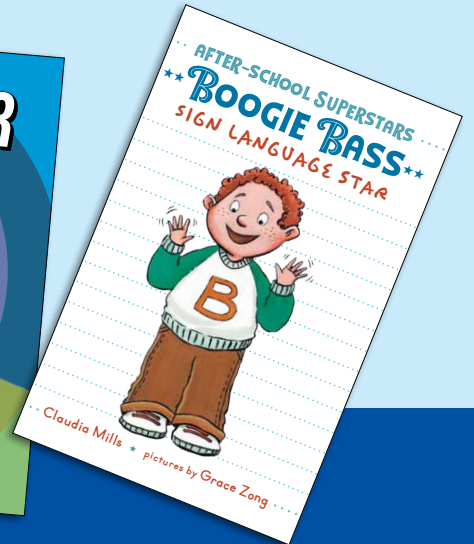
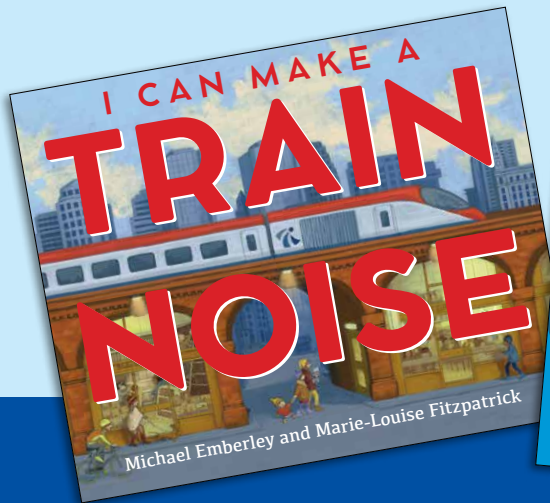




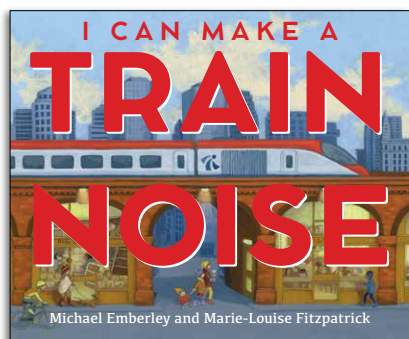
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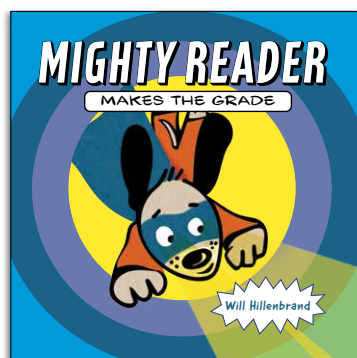
This **READ-ALOUD EVENT KIT** contains fun activities from three of our most story-time-worthy new books. The rhythm and themes of these books will have readers of varying ages engaged and excitedly participating.



I CAN MAKE A TRAIN NOISE

In this rhythmic read-aloud, all you need is an imagination to experience the thrill of a great train ride. When a girl shouts, “I can make a train noise, now!” her imagination transforms a coffee shop into a zooming train. The playful text that mimics train sounds is sure to captivate all kids.

RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 4–6



MIGHTY READER MAKES THE GRADE

It’s the night before a big test at school, and pup Lulu’s worries have come to life in a horrifying nightmare. Mighty Reader reminds Lulu how to knock out her fears with reading and partner power—they’ll read together! A reassuring and fun book for any reader with test anxiety.

RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 4–8



BOOGIE BASS, SIGN LANGUAGE STAR

He is clumsy and goofy, but now that Boogie is at the American Sign Language camp at his school, he finds his hidden talent. He may not believe in himself, but the rest of his class does, especially when they visit a school for the Deaf and Boogie leads the way with his exuberant personality, helping students to learn about each other and make new friends.

RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 7–10

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MEET OUR CREATORS!



I CAN MAKE A TRAIN NOISE

Meet author **Michael Emberley!**

Michael Emberley has been writing and illustrating children's books since 1979. He is best known for illustrating Robie Harris's *It's Perfectly Normal*. He is also the illustrator of *Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't)* by Barbara Bottner, and the *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You* series by former Children's Poet Laureate Mary Ann Hoberman.



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Meet illustrator **Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick!**

Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick is one of Ireland's most prominent author-illustrators whose picture books include *There and I Am I*. She has also written novels, including *Hagwitch*, *Dark Warning*, and *On Midnight Beach*. She is the winner of ten CBI Book of the Year Awards and was Ireland's illustrator nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen Award.



