**Sign Descriptions, Week 1**

**Who**- Place the tip of your thumb on your chin with your index finger extended. Bend your index finger twice. If you blow, you can feel your index finger cut the air.

**What**- Hold your relaxed "5" hands in front of you. Hunch your shoulders a bit. Jut your head forward a bit. The hands move slightly forward and to the sides.

**When**- Hold your non-dominant index finger pointed to the opposite neutral space, and use your dominant index finger to make a circle, starting and ending with the index fingers making contact.

**Where**- Your index finger moves side to side, like its looking for something.

**Why**- Middle, index, and ring fingers are held together while thumb and pinkie stick out. Three central fingers start above the eyebrow, and close in on the palm as the arm comes down. Spells WHY, sort of.

**How**- Form As with on both hands, thumbs down and palm out, knuckles touching. Roll the hands forward until the thumbs are up.

**Deaf**- index finger touches ear and then cheek right before where your smile dimple would be. Originally referenced that Deaf people could not hear and did not speak.

**Hard-of-hearing**- H hand makes an h in the air in front of you. H-H

**Hearing** (person)- Index finger parallel to your lips makes a rolling motion in front of your mouth, like water coming off of a falls. Like words coming out of a mouth.

**Hearing** (verb)- the thumb of your three hand is near your ear, with the other two fingers out like an antenna. They grasp at the sounds in the air.

**Talking**- A 4 handshape bounces off your lips, like words streaming out

**Nice-to-Meet-You**- First, your dominant palm brushes your non-dominant palm clean. Then, your two index fingers stand up tall, and bump into each other.

**Family**- Your hands each make an F, and then reach out in a circle to include the people around you. (note: This is also the same movement for Class, Group, etc)

Male/Female signs: Male signs tend to be higher on the head than female signs. It’s easier to remember because men are, generally, taller.

**Mom**- The thumb of your five hand is on the chin

**Dad**- The thumb of your five hand is on the chin

**Girl**- With fist closed, thumb traces your cheekbone. Meant to represent the bonnet strings of old.

**Boy**- Thumb and other fingers open and close at the forehead, like your grabbing a baseball cap.

**Daughter**- Sign Girl, and then put the signing hand in the elbow of the other arm, like you’re holding a baby.

**Son**- Sign Boy, and then put the signing hand in the elbow of the other arm, like you’re holding a baby. (Some people also salute and then do the arm cradle).

**Sister**- Sign Girl, and then open your index finger and sack it on top of your other hand (also making an L). That second sign is often used to mean correct, with the idea that the girl and you are, indeed, related.

**Brother**- Sign Boy, and then open your index finger and sack it on top of your other hand (also making an L). That second sign is often used to mean correct, with the idea that the Boy and you are, indeed, related. (some people start with an A hand at the forehead).

**Related**- Link your 2 F-hands, like chainlinks.

**Me/I**- Point to yourself

**You**- Point to another person, or multiple other people

**My/Mine**- Put your hand on your chest

**Yours**- Use your palm in the same motion you would use for You

**Name**- Both hands make h-shapes, and then the dominant hand taps the other 2x.

**Culture**- Your non-dominant index finger goes up, and your dominant hand makes a C, circling it.