

Writing By Hand

in SignWriting®



Samples of Handwritten Notes In Sign Language

by
...students around the world...

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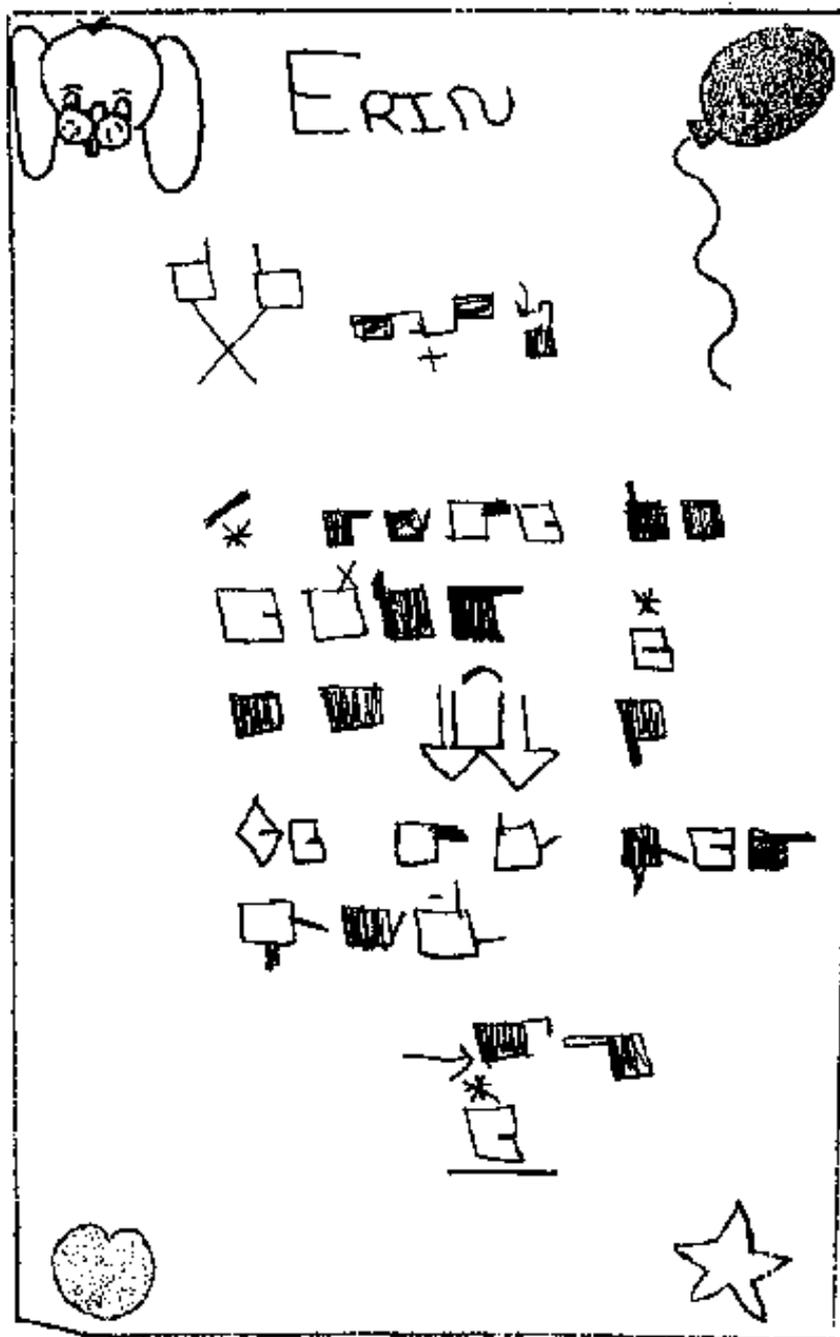


Look at the joy on this Deaf child's face!
He is showing Valerie Sutton his SignWriting notebook.
Reading and writing is now fun and inspiring!

Can SignWriting Be Written By Hand?