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MIGHTY READER MAKES THE GRADE

Meet author and illustrator **Will Hillenbrand!**

Will Hillenbrand has written and illustrated a wide range of picture books for children and has held creative residencies at Kent State University and the Art Academy of Cincinnati. Bear and Mole are among his most popular characters, and in that series, *Spring Is Here* won the Please Touch Museum Book Award and *Kite Day* was a Pennsylvania One Book. Lovable beagle Mighty Reader is a friend to new readers everywhere. By pairing bright, comic book-style artwork with classroom-approved reading strategies, Will Hillenbrand has created a reading superhero perfect for today's youngsters. Catch him in his first adventure, *Mighty Reader and the Big Freeze*.



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BOOGIE BASS, SIGN LANGUAGE STAR

Meet author **Claudia Mills!**

Claudia Mills has written many children's books, including $7 \times 9 = \text{Trouble!}$, the Franklin School Friends series, and the Mason Dixon series. She is also the author of the After-School Superstars chapter book series. She received the Kerlan Award for her contribution to children's literature. Ms. Mills lives in Boulder, Colorado. You can visit her at claudiamillsauthor.com.



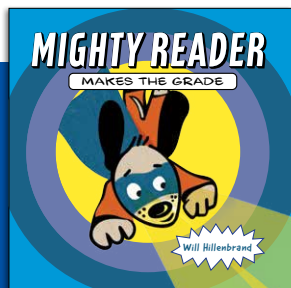
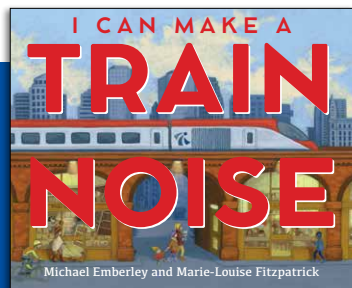
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Meet illustrator **Grace Zong!**

Grace Zong has illustrated many books for children, including *Our Food: A Healthy Serving of Science and Poems* by Grace Lin and Ranida T. McKneally, *Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas* by Natasha Yim, and *Mrs. McBee Leaves Room 3* by Gretchen Brandenburg McLellan. She divides her time between South Korea and New York.



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I CAN MAKE A TRAIN NOISE

TRAIN CONDUCTOR GAME

Try repeating “**I can make a train noise.**” at different volumes and speeds to mimic an approaching train.

Pick someone to be the train conductor. When the conductor raises their hand, get louder as you chant “**I can make a train noise.**” When the conductor lowers their hand, get quieter as you chant.

For an extra challenge, have the conductor control the train’s speed. When the conductor moves their hand to the right, slow down as you chant “**l...can...make...a... train...noise.**” When the conductor moves their hand to the left, speed up as you chant “**ICanMakeATrainNoise!**”

