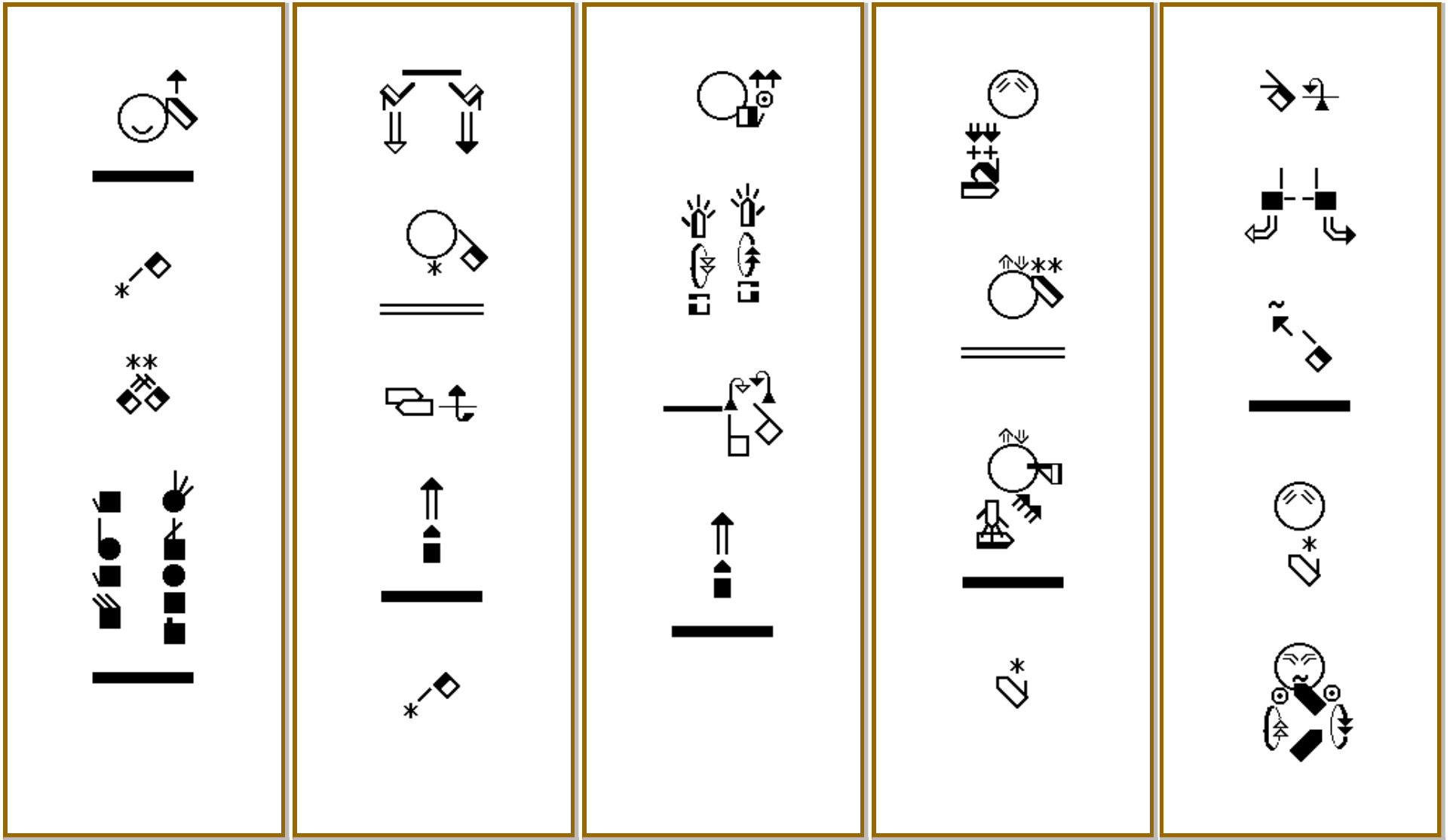
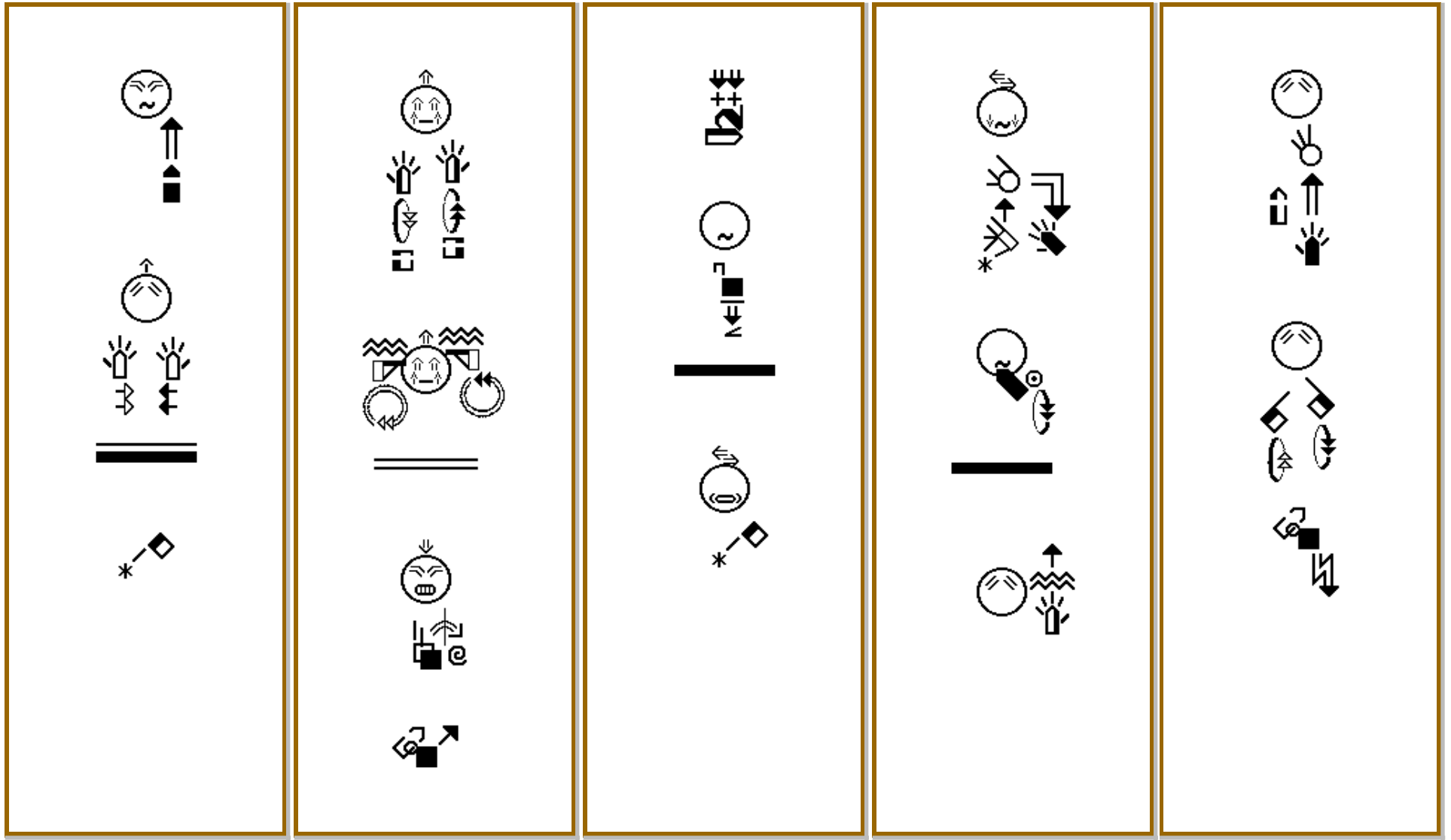


# Why SignWriting?

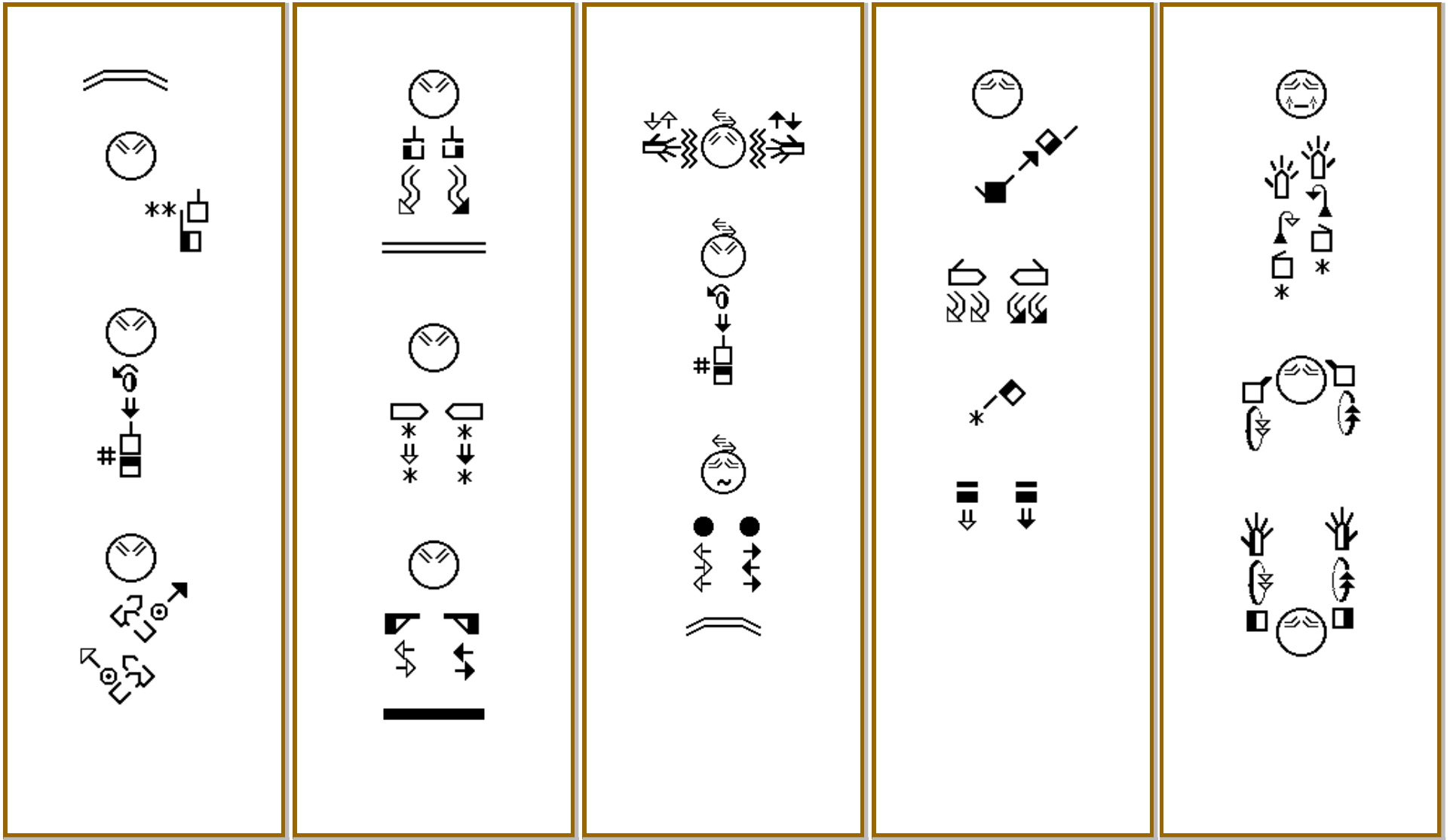