Yes!! On the following pages you will find samples of handwriting from classes around the world.

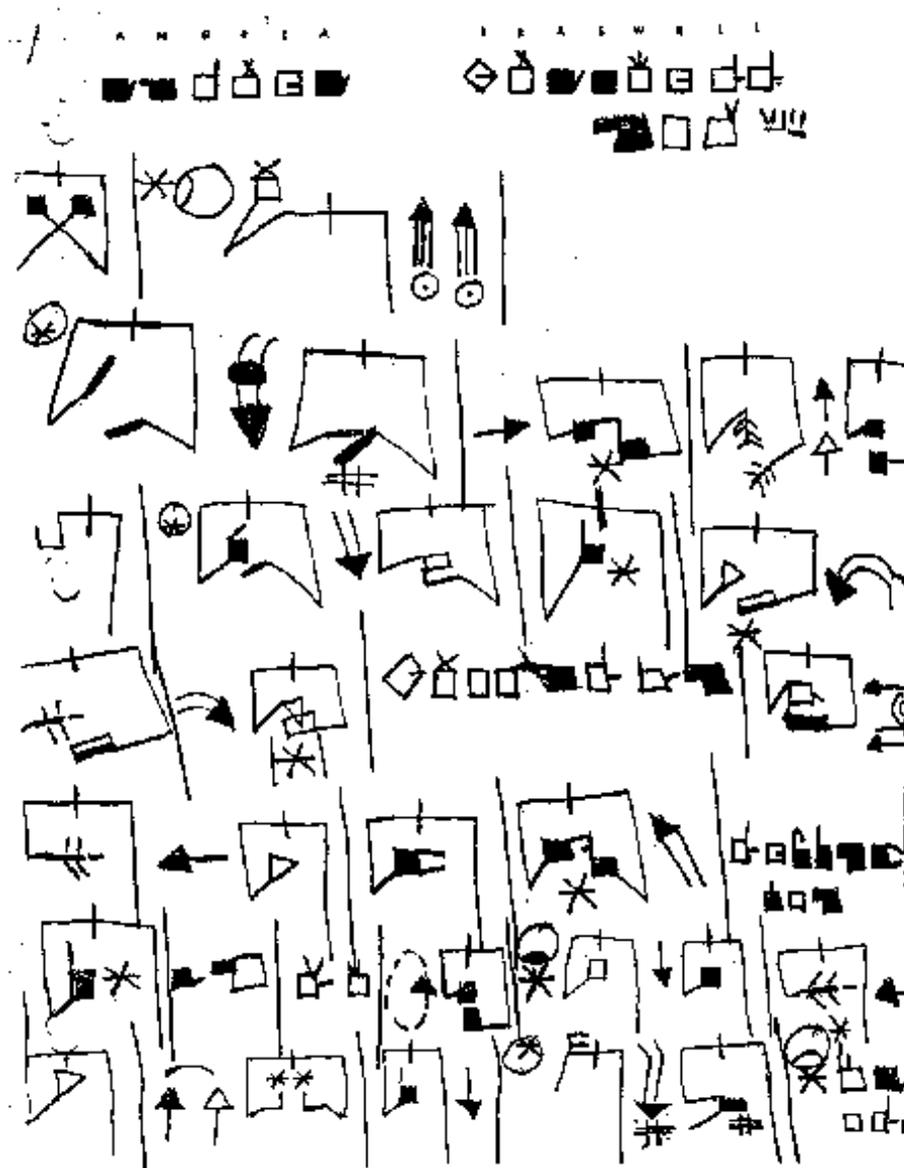
Because SignWriting is visual, Deaf people skilled in Sign Language, with about an hour's introduction to SignWriting, will read and write signs quite well with little training. This is because SignWriting "pictures" the language they already know. The experience is inspiring. Reading and writing becomes fun and challenging. This in turn can lead to interest in learning to read and write other languages



1984

LaFayette Elementary School, San Diego...a Deaf child, age 7 or 8, wrote this after a 45-minute introduction to SignWriting.

