ASL Manual Alphabet — A to Z

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A



Fingers folded firmly into the palm; the thumb rests upright against the side of the index

B



Four extended fingers held tightly parallel together, thumb tucked flat across the

C



Fingers curved over and thumb arched underneath, forming an open crescent that resembles a

D



Index finger straight up; middle, ring and pinky curve down to meet the thumb, forming

E



All four fingertips curl inward and rest gently on the edge of the horizontally tucked thumb.

F



Index finger and thumb touch to form an O circle; middle, ring and pinky extend upright and

G



Index finger and thumb point horizontally and parallel like small calipers; the remaining

H



Index and middle fingers extended together horizontally, pointing sideways; thumb tucked

I



Closed fist with only the little finger extended straight up; the thumb rests across the

J



Form the I pinky handshape, then carve a smooth cursive J downward and inward from the

K



Index straight up, middle finger angled slightly forward, thumb pressed upward between

L



Index finger straight up and thumb fully extended horizontally at a crisp

M



Thumb tucked under the index, middle and ring fingers; only the pinky remains outside the

N



Thumb tucked securely under the index and middle fingers; ring and pinky rest outside.

O



All four fingertips curve down smoothly to touch the tip of the curved thumb, forming a

P



Same finger configuration as K, but the wrist tilts down so the middle finger aims at the

Q



Similar to G, but the hand drops at the wrist so thumb and index point toward the floor.

R



Middle finger crossed tightly over the index finger, like fingers crossed for good luck.

S



Tight closed fist with the thumb folded horizontally across the front of all four

T



Thumb tucks between the index and middle fingers; only the index finger rests on top of

U



Index and middle fingers extended straight up together, touching edge to edge; thumb

V



Index and middle fingers held straight up and spread apart in a clear V or peace-sign

W



Index, middle and ring fingers extended straight and evenly spread; the thumb holds the

X



Fist with the index finger raised and bent at the knuckle into a distinct question-mark

Y



Thumb and pinky extended fully outward in opposite directions; middle three fingers folded

Z



Extend the index finger like a pencil and trace a sharp zig-zag Z across the air in

J and Z are motion letters — trace the hook / zig-zag from the wrist. Palm faces the observer unless noted.