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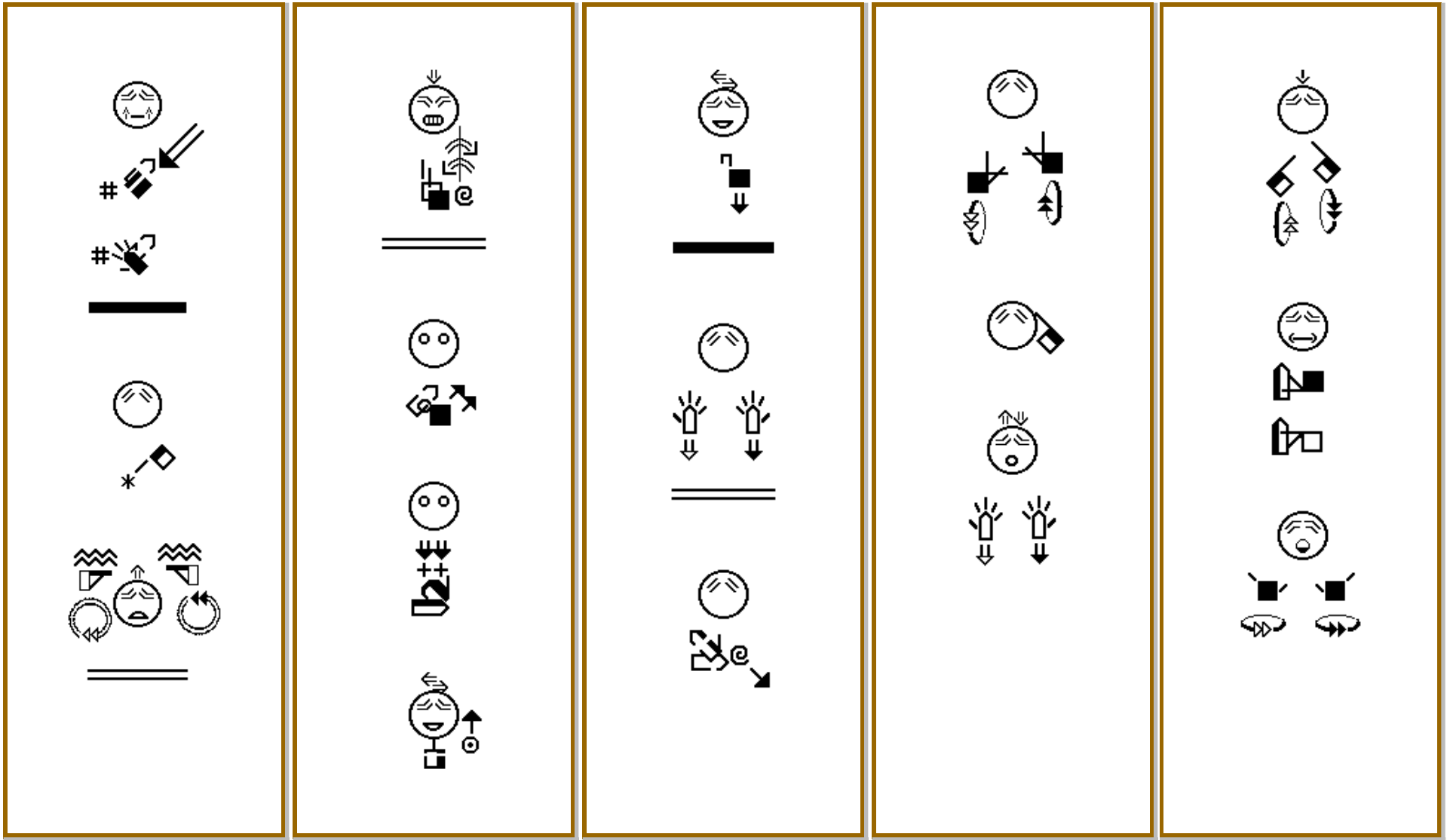
Hello. My name is Adam Frost. I have been deaf since birth. I use sign language