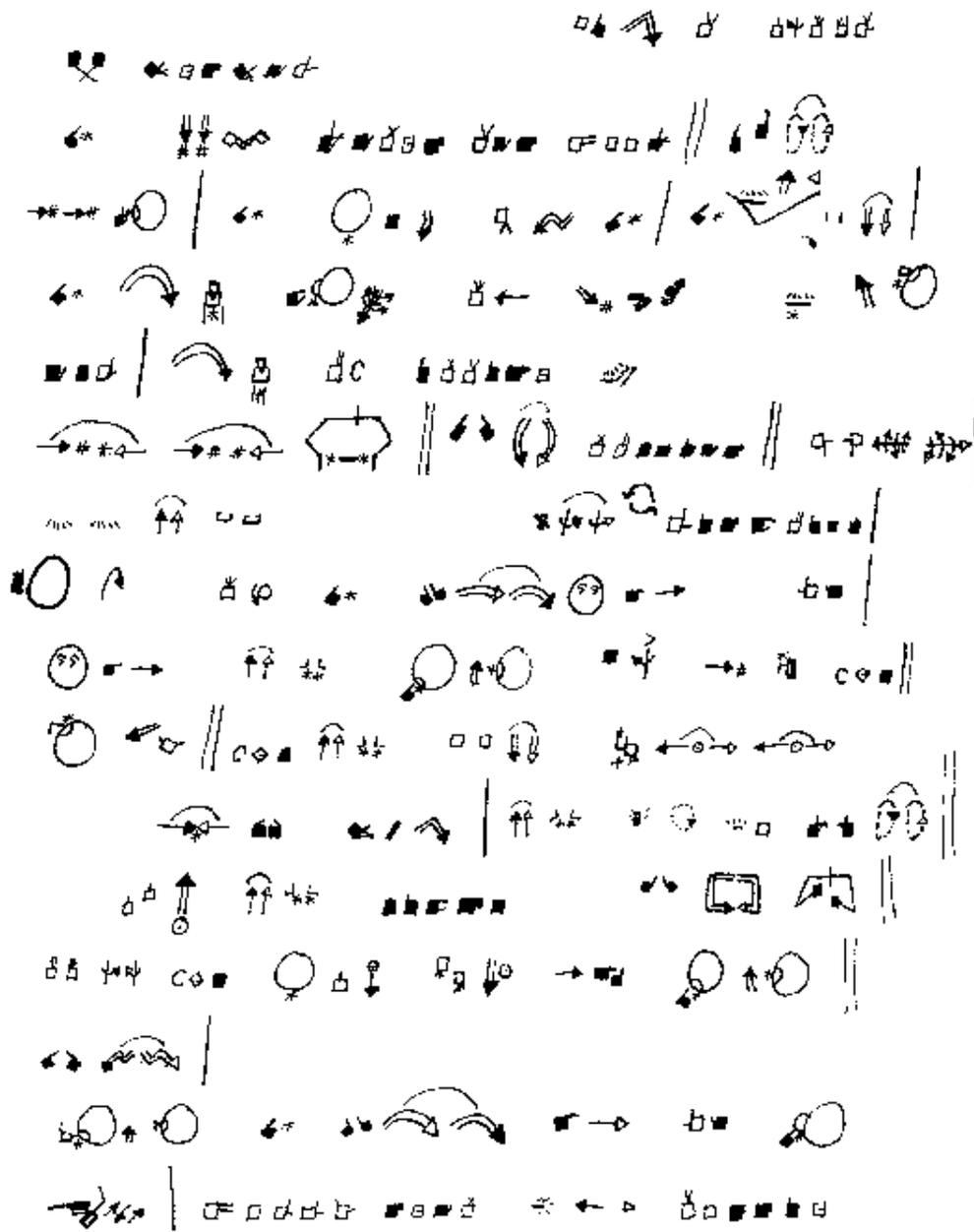
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1982

The **SignWriter Newspaper** was sent free of charge to Deaf adults all over the world. This American Deaf woman, in New York City, was inspired by the newspaper, and wrote volumes of SignWriting on her own, mailing her writing to the newspaper staff. This in turn inspired the **SignWriting Pen Pal Club**, which was active from 1982-1984.

