

Skills Action Service SAS Sign Language



Learning Journey

Develop empathy and understanding, as well as supporting people in our community with a sensory impairment.

Classroom Learning

Learning Stop 1

How well can you fingerspell and use conversational signs?

Learning Stop 2

How much progress have you made on basic sign language?

Home Learning

Home Learning Stop One:

Create a poster to help make one of the areas around school more deaffriendly

Home Learning Stop Two:

Create a leaflet to help members of our community learn basic sign language

Service
Primary BSL Workshop



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Key Language

Word	Definition	In context
deaf	Anyone with a hearing loss (any level)	My grandmother is deaf.
deafened	Due to accident	She was deafened after a car accident.
deaf	The community of Deaf people	The Deaf community prefer the term hard of hearing, rather than impaired as it is more positive.
hard of hearing	Anyone who may be losing their hearing (any age), not born deaf	My dad is hard of hearing - sometimes I have to repeat things he hasn't heard!
hearing impaired	Hearing loss, Deaf people usually do not call themselves this as it suggests they have a deficit	A child who is hearing impaired may need to sit at the front of a class.
deafblind	Someone with a dual sensory loss	Over 400,000 people in the UK are deafblind.
body language	The conscious and unconscious movements by which attitudes and feelings are communicated	Body language is important to show feelings in BSL.
facial expressions	Motions in the face to communicate feelings	Facial expressions are important, especially furrowing your brow when asking questions.
fingerspelling	The method of using hand movements to spell the alphabet in BSL	Fingerspelling the alphabet is as easy as A, B, C
BSL - British Sign Language	A form of sign language developed in the UK	BSL is different to American Sign Language.