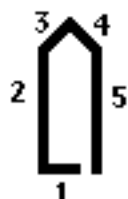
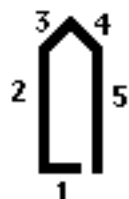


Write vertical rows of the symbol below:



Stripes
mean
"filled in"
or dark.





SignWriting® Handwriting

For Sign Language Notetaking



Lesson 1

Handwriting Symbol Construction



becomes



Palm Facing, Side View

Symbols that are one-half-dark and one-half-light in Printing, showing the side-view of the hand, have a vertical line down the center of the square in Handwriting. No need to color one half black. Takes too much time!



becomes



Palm Facing, Back View, version 1

Symbols that are black or filled-in, in Printing, showing the back-view of the hand, can be written with a diagonal line down the center of the square in Handwriting. The diagonal line usually slants towards the center of the body.



becomes



Palm Facing, Back View, version 2

Another way to write the back of the hand...two vertical lines...



becomes



Palm Facing, Top View, Hands with Extended Fingers

The Top View of handshapes that have extended fingers, such as the Index Handshape, are the same for both the Printing and the Handwriting. A line is written for the extended finger, but there is a little space between the line and the square.



becomes




















Thumb Across Palm

Palm View. The line for the thumb is half-way inside the square and half-way outside the square.



Thumb Across Palm

	becomes	Side View. The line for the thumb is half-way inside the square and half-way outside the square.
		
		Thumb Across Palm
	becomes	Back View. The double line for the thumb is half-way inside the square and half-way outside the square. It is not necessary to darken the square any further, because the double line for the thumb represents that thick white cut in the black symbol and that can only happen when the back of the hand is facing the chest.
		
		Thumb Across Palm, Hand Parallel to Floor
	becomes	Back of Hand from the Top View. The top of the symbol is not written (left off).
		Top View of Plain-Square Symbols are Topless!
		A plain-square symbol is a symbol that does not have fingers extended, except for occasionally the thumb. They are mostly in Group 10, in the IMWA. The E-Hand is also a plain-square symbol, in Group 4. When plain-square symbols are parallel to the floor they loose their tops - they are topless in the top view - ha!
	becomes	Flat Hand
		Front View. The standard way of writing this symbol has a point or tip at the end, representing the tip of the fingers.
	becomes	Flat Hand
		Side View. Add a thicker line on one side of the symbol.
	becomes	Flat Hand
		Back View. Striped symbols means the back of the hand.
		Flat Hand



SignWriting® Handwriting

Symbol Chart



Illustration

SW Printing

SW Handwriting





Write a row of each handshape in SignWriting Handwriting for practice.





* Touch
Contact



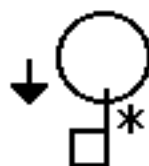
*

Write these signs in SignWriting Handwriting:





Write these signs in SignWriting Handwriting:





E



E



E



Write these signs in SignWriting Handwriting:



Please write a short sentence in SignWriting Handwriting on this page below. At the end, write your Sign Name. Do not write any spoken language on the entire page. Scan this page to create a graphic file, in .png, .gif, or .jpg format, and post it to the SignWriting List. We will try to read your sentence and figure out who wrote it too!

