

TIME CONCEPTS

ALWAYS: Working thumb hand (palm down, pointing forward) brushes along supporting flat hand (palm up, pointing forward)

NEXT/AFTERWARDS/THEN: Working thumb hand (palm down, pointing forward) twists at wrist to palm up, pointing forward

BEFORE/EARLIER: Working flat hand (palm back, pointing up) held beside cheek, changes to bent hand while brushing against cheek

NOW: Flat hands (palms up, pointing forward) move down sharply

NOT YET: Fist hands (palms forward, pointing up) make several short movements towards each other

SOMETIMES: 'Y' hands (palms in, pointing up) rock backwards and forwards alternately from wrists

NEVER: Supporting closed hand (palm back, pointing in); working flat hand (palm back, pointing in above and to the front) moves down brushing against supporting knuckles

SOON: Working 'O' hand (palm forward, pointing up) makes a small movement backwards and forwards

MINUTES: Working 'M' hand taps back of supporting wrist twice

LATE: Working index hand (palm forward, pointing up) rests against supporting flat hand (palm in, pointing up) and bends sharply forward from wrist maintaining contact with supporting hand

LATER: Working index hand (palm forward, pointing up) rests against supporting flat hand (palm in, pointing up) and bends sharply forward from wrist while moving forwards off supporting hand

ONCE: Working index hand (palm in, pointing up) held in front of the body twists at wrist to open hand (palm forward, pointing up)

THE PAST: Working flat hand (palm back, pointing up) held beside the head makes small movement backwards.

DAY: Flat hands (palms back, pointing in/up), in front of face, move out in small arc

MONDAY: Fingerspell 'M'; followed by sign for "day"

TUESDAY: Fingerspell 'T'; followed by sign for "day"

WEDNESDAY: Fingerspell 'W'; followed by sign for "day"

THURSDAY: Fingerspell 'T', 'H'; followed by sign for "day"

FRIDAY: Fingerspell 'F'; followed by sign for "day"

SATURDAY: Supporting fist (palm back, pointing up); working flat hand (palm back, pointing up) circles against back of supporting fist

SUNDAY: Flat hands (palms in, pointing up) move in and touch gently twice

TODAY: Flat hands (palms up, pointing forward) make two sharp downward movements

TOMORROW: Working index hand (palm back, pointing up), fingertip touching cheek, bends at wrist to palm up, pointing forward

YESTERDAY: Working index hand (palm back, pointing up) touching cheek bends at wrist and moves down so that fingertip touches shoulder

EVERY DAY: Sign "every"; then extended index moves back to touch side of chin

EVERY: Working cupped hand (palm out/back, pointing back/up) against cheek brushes forwards to open hand

MORNING: Working flat hand (palm back, pointing in/up) taps supporting side of upper chest and moves across to tap working side

AFTERNOON: Working 'N' hand (palm back, pointing in/up) touches chin and twists down to palm down, pointing forward

NIGHT: Flat hands (palms back, pointing up) held in front and to each side of face, bend towards each other from wrists until hands touch with working hand in front

TONIGHT: Flat hands sign "now" followed by "night"

LAST NIGHT: Working index hand (palm back, pointing up) touching cheek, bends at wrist and moves down so that fingertip touches shoulder; then flat hands (palms back, pointing up) held in front and to each side of face, bend towards each other from wrists until hands touch, working hand in front

WEEKEND: Supporting little finger hand (palm back, pointing in); working index hand, (palm in, pointing forward) moves along supporting forearm, changes to flat hand and moves down to rest on supporting little finger

MONTH: Working 'M' hand (palm down, pointing in) moves down supporting flat hand (palm in, pointing up)

YEAR: Fingerspell 'Y'; then working index makes small movement down supporting hand maintaining contact.

LAST YEAR: Index hands (palms back, pointing in) fingertips touching; working hand moves up and back to point over working shoulder; then fingerspell 'Y' as for "year"

NEXT YEAR: Working index hand (palm forward/down, pointing forward/up) moves forwards bending wrist to point forward/down; then fingerspell 'Y' as for year

THIS YEAR: Sign "this" as in "this week" followed by "year"

WEEK: Working index hand (palm down, pointing forward/in) makes a short movement along the supporting forearm (palm down, pointing forward/in). **Use appropriate number of fingers to indicate number of weeks**

THIS WEEK: Working index hand (palm back, pointing down) makes small downward movement behind supporting arm (palm down, pointing forward/in); then index finger moves to sign "week"

LAST WEEK: Working index hand (palm up, pointing forward/in) arcs over from wrist to elbow of supporting forearm (palm down, pointing forward/in). **Use appropriate number of fingers for the number of weeks**

NEXT WEEK: Working index hand (palm down, pointing forward/in) on supporting forearm (palm down, pointing forward/in) moves down supporting arm and off to point forwards/out. **Use appropriate number of fingers for the number of weeks**

EVERY WEEK: Working index hand (palm down, pointing forward/in) moves down supporting forearm (palm down, pointing forward/in) twice