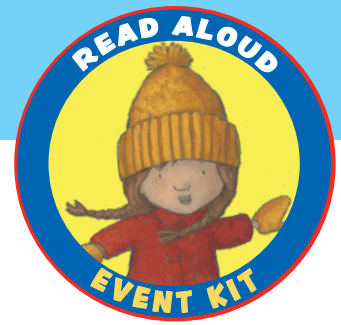
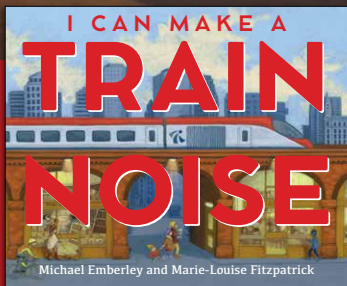
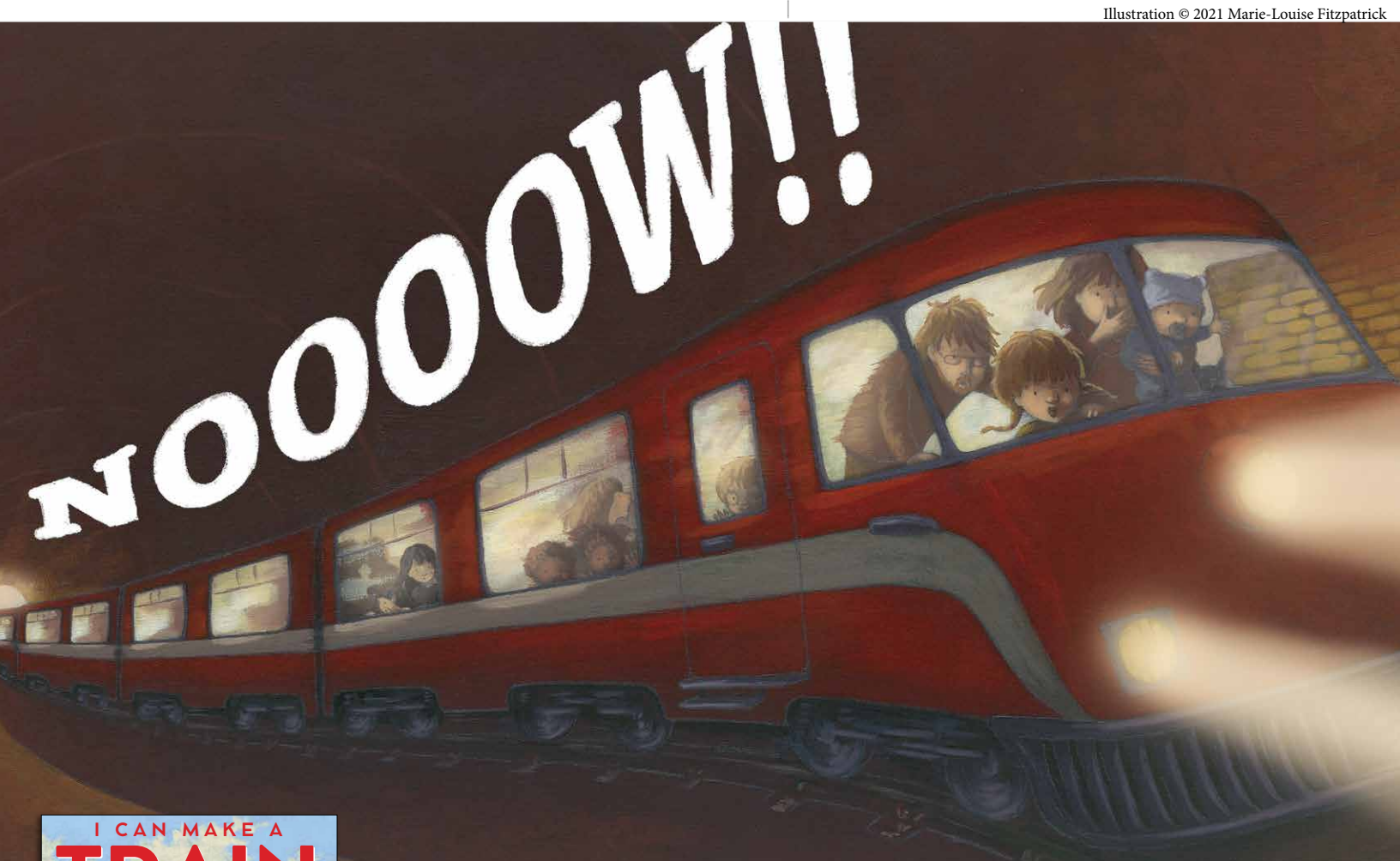


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IMAGINATION TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGE



In the story, the little girl uses sound to transform the coffee shop into a train! Let's try using sound to help us imagine we're at a special place.

What sounds would you hear when you visit...

The zoo?

The carnival?

The beach?

A parade?

A park?

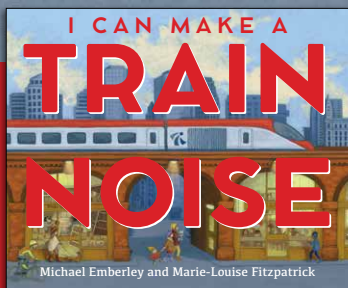
A sporting event?

Try making these sounds out loud and see if a friend can guess the place you're imagining!

NOW!



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MIGHTY READER MAKES THE GRADE

SEE-SAW READING TIME



Giant pencils, angry textbooks, and a no-good, awful test are threatening students. It's time for super dog Mighty Reader to save the day!

The whole class had turned into a bundle of nerves! Mighty Reader and Lulu read to them see-saw style to calm them down. Try using see-saw reading to tell these jokes with a friend.

Friend #1: What do you call a superhero who likes to cook?

Friend #2: Soup-erman!

Friend #2: What do you call a dog in the snow?

Friend #1: A pup-sicle!

Friend #1: What dog loves to take a shower?

Friend #2: A shampoodle!

Friend #2: What do librarians take with them when they go fishing?

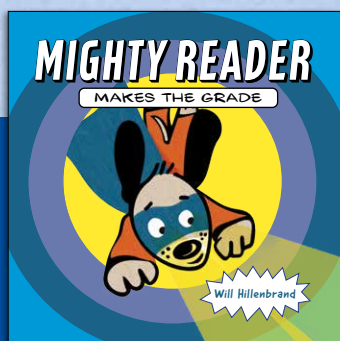
Friend #1: Bookworms!

