



A DEAF CULTURE QUICK GUIDE

A good start to learning
more about the Deaf community



Communication *tips*



Make sure you have the Deaf person's attention
before you start speaking

Maintain eye contact



Don't Shout. It appears aggressive.

Speak in a normal tone. Do not over-exaggerate



Avoid noisy environment and choose
somewhere with good lighting



Speak clearly. Not too fast or too slow.

Don't cover your mouth

If misunderstood, do repeat, or rephrase.

Explain what you are trying to say differently.

Did you *know?*

Different countries have their own versions of
sign language.

Sign languages do not use just hand
gestures but include also facial expressions, gestures,
and body language to communicate.

Sign languages are a separate language

from the spoken languages, with their own rules,
grammatical structures, and tenses.

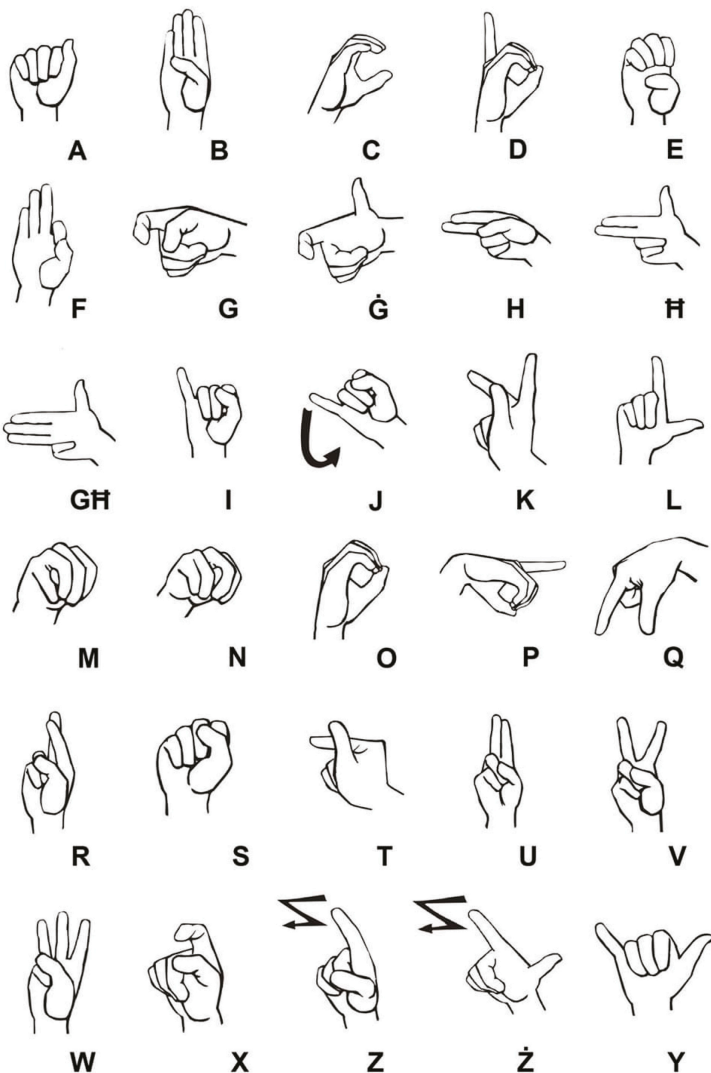
Many Deaf people have 'name signs'.

Instead of signing out the individual letters of their name, many
people who communicate through sign language use a single sign to
represent it.



LSM alphabet

L-alfabett bil-Lingwa tas-Sinjali Maltija (LSM)



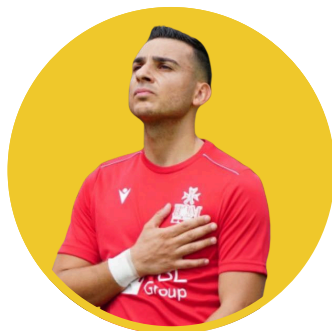
Biographies



Annabelle Xerri | She/Her | 36 | Deaf | Gozitan | Bookworm 📖 | Foodie | Loves making memories around the world 🌍 | Googles everything | Control freak | Obsessed with chocolate 🍫 | Happily married | Mum of 2 girls | Prefers series over movies | B. Communications with Psychology | Master of Arts in Disability Studies | Activist | Casual Lecturer | President Deaf People Association Malta | Chairperson Maltese Sign Language Council | Queen's Young Leader 2016 🎉



Julian Zahra | He/Him | 32 | Maltese | Field Hockey Player & Coach | Qormi HC | Football fanatic on and off the field | Lives for movie nights | Explores the world, one adventure at a time ✈️ | Loves video games | Inter Fan ⚽



Joann Spiteri | They/Joann | 25 | Deaf | Gozitan | Animal Lover | Cat owner of Jam & Jaf | Loves Traveling | Fanatic of hair transformations | Art enthusiast | Summer > Winter | Movies, series and popcorn 🍿 | Advanced Diploma in Accounting Studies | Diploma in Hairdressing Studies | Activist | Deaf Youth Association Malta Board Member | Works with the Disability Equality Training team



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Loran Ripard Xuereb | He/Him | 32 | Maltese | LGBT+ 🏳️🌈 | DeafBlind | Married | Fronrunners 16 | Loves traveling | Land Surveyer | LSM Teacher | Hairdresser | MCAST graduate | Activist | Vice President Deaf People Association Malta | Maltese Sign Language Council board member | Deaf Youth Association Malta board member | European DeafBlind Youth board member | Dog Dad of Shiba Inu 🌸 | Animal Lover | Lives for beach days 🏖️

Petra Wettinger | She/Her | Photographer 📷 | Graphic Designer | Art Enthusiast | Cross-stitcher | Vegan | Voluntary Leader at Malta Girl Guides | Queer | Loves Puzzles | BA (Honours) in Graphic Design | Passionate about cooking | Tea over coffee | Overthinker | Cat-lover 🐱 | Lives for Pasta



Matthew Pace | He/Him | 37 | Maltese / "Belti" | LGBT+ 🏳️🌈 | Deaf | Sign Language user | Handicraft and Art enthusiast | Loves Ravioli, Home Decor and all things blue 🔵 | Curious | Passionate about learning new things | Spiritual



Game

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

ACCESSIBILITY
COCHLEARIMPLANT
CODA
COMMUNITY
CULTURE
DEAF
DEAFBLIND

DEAFBLING
DEAFWORLD
EMPOWER
HARDOFHEARING
HEARINGAID
IDENTITY
INCLUSION

LSM
PROUD
SIGN LANGUAGE
TALENT

START

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Kindness is the language

which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.



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