

# TOOLS TO SHARE ANY BOOK ANY STORY

**By About Love and Language 501c3**

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# Hey all, I'm Gina!

- ❑ I am the Co-Chair “**A**bout **L**ove and **L**anguage”.
- ❑ Profoundly Deaf and deaf mentor.
- ❑ American Sign Language (ASL) instructor.
- ❑ As a Deaf mentor I provide support to families to empower parents and build their confidence as they development language with their children.



# Goals

Participants will be able to identify benefits of sharing books in ASL.

Participants will be able to identify one or more reading/book sharing tips using ASL.

Participants will be able apply one or more tips to share an original “story”.



## Power of Book Sharing

“Perhaps the most profound benefit discovered in recent years is the way bedtime stories can rewire children's brains to quicken their mastery of language.”

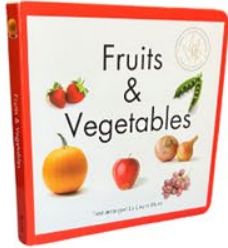
(Dr. G. Reid Lyon, Ph.D, National Institute of Child Health and Human development.)



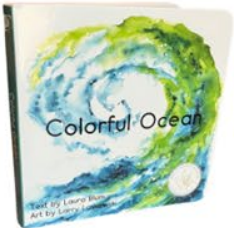
# A place to start. . . Simple to Sign Books



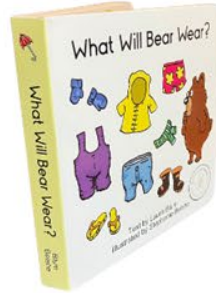
Everyday items  
Fruits/Vegetables  
Immediate Family  
Simple Routines



Colors  
Ocean Animals

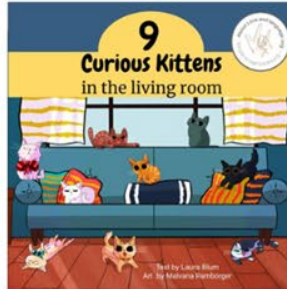


Numbers 1-5  
Counting  
more animals!



Weather  
Seasons  
Clothing

Numbers 1-10  
Counting 1-10



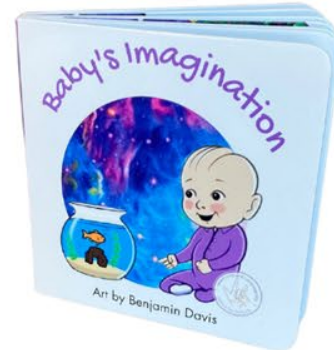
Prepositions  
Opposites  
Livingroom &  
Kitchen Vocabulary



ASL ABC  
Handshapes  
A-Z



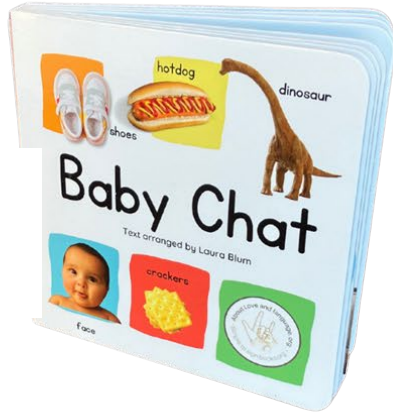
4 Classifiers!



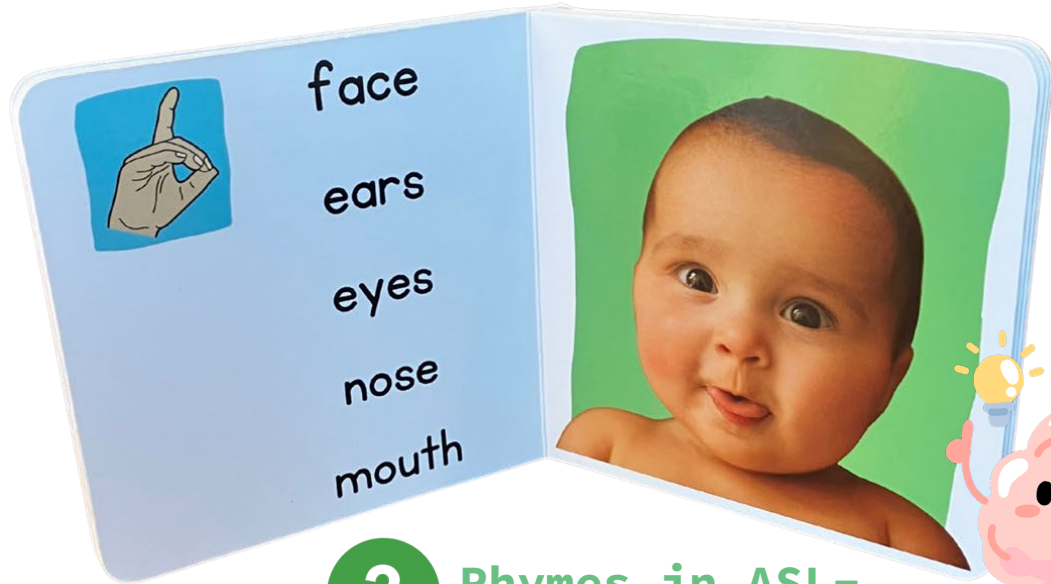
# 9 Intentional Design Features:

