

# Lesson 1: Introducing Yourself

#### Module 2 - Your First Conversations

## My name is...



1.Mv



2. Name

## **How To Make This Sign**

- My: Place your fist on your chest.
- Name: Hand shape is a fist with Index finger and second finger extended together. Place your fingers onto your forehead (palm side in), and then turn out (so palm side faces out).
- Your name: You will need to learn the BSL alphabet to then fingerspell your own name.

Cultural Note: In the Deaf community instead of fingerspelling friend's names, people are often given a nickname (more commonly known as a Sign Name). This is quicker as it's usually a one hand shape or sign associated with that person.

## What is your name?

3. What?



4. Name



5. Your

## **How To Make This Sign**

To ask someone else's name, you need to sign 'your', 'name', 'what?'

- Your: Make a fist and point with your index finger toward the person you're referring to.
- Name: Hand shape is a fist with Index finger and second finger extended together. Place your fingers onto your forehead (palm side in), and then turn out (so palm side faces out).
- What?: Hold your index finger in front of you and wave it back and forth.

## Talking About Age



6. Age / How old?

## **How To Make These Signs**

- **I:** Point at yourself
- Number (Your Age): You will need to review numbers, to correctly sign your age. To denote years you will take the number sign from your nose and bring your hand forward to complete the sign. This indicates that you're referring to your age and not just to a random number.
- Age: Wiggle your fingers on your nose.
- **How old...?:** Wiggle your fingers on your nose and use an inquisitive facial expression, to turn this sign into a question.

## I have ...



7. Have (Bring your hand into a fist)



8. Have (Grab the air and pull into your chest)

## **How To Make These Signs**

- I: Point at yourself
- **Have:** Grab the air and pulling to your chest, bring your hand into a fist.

## I live ...



9. Live

## **How To Make These Signs**

- I: Point at yourself
- Live: A flick, upwards on your chest with your middle finger only.