everyday of my life. I have learned English. It is my second language. My greatest frustration...



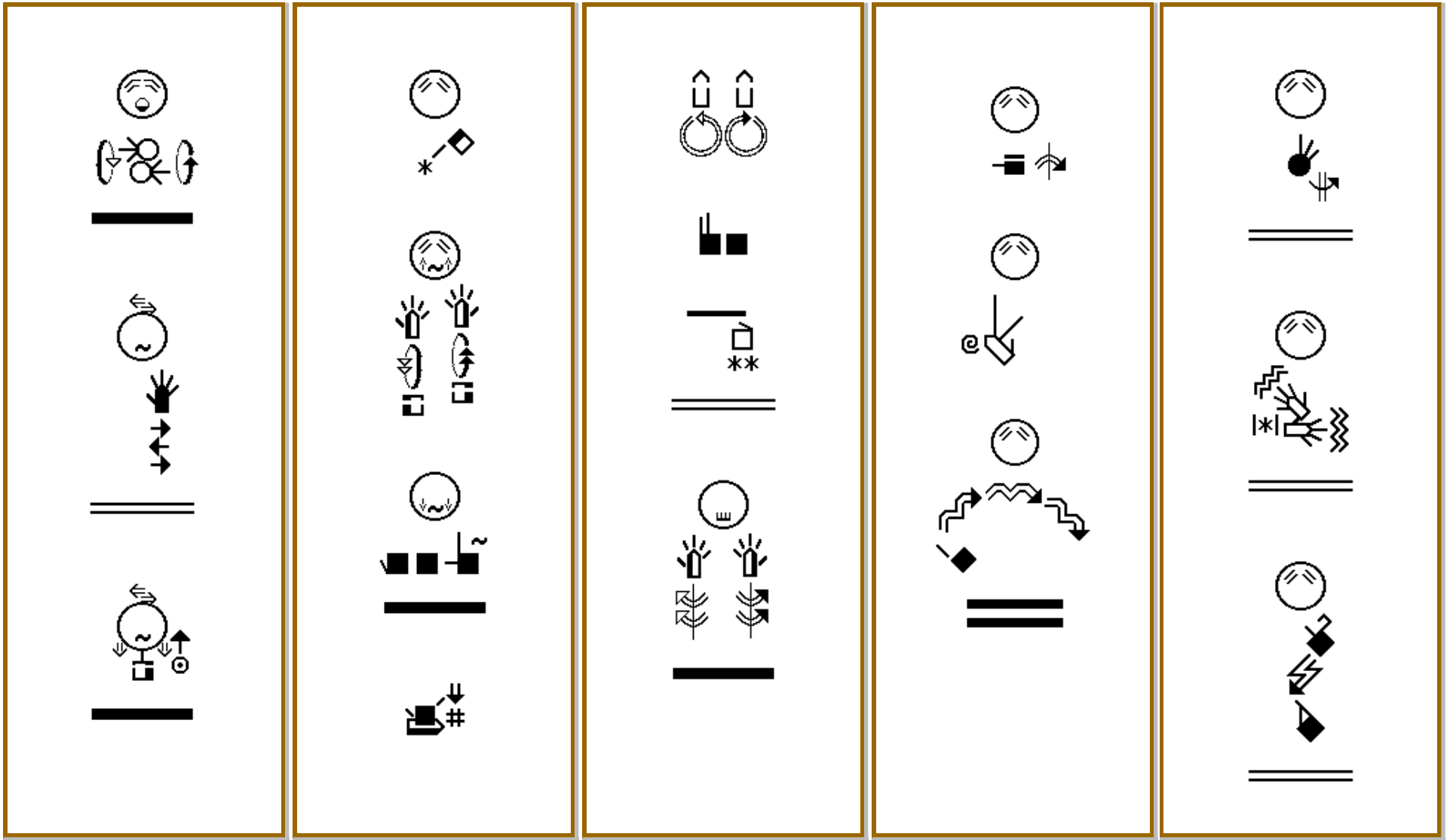
growing up was trying to take my thoughts, which were in sign, and having to write them in English. I never liked that feeling of frustration. Later when I found SignWriting...