Goal? Empower parents who have emerging sign skills.

**1**  
Simple  
to sign

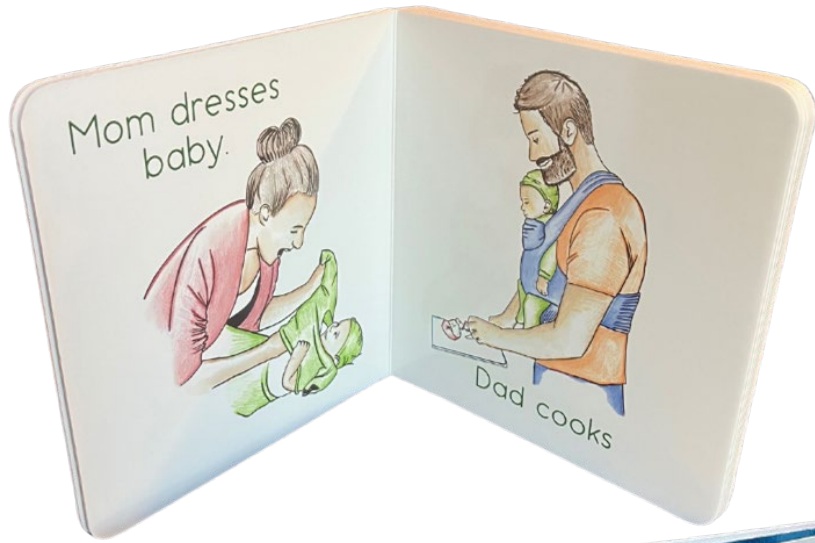


**2**  
Durable  
/High  
Quality



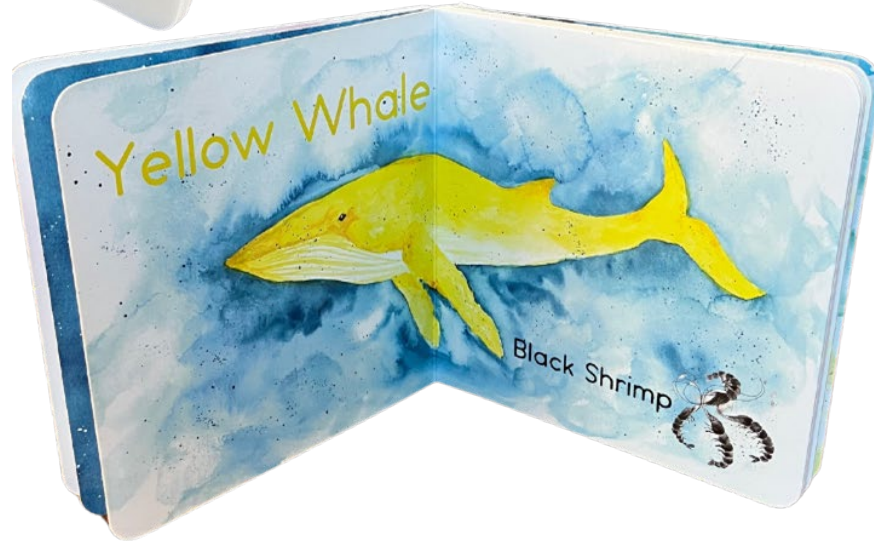
**3** Rhymes in ASL-





Story using  
ONE  
handshape!