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October 1983

The SignWriting Pen Pal Club encouraged people to write to each other in different signed languages.

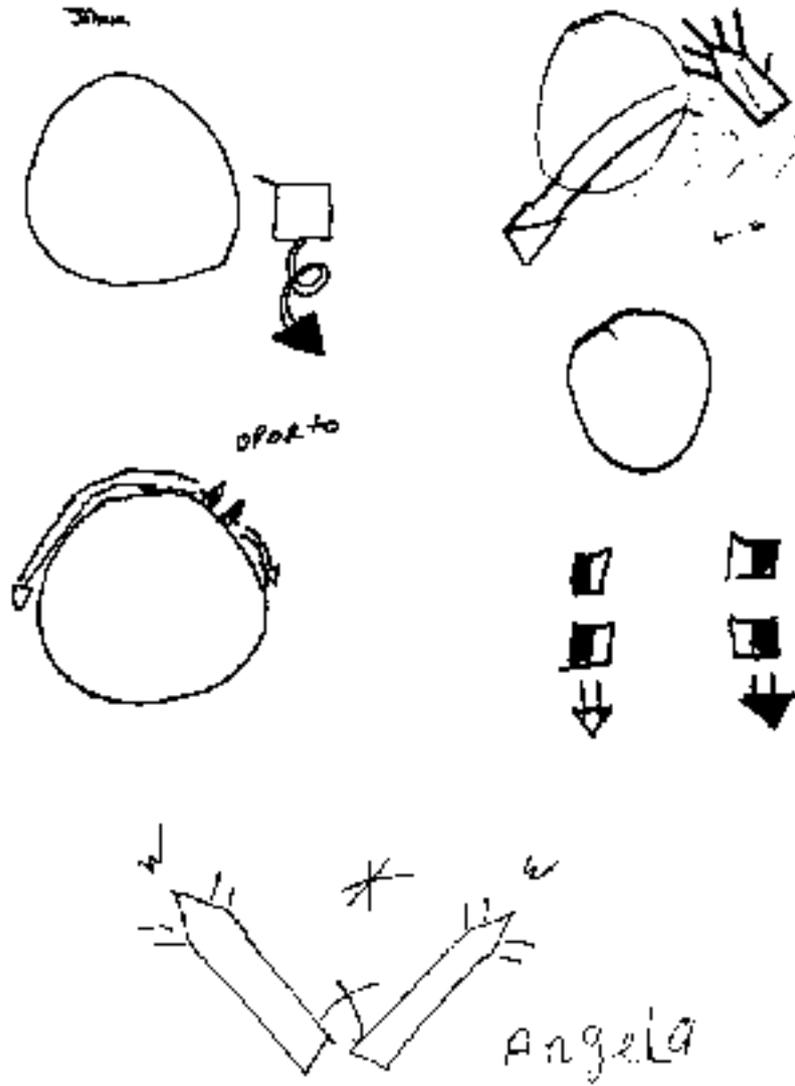
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Kære alle i USA
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1982