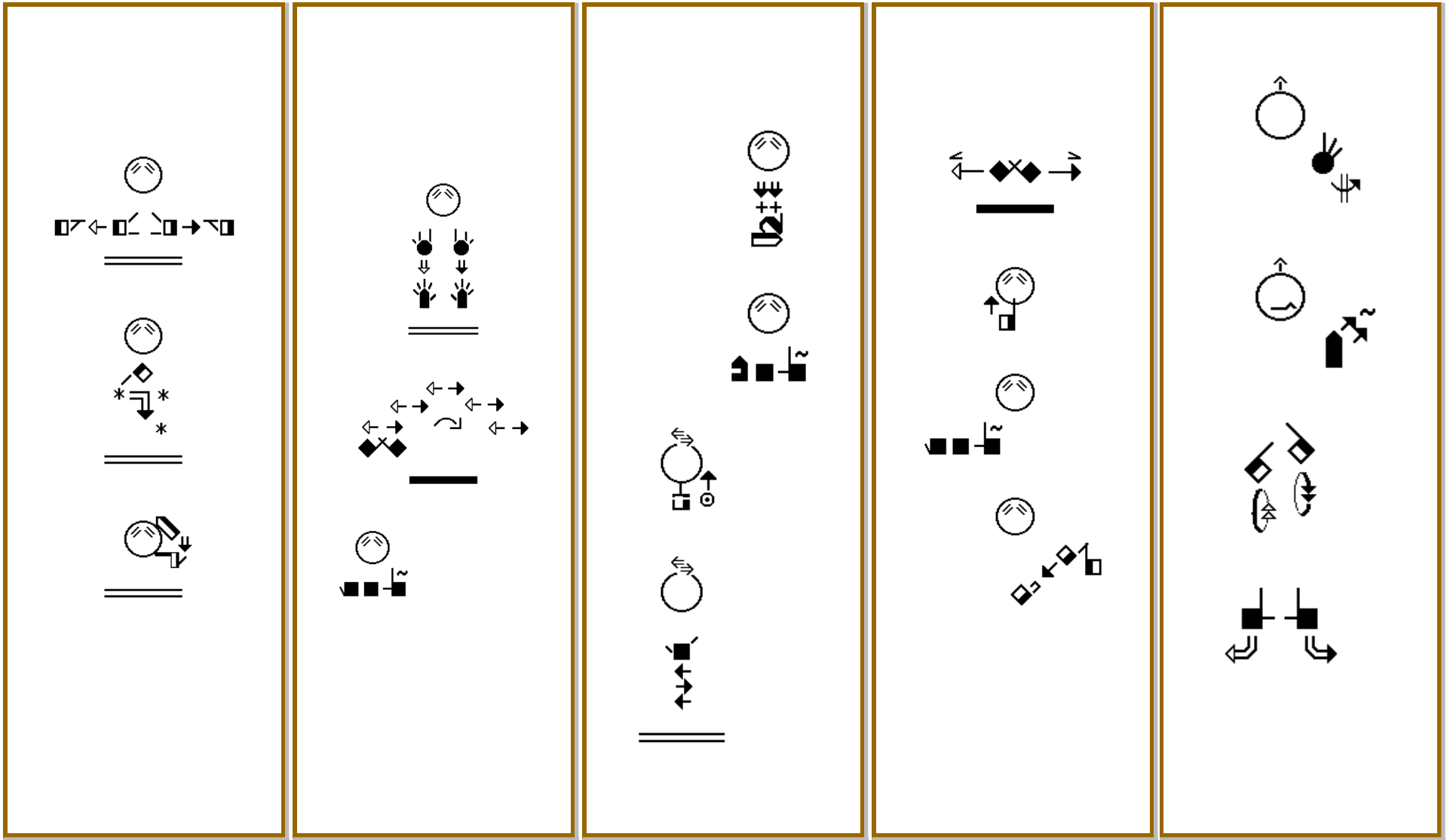
(which is a system based on handshapes and movements, not based on any sound whatsoever), I found that I was able to express my ideas in sign freely...