High Interest  
with limited text



# 9 Intentional Design Features:



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Themes are FUN & Functional

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QR codes



Scan QR code,  
learn signs as  
needed!

Written in English  
Rhymes When Signed

ASL is great for ALL babies.  
"The Brain doesn't distinguish between  
visual or auditory languages."  
(Laura-Ann Petitto Cognitive Neuroscientist )

That means whether you are talking with your baby  
or signing with your baby,  
both will develop your baby's brain for language.

So snuggle up with your little one  
and enjoy sharing books with  
words and signs!

clothing vocab

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# Intentional in Design

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**Educational helping children be school ready.**

Numbers & Counting, Prepositions & Opposites  
(Functional vocabulary)

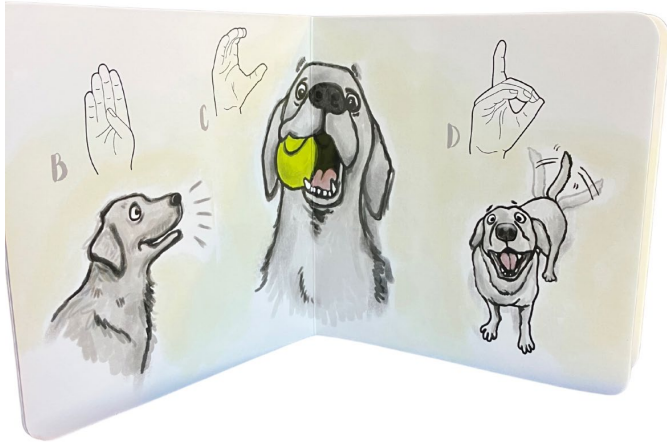




# Intentional in Design: Gradually Build ASL Skills

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ASL ABC handshapes-  
Leads to  
fingerspelling



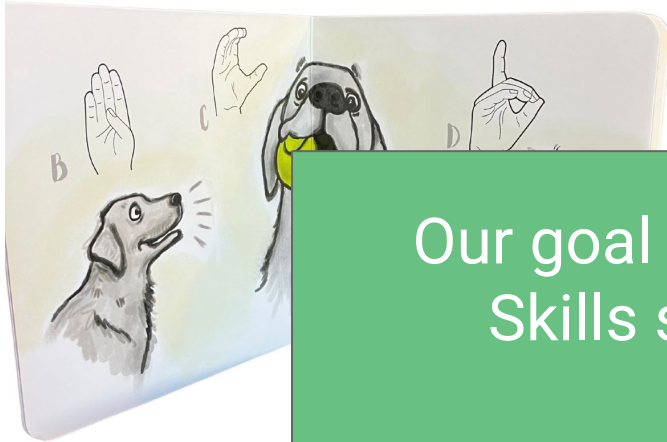
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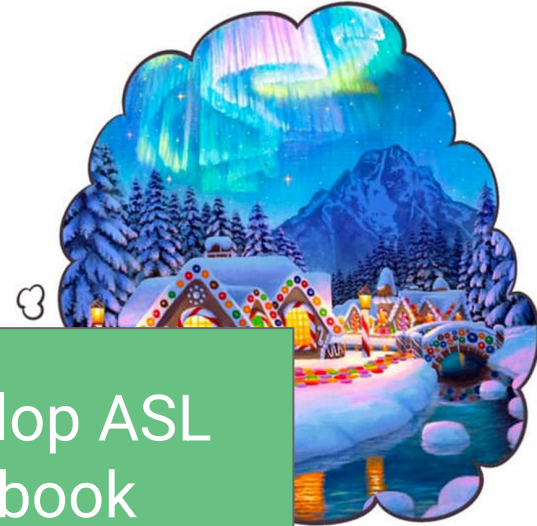
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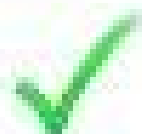
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Classifiers



Our goal is to help parents develop ASL Skills so they can share ANY book and ANY story!



### Vary where you sign.

Sometimes sign on the page, then sign on your child, and then back in the usual place.



# Channel your inner Russian Swim Coach!

Demonstrate how to describe- without using SIGNS!



# Channel your inner Russian Swim Coach!

with a partner- pick an image to ACT out



# Channel your inner Russian Swim Coach!

Switch- now other partner pick one image to ACT out



Notice what ASL strategy she uses for sign “Hatch” and Author/Illustrators names?