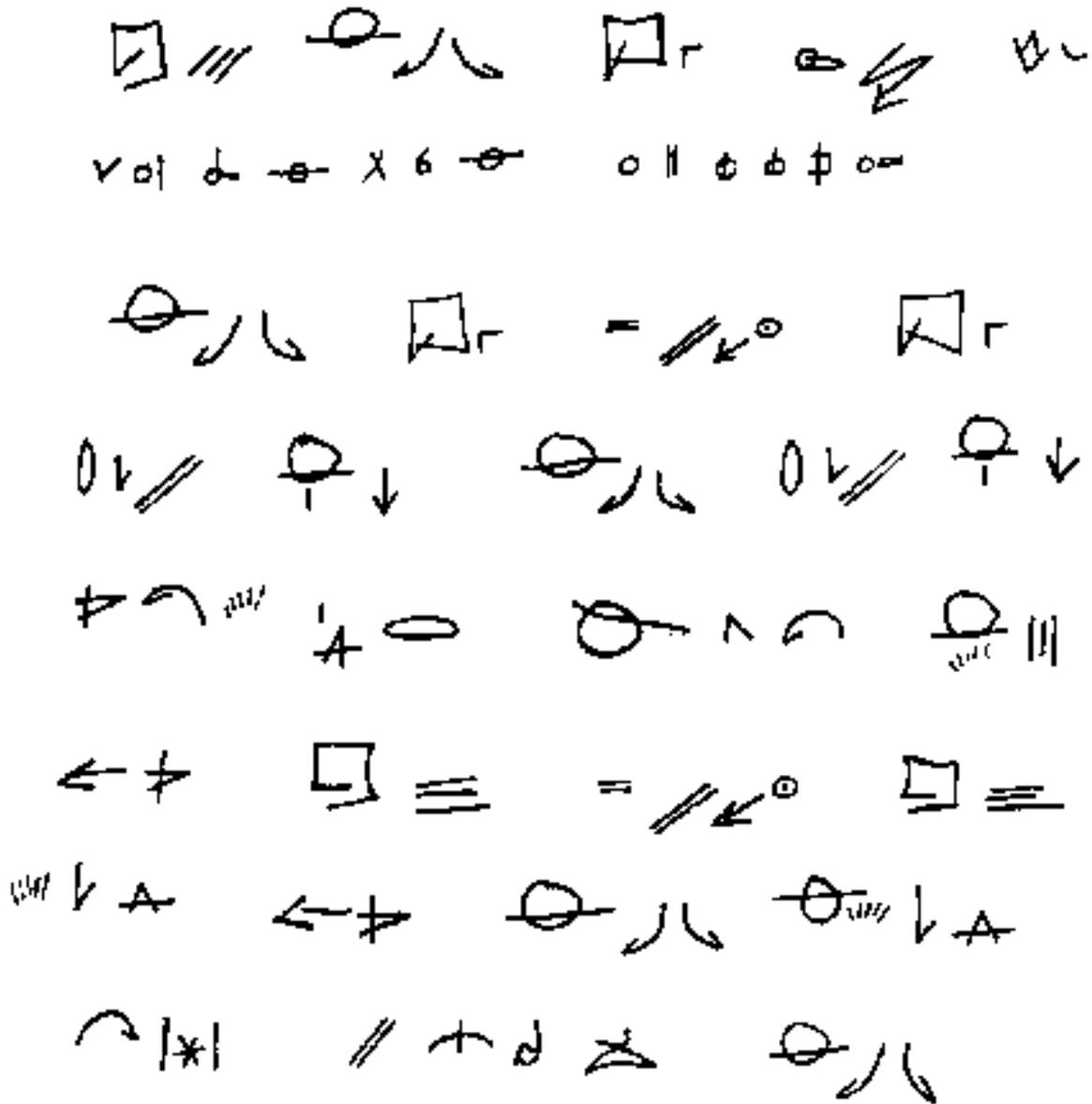
Danish Participant in SignWriting Workshop



1996

Deaf children in Nicaragua write their Name Signs.

