SIGNMAKER 2015 MANUAL

SignMaker 2015 is really cool! Write signs and sign language dictionaries in any sign language in the world, on Apple and Android tablets, smartphones and all computers. Copy and paste signs in documents and email. Write your own signs. Save your own dictionaries. Work on the web or locally without an internet connection. Where to start? Go to: http://www.signbank.org/signmaker.html

CHAPTER 1: HOW TO START
1. Go to the directory page:

SignMaker 2015
http://www.signbank.org/signmaker.html

2. Click on a Dictionary Link, either a Flag for your country, or a Dictionary Link underneath the flags.
3. This will open a dictionary that was written in SignPuddle Online.
4. The signs in the dictionary are on the left of the screen in the green area.
5. The symbols used to write the signs are on a Symbol Palette to the right in the light blue area.
6. A yellow SignBox, used to edit and work with signs, is in the center top.
7. Below the SignBox are Command Tabs, for editing, dictionary work, preferences and more…

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CHAPTER 2: SEARCH THE DICTIONARY
There are several ways to search the dictionary:
1. type a word in the field at the top of the green area to search for a sign
2. browse the dictionary with the arrows at the bottom of the green area
3. make the signs bigger or smaller with the plus and minus buttons at the top of the dictionary
4. click on the DICTIONARY tab for more searching techniques

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CHAPTER 3: CHANGE LANGUAGES
To change languages:
1. Click on the MORE Tab
2. Click on the SYSTEM tab.
3. There are 3 pull down menus: User Interface, Alphabet and Dictionary.

4. User Interface: To change the language for the user interface, click on the Pull-Down Menu to change languages.
5. Alphabet: IMPORTANT: Keep the Alphabet on ISWA 2010. This gives you every symbol you might need to write new signs.
6. Dictionary: To find a pre-written dictionary for your sign language, click on the Pull-Down Manu to find your dictionary.

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CHAPTER 4: MY LOCAL DICTIONARY
To save changes to your own local dictionary in SignMaker:
1. Go to the directory page:

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2. Click on any flag to start a previously-written dictionary.
3. In the open dictionary, click on a sign to bring it to the SignBox.
4. Make editing changes to the sign.
5. Click on the Dictionary Tab. Under the tab, click on "Make This My Local Dictionary". New tabs will appear.
6. Click on "Save This Sign". The changes are now stored in this web browser. Only you can see the changes, because this is now YOUR Local dictionary.
7. To return to your Local (Saved) Dictionary, you must return using the same web browser at all times because your changes are saved in the cache of the web browser. Return to the SignMaker home page:

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8. Click on the link "My Local Dictionary". This will open your saved changes.

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CHAPTER 5: DOWNLOAD SIGNMAKER
To download SignMaker to your local computer desktop, or on your phone or tablet:
1. Go to the directory page:

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2. Click on the link "Download", which is directly above the orange umbrella on that page.

3. The program will download. Open the downloaded folder.
4. Inside the folder, find the file named "Index.html"
5. Right click on the Index.html file, which gives you a pull-down menu.
6. Choose "Open File" with a web browser, such as Safari, Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer or Opera.

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NEED HELP?

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Have a splendid day!! ;-)