## 2 Strategies to apply....

Step 1  
Describe the  
setting.



Step 2  
Sign the  
words  
In English or ASL word order



Step A  
Identify  
the object

Step B  
Show Don't Tell  
ACT it OUT  
Use Classifiers!

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“It’s not about  
PERFECTION-  
It is about  
CONNECTION.”

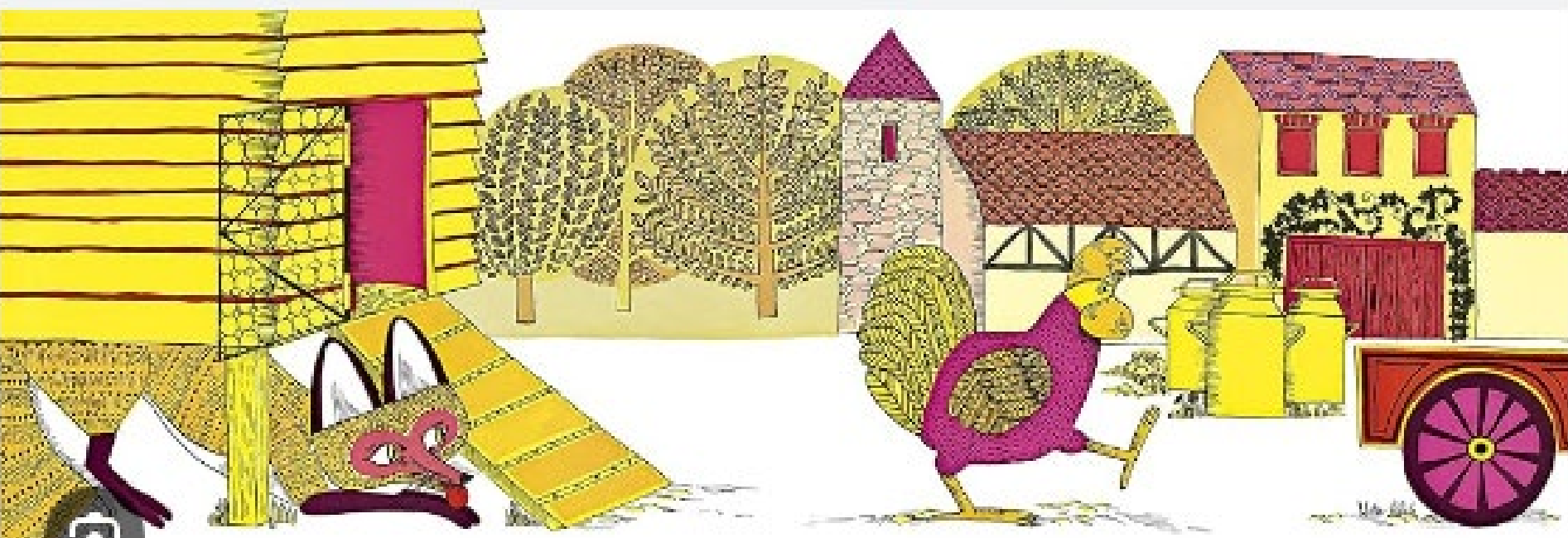
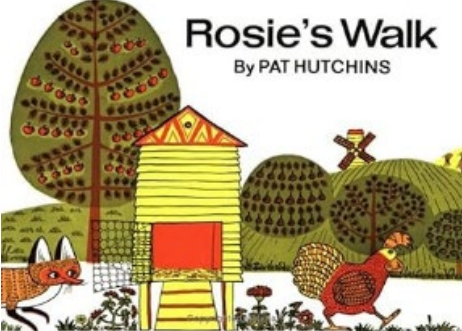


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the object

Step B  
**Show Don't Tell**  
ACT it OUT  
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# Rosie's Walk

