

# Lesson 4: Verbs

# Module 3 – Core Vocabulary

#### Ask



#### How To Make This Sign

• Ask: Index finger and thumb touch to make a circle (other fingers are relaxed). Start from the mouth and move forward off the face. (If you want to change the direction of the verb - i.e. to ask me/ask you, change the direction of the sign from them to you or you to them).

# Open



### **How To Make This Sign**

Open: You may need to relate this
to the context of what you're
opening, whether it be a door, a
box, etc. Mimic opening the
relevant object.

#### Close



#### **How To Make This Sign**

• Close: You may need to relate this to the context of what you're closing, whether it be a door, a box, etc. Mimic closing the relevant object.

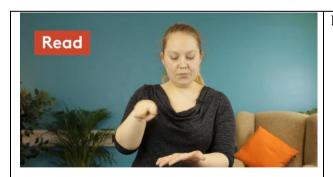
### Look



#### **How To Make This Sign**

• Look: (same as 'watch') With your index and middle fingers create a 'V' shape. With your index finger closest to the eye move your hand forward from your eye. (You can change the direction to move the hand to where you want to look, up/down/left/right.)

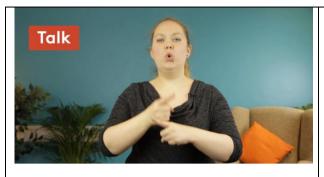
# Read



### **How To Make This Sign**

• Read: With your index and middle finger create a 'V' shape. Imagine the tips of the fingers are eyes and you want to scan across the page moving your hand left to right, down the page pointing with your fingers. Use your non-dominant hand with a flat palm up to indicate the paper or book, etc.

### Talk



#### **How To Make This Sign**

- **Talk:** Point your index fingers out and put one fist on top of the other tapping a few times.
- Conversation: With palms open, facing up, move each hand alternatively back and forth (one hand forward whilst the other moves backwards).

#### Write



#### **How To Make This Sign**

 Write: Non-dominant hand is palm up and flat (representing the paper), with the other hand mimicking holding a pen and writing.

# Buy



### **How To Make This Sign**

• **Buy:** Your non-dominant hand is face up, with the other fingers and thumbs together. Swipe forward across the palm like you're holding coins or a credit card.

# Walk/Run



### **How To Make This Sign**

• Walk/Run: Using your dominant hand, hold your index and middle fingers outstretched creating an upside down 'V' shape (these are representing legs). Move/walk your fingers forward, faster for running, using your speed and body language to show this verb in action.

# Listen



### **How To Make This Sign**

• **Listen:** Pinch the ear slightly.

# Eat



### **How To Make This Sign**

 Eat: Hold your fingers and thumbs together and bring them towards the mouth.

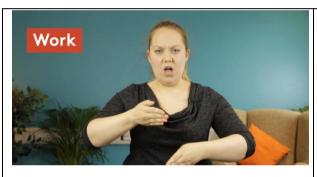
# Drink



### **How To Make This Sign**

 Spoon: Hold your hand up as if grasping a cup and tipping it to your mouth.

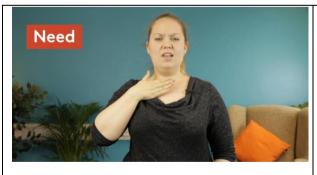
# Work



# **How To Make This Sign**

• Work: With flat palms and hand sideways, place one hand on top of the other and rub (as if sawing the other hand).

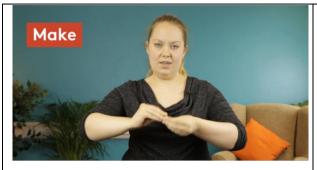
# Want/Need



### **How To Make This Sign**

 Want/Need: With one hand flat palm, slide it down the chest and curve out at the bottom. Use your face to show the difference in the desperation of need versus want.

#### Make



#### **How To Make This Sign**

• Make: All fingers and thumbs should be touching. You want to twist one hand forward whilst the other is twisting back and at the same time bring your arms up (like you're building or twisting something upwards).

### Do



### **How To Make This Sign**

• **Do:** One fist should tap/slide across the other. Be sure to use your elbow in this sign to enforce the movement.

# **Understand**



#### **How To Make This Sign**

• **Understand:** Hold your hand by the side of the head, and raise your index finger.

**Note:** You can negate this to 'don't understand' by using the same sign but adding a confused expression or a shake of the head.

# Help



#### **How To Make This Sign**

• Help: With your dominant hand, make the 'thumbs up sign' and place your fist upright on top of the palm of the other hand. You can move your hands in the direction of the person/object you want to help, or towards yourself if you need help.

# Play



### **How To Make This Sign**

• **Play:** Both hands with palms facing up. Rotate each one slightly in circles (almost as if splashing water out of a bowl in front of you).

## Give



#### **How To Make This Sign**

• Give: (this can be done with 1 or 2 hands) With your palm face up move the hand from yourself forwards. The direction of this can change: if you want a person to 'give you something, your hand would start outwards and come back into the body.

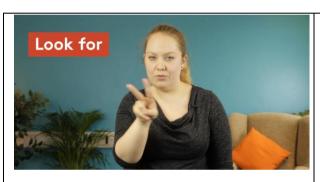
### Wait



#### **How To Make This Sign**

Wait: With fists face down, make circular motions

# Look for



# **How To Make This Sign**

• Look for: As with 'look', create a 'V' shape with your index and middle fingers. With your index finger closest to the eye move your hand forward, then move your fingers around the room/space.

# Go



### **How To Make This Sign**

• **Go:** Index fingers point up. Start with you dominant hand finger tips touching the other hand and move/flick them forwards.

### Start



### **How To Make This Sign**

• Start: Hold your non-dominant hand with the palm flat facing sideways. Your other hand should be in thumbs-up shape. Draw a vertical line downwards across the palm.

# Finish



### **How To Make This Sign**

 Finish: Hold both thumbs up, and move your hands circular motions.

# Have



#### **How To Make This Sign**

• **Have:** With your hand open grab the air, creating a fist and bring it towards your chest.

# Like



### **How To Make This Sign**

• Like: With an open palm and fingers together, place your palm on your chest (near the heart). Facial expressions will show how much or how little you like something.

# Love



# **How To Make This Sign**

• Window: Similar to 'like' but using a fist shape, place your hand on chest (near the heart). Facial expressions will show how much or how little you love something.