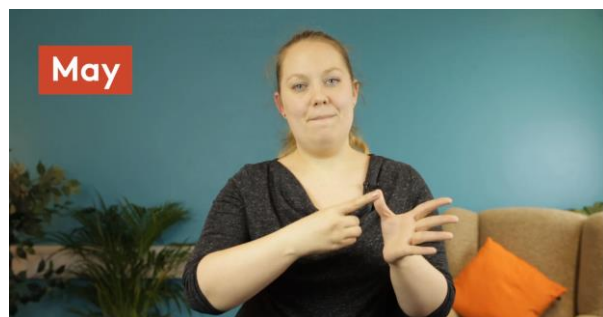
April



How To Make This Sign

- **April:** Fingerspell A - P - R - I - L
 - **A** - Point to the thumb.
 - **P** - With your thumb and index finger on your dominant hand, pinch the top on the index finger on the other hand creating a 'P' shape.
 - **R** - Hold your non-dominant hand flat and palm up and create an 'r' shape by curving your dominant index finger and placing it on the palm.
 - **I** - Point to your middle finger.
 - **L** - Place 1 finger (index) onto the palm.

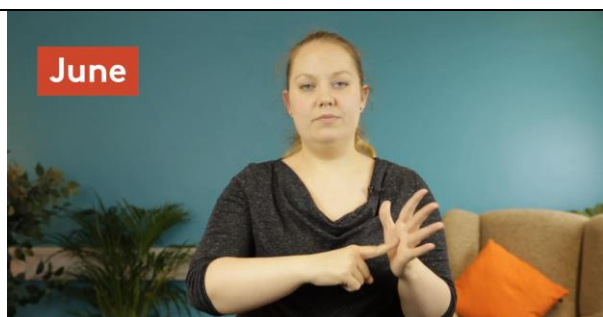
May



How To Make This Sign

- **May:** Fingerspell M - A - Y
 - **M** - Place 3 fingers (index, middle and ring) onto the palm.
 - **A** - Point to the thumb.
 - **Y** - Hold your non-dominant hand out and flat. Your index finger and thumb should be open creating a 'V' shape, while the index finger (of your dominant hand) is placed below in the middle, at the point of the 'V', creating a capital 'Y' shape.

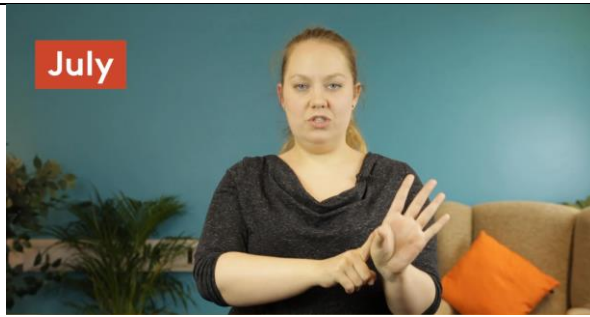
June



How To Make This Sign

- **June:** Fingerspell 'J'.
 - **J** - Hold your non-dominant hand flat, palm up, and relaxed. Use your index finger on your dominant hand to draw a 'J' shape starting from the tip of the middle finger taking it all the way and around to the tip of the thumb.

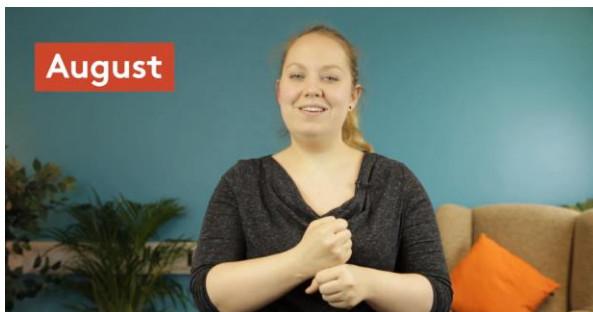
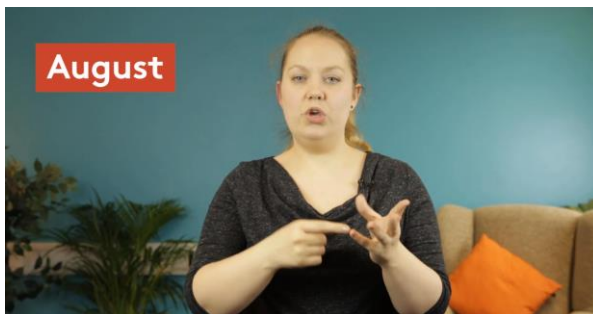
July



How To Make This Sign

- **July:** Fingerspell 'J' and then 'Y'.
 - **J** - Hold your non-dominant hand flat, palm up, and relaxed. Use your index finger on your dominant hand to draw a 'J' shape starting from the tip of the middle finger taking it all the way and around to the tip of the thumb.
 - **Y** - Hold your non-dominant hand out and flat. Your index finger and thumb should be open creating a 'V' shape, while the index finger (of your dominant hand) is placed below in the middle, at the point of the 'V', creating a capital 'Y' shape.

August



How To Make This Sign

- **August:** Fingerspell A - U - G.
 - **A-** Point to your thumb.
 - **U** - Point to your fifth finger.
 - **G** - Make two fists and put one on top of the other.

September



How To Make This Sign

- **September:** Fingerspell S - E - P - T.
 - **S** - With your non-dominant hand upward, extend your 2 little fingers and interlock them.
 - **E** - Point to your index finger.
 - **P** - With your thumb and index finger on your dominant hand, pinch the top on the index finger on the other hand creating a 'P' shape.
 - **T** - Hold your non-dominant hand flat and palm up and use your dominant index finger to point to the side/edge of the hand and create a capital 'T' shape.

October



How To Make This Sign

- **October:** Fingerspell O - C - T.
 - **O** - Point to your fourth finger.
 - **C** - Create the shape of the letter 'C' with your dominant hand.
 - **T** - Hold your non-dominant hand flat and palm up and use your dominant index finger to point to the side/edge of the hand and create a capital 'T' shape.

November



How To Make This Sign

- **November:** Fingerspell N - O - V.
 - **N** - Place 2 fingers (index and middle) onto the palm.
 - **O** - Point to your fourth finger.
 - **V** - Hold your non-dominant hand flat and palm up, create a 'V' shape with the index and middle fingers of your dominant hand and place it on the palm.

December



How To Make This Sign

- **December:** Fingerspell D - E - C.
 - **D** - Create a 'C' shape with your dominant hand, and with your non-dominant create the flat edge, to make a capital 'D' shape.
 - **E** - Point to your index finger.
 - **C** - Create the shape of the letter 'C' with your dominant hand.