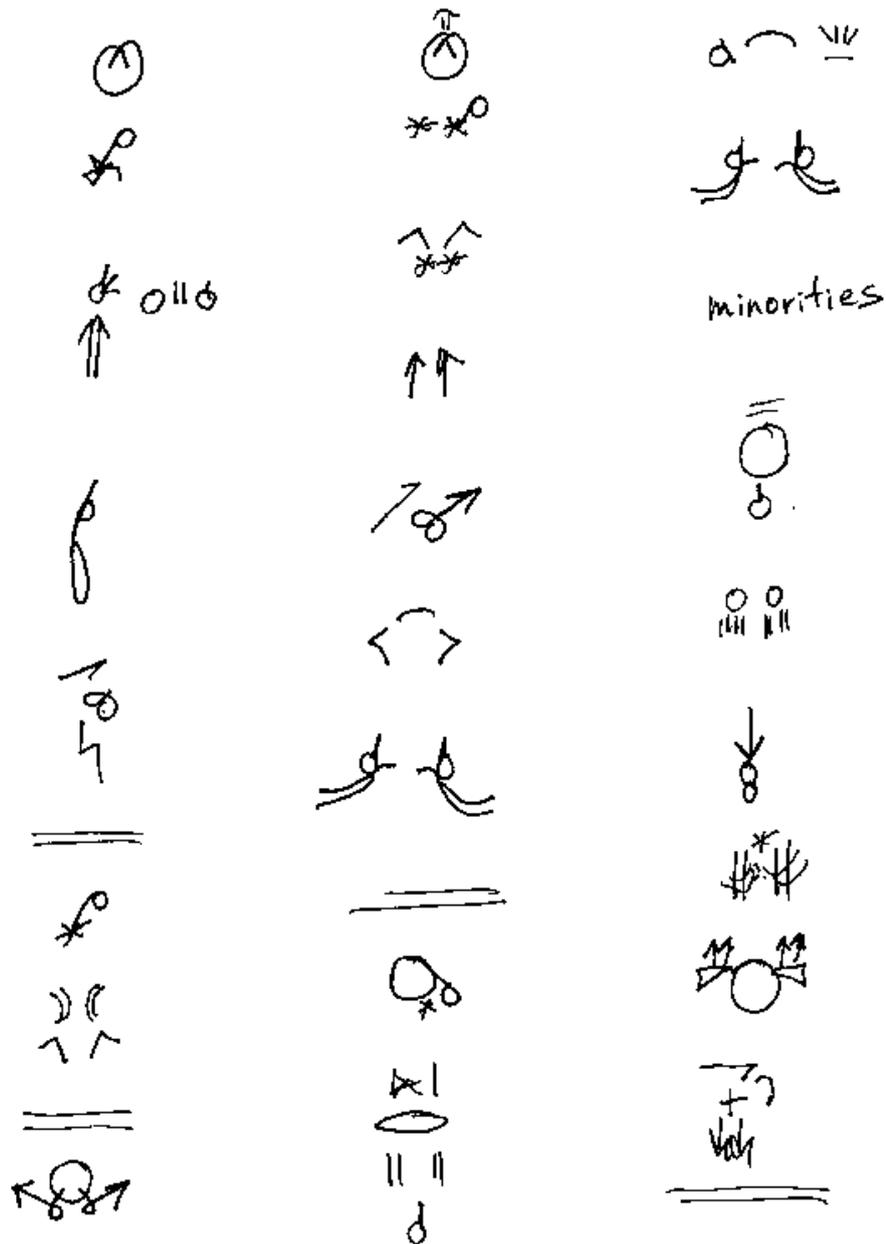
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1982

SignWriting Shorthand was used as a "stenography" system for recording the movements of signed languages at speed. It took special training, and was geared towards a new profession called **Sign Language Stenography**. Tests at the time proved successful.

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July 1997

The old Shorthand system has now been adapted for use as a daily handwriting, written down the page in columns.

What Is SignWriting?

Who Uses SignWriting?

Questions & Answers

...frequently asked...

Questions & Answers

- 1. What Is The Purpose of SignWriting?**
- 2. Is SignWriting a New Language?**
- 3. Is SignWriting Free To Use?**
Yes! Questions & Answers About Trademarks
- 4. How Can I Learn SignWriting?**
Different Choices Plus Workshop Descriptions

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