

a

a - Allie Alligator: Extend arms forward one over the other to form an alligator mouth, fingers becoming teeth. Open and close arms from the shoulders and say the short letter sound of "a." as in "alligator."

b

b - Bubba Bear: Reach either arm above head to an imaginary honeycomb. Bring the honey to your mouth, as a bear might do and say the letters sound, "b."

c

c - Catina Cat: Pretend you are a cat washing your face with your paw, and say the letter sound, "c."

d

d - Deedee Deer: Use two fingers of each hand to form deer antlers on your head and say the letter sound, "d."

e

e - Ellie Elephant: Clasp your hands and swing them from side to side as a trunk and say the short letter sound of "e." as in "elephant."

f

f - Francy Fish: With your hands in front of your chest, place the palm of one hand on the back of the other hand to form a fish (make sure you have a thumb on each side). Then wiggle your thumbs and say the letter sound, "f" (sustained sound).

g
"g."

g – Gordo Gorilla: Simulate peeling a banana, saying the letter sound,

h

h - Honey Horse: Slap the right side of your upper thigh with your right hand, suggesting a horse galloping. At the same time, say the letter sound, "h."

i

i - Inny Inchworm: Using your index finger, bend it up and down, then move your hand forward suggesting the movement of an inchworm. While signaling, say the short letter sound of "i." as in "inchworm." (You can "dot the 'i' " by touching the tip of your nose with your index finger (Inny's head).

j

j - Jerry Jellyfish: Move your shoulders, arms and fingers in a wiggly, jelly-like fashion and shake like jelly! Keep hands and arms in front of your chest, not to the sides of your body, as you say the letter sound, "j."

k

k – Kayo Kangaroo: Make two fists and pose as if boxing. Give a little punch with both fists, while at the same time saying the letter sound, "k."

l

l - Lizzy Lizard: Place your hands under your chin (palms down) with your elbows lifted up, level with shoulders. Say the letter sound, "l" (continuous sound). Make sure to keep your tongue in your mouth to keep a pure "l" sound.

m

m - Missy Mouse: Place your hand close to your mouth as if you are a mouse nibbling on a small piece of cheese. While signaling, say the letter sound, "m" (sustained sound).

n

n - Nigel Nightowl: Using thumb and index finger of each hand, make round nightowl eyes and say the letter sound, "n" (sustained sound).

o

o - Olive Octopus: Extend each arm outward at your sides, using a waving motion to suggest the tentacles of an octopus and say the short letter sound of "o" as in "octopus."

p

p - Penguin Pete: Stiffen both arms at the sides of your body (fingers out, palms down) and do a penguin walk, waddling in place from side to side. While signaling, say the letter sound, "p."

q

q - Queeny Quail: Illustrate the topknot of the California quail by placing your bent index finger forward at the top of your forehead, while saying the letter sound, "q" ("kw").

r

r - Robby Rabbit: Curve both hands, raising them to your chest to represent rabbit paws, while saying the letter sound, "rrr." (Be careful not to make an "er" sound, placing the vowel before the "r.")

s

s - Sammy Snake: Move your hand forward in the serpentine manner of a snake, saying "sss" (sustained sound).

t

t - Timothy Tiger: Extend your arms in a "t" shape to suggest a tiger holding onto the bars of his zoo cage. While signaling, say the letter sound, "t."

u

u - Umber Umbrella Bird: Place your hand over your head to suggest holding an umbrella. Tuck your other hand under your upper arm to create a wing. Then flap that arm as if in flight, saying the short letter sound of "u." as in "umbrella."

v

v - Vincent Vampire Bat: Bend and raise your elbows horizontally with your hands near your mouth. Form little fangs with your index fingers that come together to form a "V." Flap elbows up and down, say the letter sound, "v" (continuous sound).

w


w - Willie Weasel: Place your arms in front of your chest, elbows up and hands clasped with palms down. Move your arms in a wave-like motion. This

suggests what Willie Weasel looks like when he is running. While signaling, say the letter sound, "w."



x - Xavier Fox: Crossing your index fingers, move them as if you were

knitting. Say the letter sound, "x" ("ks"). (Xavier Fox is the only sound which comes in the middle - as in boxes, or at the end of a word - as in fox. "X" at the beginning of a word = the sound of "Z" as in Xerox.)



y - Yancy Yak: Form a "y-shape" with your thumb and little finger of

your left hand, place your hand next to your ear, as though you are holding a telephone. While signaling (talking on the phone), say the letter sound, "y." as in "yak."



z - Zeke Zebra: Place your hands together and lean them against your

cheek to suggest Zeke catching a few "z's" (sleeping). While signaling, say the letter sound, "z" (sustained sound).