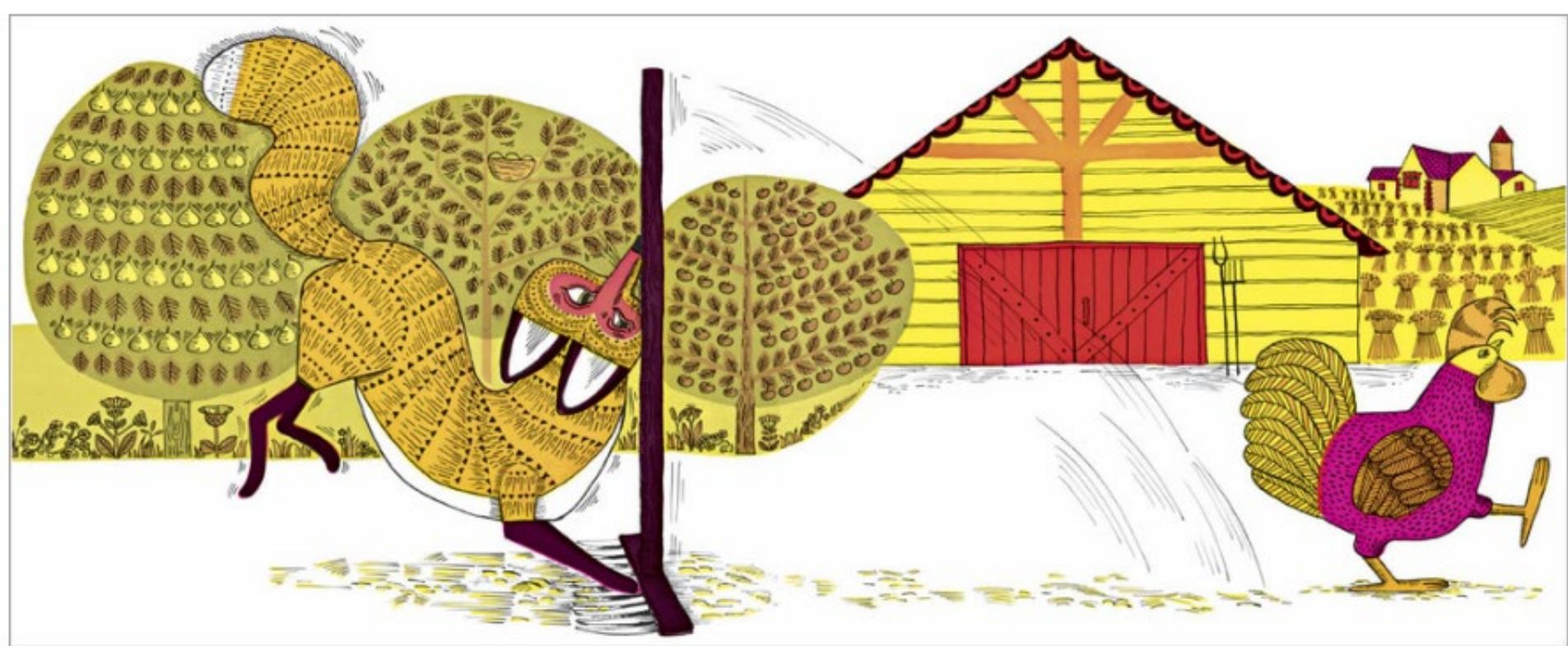
By PAT HUTCHINS



Rosie the hen went for a walk

across the yard







over the haysta

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"Turning the pages of a high-quality, print book filled with colorful pictures and rich, expressive language are best," said Dipesh Navsaria, MD,

"While touchscreens and other electronic devices may be popular, they are typically passive or solitary experiences for children and do not offer the same benefits of interactivity and relationship-building,"

Dr. Navsaria said.

# Why is it important to learn how to sign stories?

Ultimate Goal: Help parents tell  
the MOST important stories!





Eye Level - Full Attention

2. Clearly (and patiently) states concern=  
“Don’t run across the street.”
3. Explains why- “There are cars, buses, trucks...”
4. Again repeats rule: “Stay here and wait with parents.”
5. Checks for understanding “Okay?”
6. Repeats again- the rule.



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Important  
Holidays and  
Traditions



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**Important  
Family  
Stories!**



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**EVERY DAY**  
**Stories!**



Prevent Dinner Table Syndrome

# What FAMILY STORIES do YOU want to SHARE?

Step 1  
Describe the  
setting.



Step 2  
Sign the  
words  
In English or ASL word order



\*channel your inner  
Swim Coach!

Step A  
Identify  
the object

Step B  
Show Don't Tell  
ACT it OUT  
Use Classifiers!

**You  
CAN sign  
ANY story!**