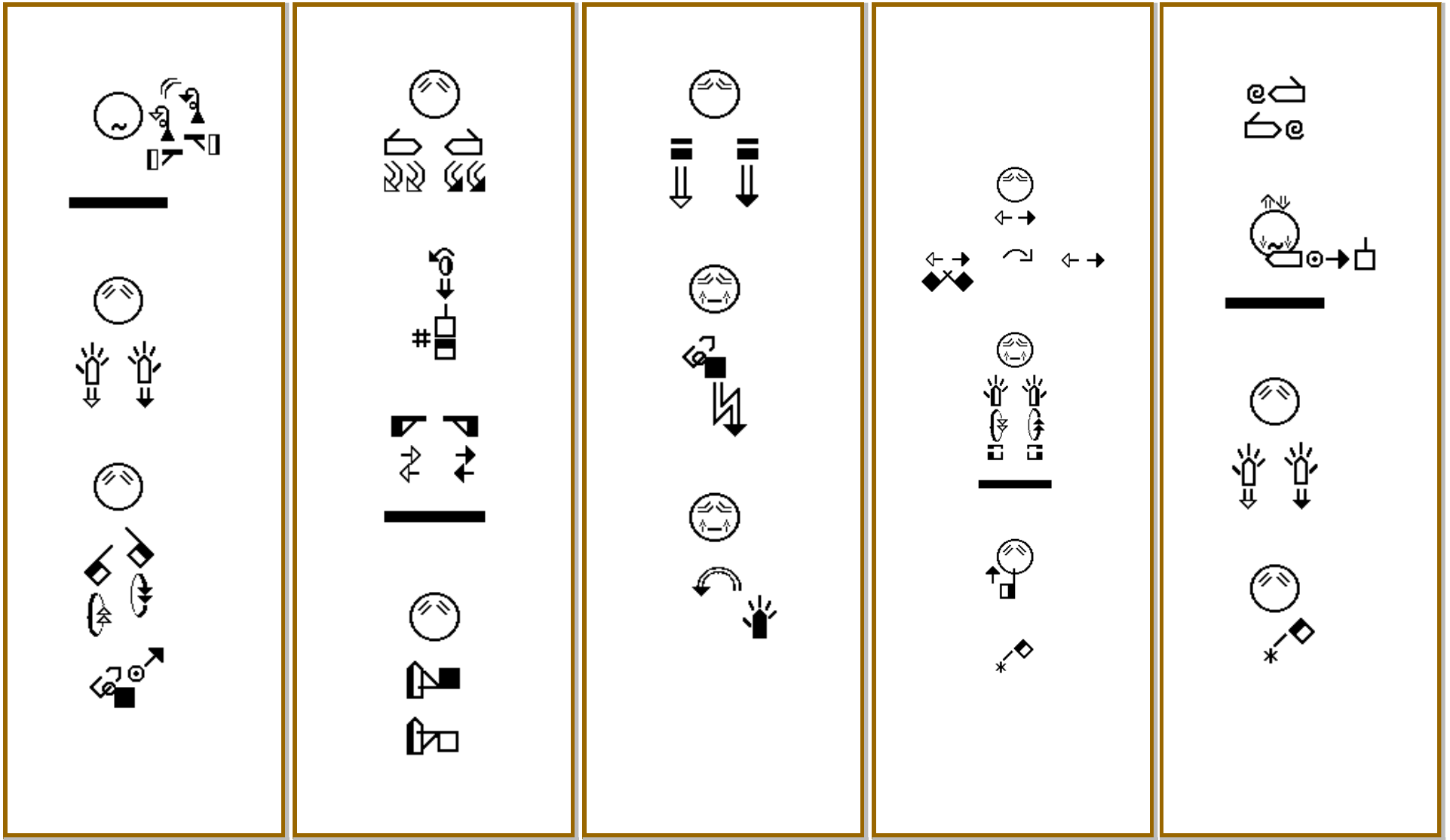
without constraint on paper. I didn't have to struggle with translating my thoughts into English just so that I could write them on paper. So, some people think that sign language is a universal language...



but that is not true. I use American Sign Language which is only used across the United States and Canada. Other countries such as France, Germany, Italy...

