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Auslan for Babies and Toddlers

Books

Australian Baby Hands

Learn how to communicate with your preverbal baby in a fun, simple way bringing a range of benefits not least of which can be an enhanced relationship between you and your baby. *Australian Baby Hands* is a very concise, informative guide for parents that includes chapters on:

- what is baby sign language
- your baby and the stages of development
- the research, findings and benefits of baby sign language
- introducing baby sign language into your home
- signing with your baby
- a dictionary of over 50 clearly photographed baby signs with brief and very clear instructions for how to form each sign.

The author has chosen to use Australian Sign Language (Auslan) as the basis for the signs in this book and the reasons for this are outlined in chapter one.

Tiny Hands - Australian Sign Language for Babies to Toddlers

Tiny Hands is the ideal resource to help you teach your baby or toddler some useful signs to aid communication. Why does a child cry or throw a tantrum - are they tired, hungry, thirsty, want to play, wet or frustrated over lack of understanding from others. How much easier could it be to have a sign for bed, food, drink, play, book etc until they are able to produce the word clearly. *Tiny Hands*:

- contains over 230 signs relevant for use with babies and toddlers
- has been produced with clear graphics in black, with extra moves and arrows done in red for ease of understanding
- provides a written description for each graphic
- is small and compact making it easy for you to carry around in your bag or pocket
- contains ideas for games and songs to help baby progress with learning to sign and learning to talk.

Sold separately, the *Small Talk Chart* illustrates 45 signs from the book, and makes a perfect companion to the book.



Charts

Small Talk Chart - Australian Sign Language for Babies and Toddlers

This chart contains 45 sign language graphics in alphabetical order with a basic written description of how to do the sign. Signs on the chart are relevant to communicating with babies and toddlers, deaf and hearing. It is suggested that the chart be placed in a prominent position in the house so that you are able to easily check on signs, learn new ones and also show those coming into the house so that they are aware of what your child is signing.

The chart is made of a glossy, easy to wipe material and is supplied with a marking pen so that you can record the dates that new signs were introduced. Also included is a list of tips to help with successful signing. This chart makes a perfect companion to the book *Tiny Hands - Australian Sign Language for Babies to Toddlers* (sold separately).

Baby's First Signs Chart

Auslan has been recognized as a practical means for parents to communicate with pre-verbal children. Signing is a natural way for children to express wants and needs (eg. hunger, tiredness, nappy change). Expressing these needs through sign language is possible before children are able to produce comprehensible speech.

The *Baby's First Signs Chart* is perfect for teaching babies and toddlers their first signs. The A3 design is bright and colourful and the magnets allow it to be easily placed on the fridge. The chart incorporates 44 signs as well as the Auslan alphabet. The signs are presented in categories (eg. meal time, people, toys, etc) and are listed in alphabetical order. Each sign is represented by a clear illustration and description of how to reproduce the sign. On the flip side is information regarding sign languages, the importance of Auslan, the benefits of teaching a baby or toddler Auslan and a step-by-step guide for teaching your child the signs.

DVDs

First Signs - Auslan for Hearing Babies and Toddlers

First Signs offers easy to learn essential signs and may help to significantly reduce frustration in early interactions when preverbal infants are often unable to express their needs in spoken language. Using Auslan keywords signs with hearing babies can facilitate social opportunities, may offer educational advantages and reinforces motor development milestones, not to mention the most important point - it is FUN!

The signs are presented on two discs: disc one introduces approx 110 signs relating to body parts, numbers and alphabet; disc two introduces approx 130 signs relating to animals, food and colours. Also included is a colour photo chart of 45 signs, and on the flip side is information about Auslan, the possible benefits of using signs with your baby, teaching tips and a table where you can record the dates new signs were introduced and the date your baby used that sign.

Presented in Auslan with voice-over and English captions.

Duration: approximately 30 minutes.

Additional Resources

If you are interested in taking signing with your child further, why not consider one or more of the following fun Auslan resources.

Product details can be found on our website: www.deafnessresources.net.au Simply type the title into the 'Title' field and click on 'search'.

Posters, puppets and cards

- Alphabet Poster
- Picture Fingerspelling Wallchart
- Character Puppet
- Colour Cards

Videos

- Makaton Nursery Rhymes for Australasian Children
- Guess What? There's a Hippopotamus on the Hospital Roof Eating Cake! A Storytelling Video in English & Auslan
- Look, There's a Hippopotamus in the Playground Eating Cake - A Storytelling Video in English & Auslan
- My Hippopotamus is on our Caravan Roof Getting Sunburnt - A Storytelling Video in English & Auslan
- There's a Hippopotamus on our Roof Eating Cake - A Storytelling Video in English & Auslan

CD-ROMs

- Guess What? There's a Hippopotamus on the Hospital Roof Eating Cake! An Interactive Storytelling CD-ROM in English & Auslan
- Look, There's a Hippopotamus in the Playground Eating Cake - An Interactive Storytelling CD-ROM in English & Auslan
- My Hippopotamus is on our Caravan Roof Getting Sunburnt - An Interactive Storytelling CD-ROM in English & Auslan
- There's a Hippopotamus On Our Roof Eating Cake - An Interactive Storytelling CD-ROM in English & Auslan

DVDs

- Hoop-Dee-Do - It's a Wiggly Party (The Wiggles)
- Something to Sign About
- Time to Learn
- Toddies Tales 1
- Toddies Tales 2

Books

- Pocket Auslan Dictionary - Home
- Pocket Auslan Dictionary - Animals
- Pocket Auslan Dictionary - People
- Sing and Sign with Me
- The Makaton Vocabulary