



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE PACK

Low-Prep Activities
Beginner/Intermediate (KS1-4)

Learning outcomes: Learn some basic British Sign Language and increase deaf awareness.

Instructions

These activities have been designed to promote inclusivity. You may choose to complete one activity during registration throughout Sign Language Week or Deaf Awareness Week.

1. BSL Greetings

- Display the poster on the whiteboard or around the classroom so each pupil can see the different signs.
- As a class, practise the different signs together.
- Allow pupils to work in pairs so they can go through the signs and have a basic conversation.
- Pupils can get up and walk round the class and have simple conversations with each other.

2. Match the Sign

- To see how much information pupils have retained after learning BSL greetings through the posters, print out the 'Match the Sign' sheets for each pupil.
- Pupils must cut out the cards and match them to the meaning of the sign.

3. British Sign Language

This non-fiction reading comprehension activity goes further in depth with the language itself. Pupils can complete the related activities alone or with a partner. There are then discussion topics to discuss in pairs or as a class.



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4. The Lion and the Panther

Here pupils can read a fictional text about two friends choosing their sign names as a class or individually. There are additional signs to learn at the end to help enrich the story, plus follow-up discussion questions.

5. Queen Alexandra

This non-fiction text has activities to challenge older readers. Pupils learn about the deaf British Queen Alexandra, who would fingerspell with her mother-in-law, Queen Victoria. If you are studying the Victorians, this could be a historical profile to read together.

TIP

All signs are shown for pupils who are right-hand dominant. If you have any left-handed pupils, ensure they use their left hand as their primary hand.