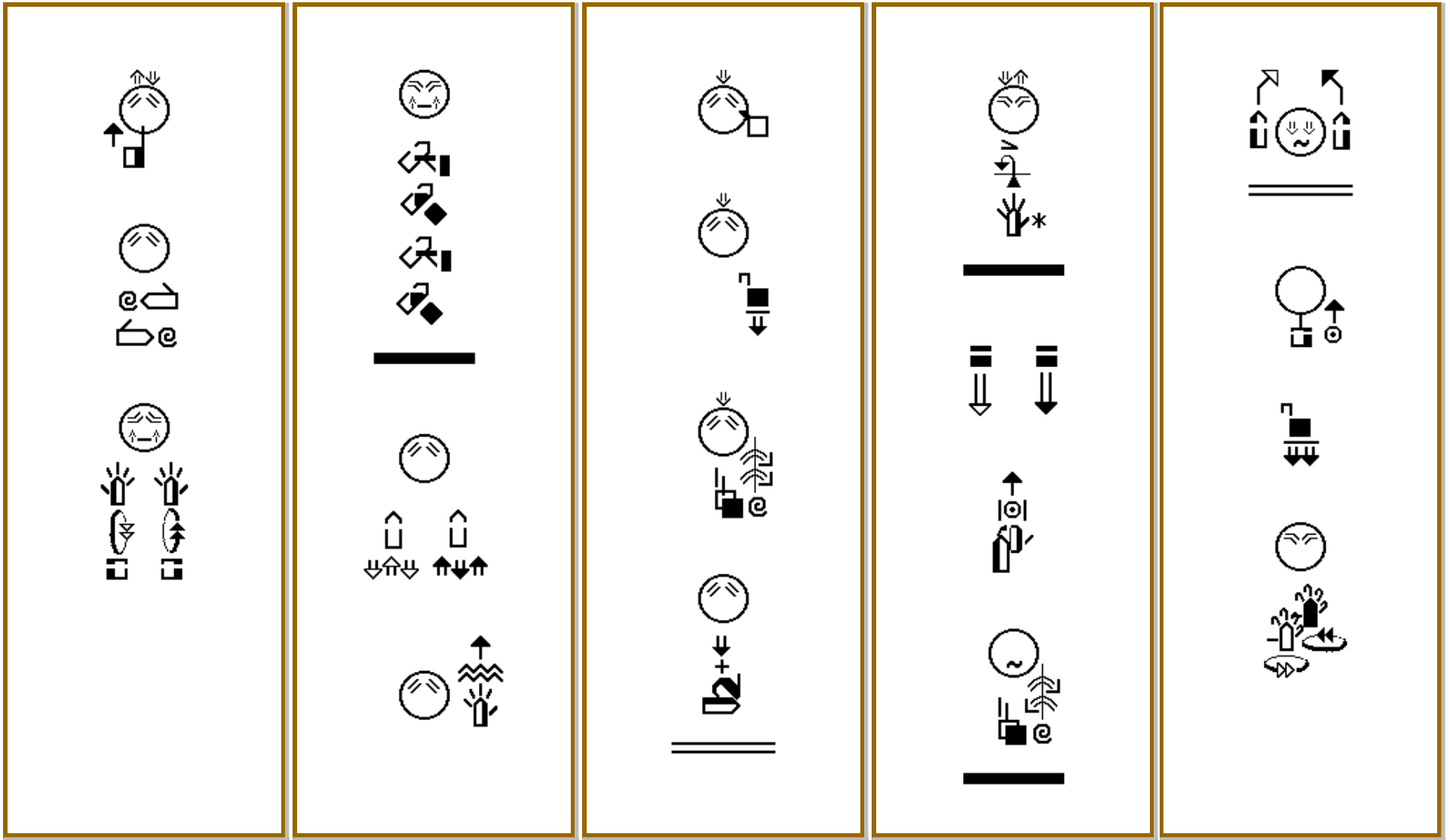


Japan, China, Korea, and Australia all use their own sign language. In fact, American Sign Language and British Sign Language are nothing alike. In all actuality, ASL historically comes from the sign language of France.