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TO
PARTNER
POWER

See-Saw Reading

I like taking
turns reading.



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MIGHTY RIDDLE

Get with a partner and see if you can figure out this riddle. Don't forget **MIGHTY READER'S** tips for success:

1. See-saw reading
2. Slow down and listen
3. Talk the pictures
4. Read the whole book or passage

Riddle:

Some may think I'm spooky,
But I know it's what's on the inside that counts.
If your dog is hungry,
On me he'd surely pounce!
What am I?

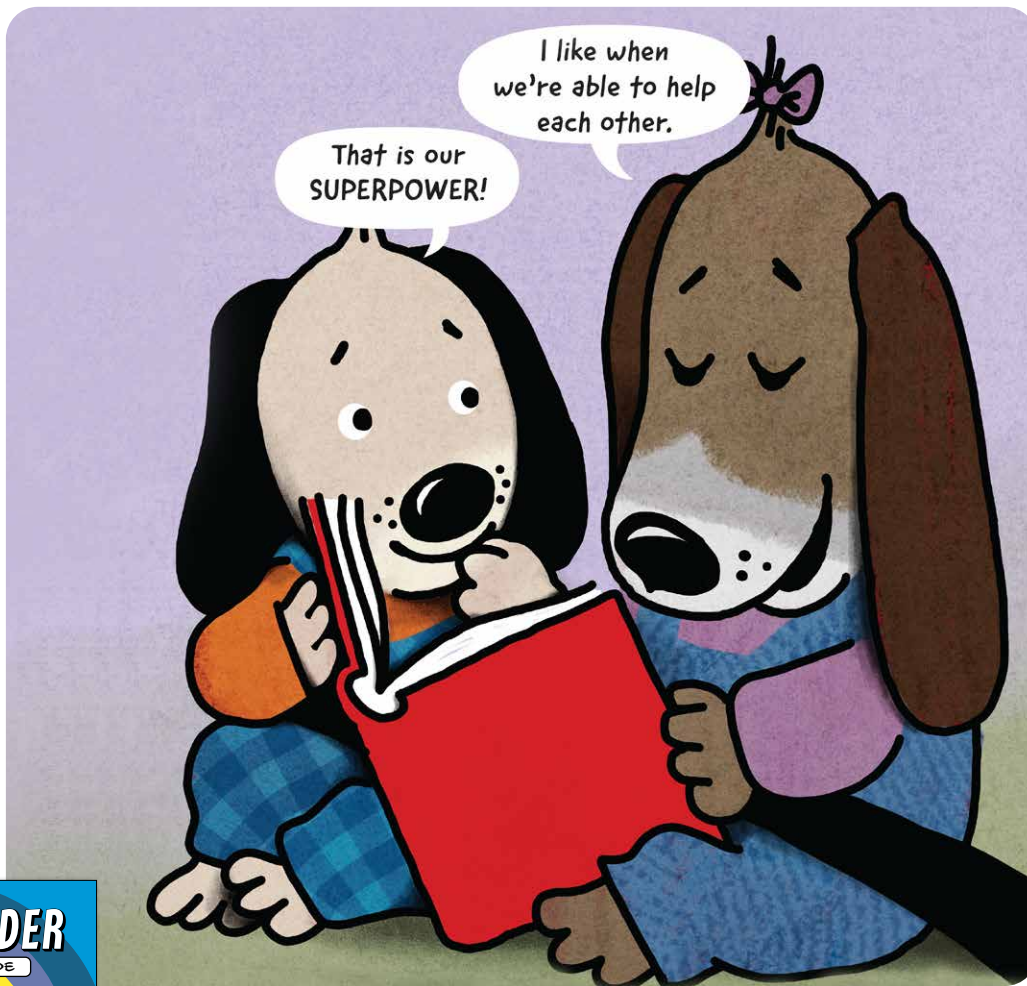
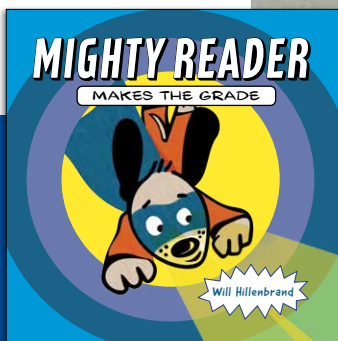