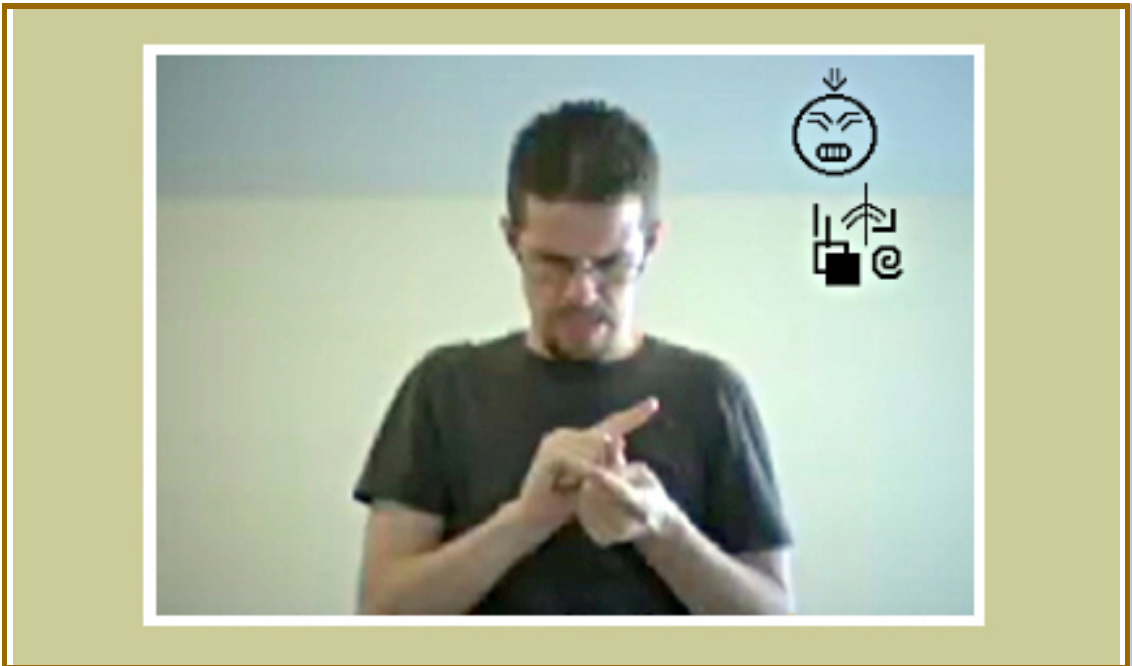
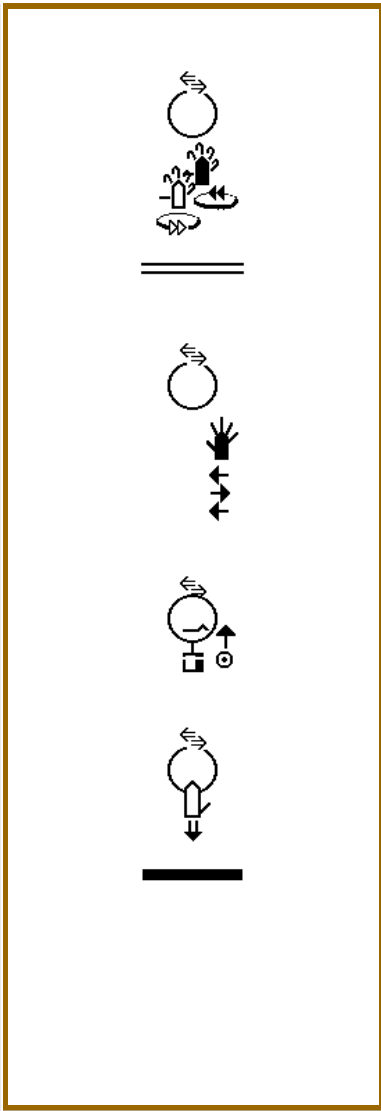
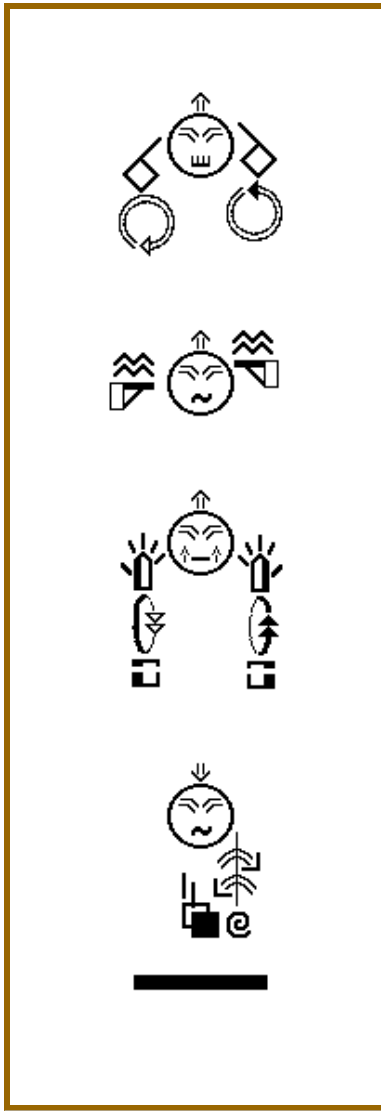


Now, because SignWriting is based on movements, that means that any of these sign languages can be written, which I like better. Now, I am....





really glad that I can write directly from my native language. And if there comes a time when what I have written needs to be translated into English, then it can easily be done so.



The task of writing can be solely focused on, without having to think about how to translate something, because that disconnects the thought patterns.