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ANSWER:
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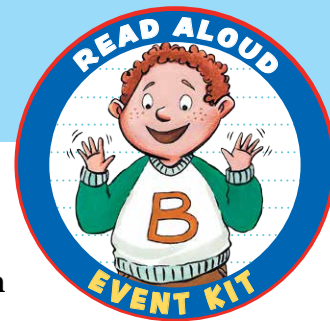
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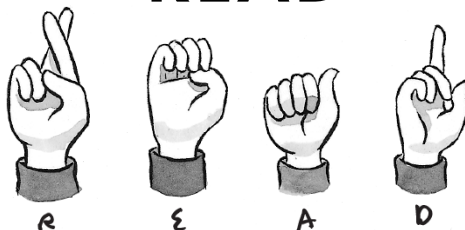
FINGER-SPELLING FUN

In sign language, finger-spelling is when you spell out the word you want to say letter by letter. It can be helpful for beginners to learn the alphabet first so they can spell out words they do not know.

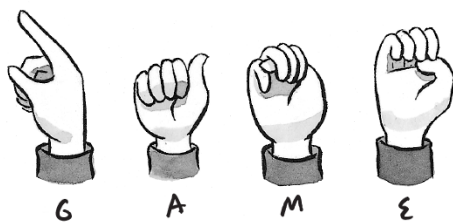
Let's try spelling out some words using finger-spelling.



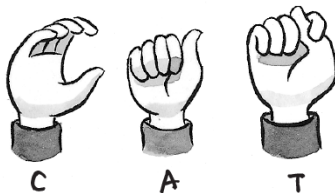
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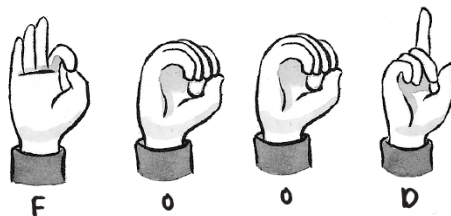
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CAT



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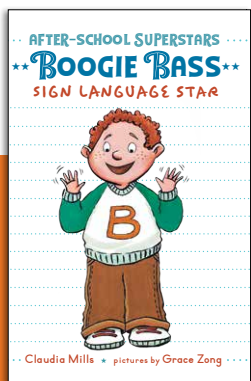
BONUS CHALLENGE:

Use the letters you learned from the above words to see what else you can finger-spell.

Examples:

**GO,
TAG,
ROAD**

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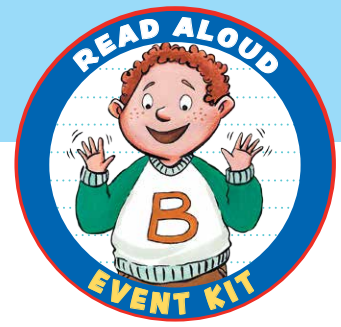


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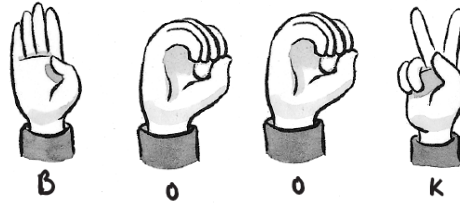
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GUESSING GAME

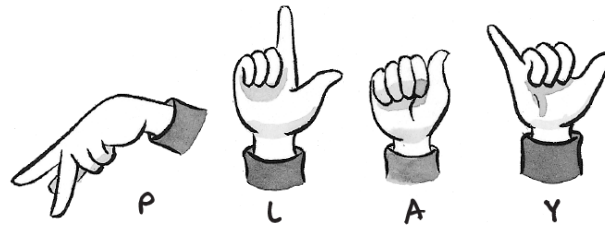


Get with a partner and take turns signing each of these words.
See if your partner can guess what you're signing!

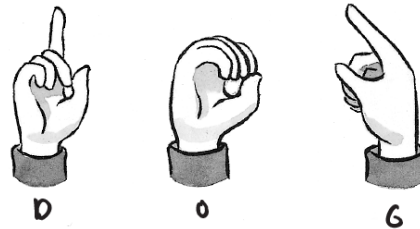
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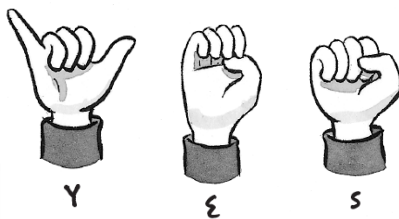
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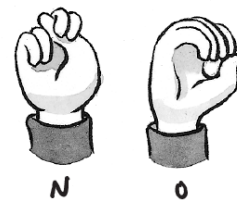


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