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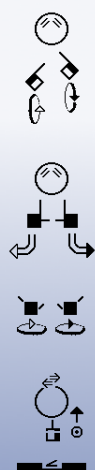
Sign Languages Are Written Languages

SignWriting Script ISO 15924 Sgnw

by Valerie Sutton and Adam Frost

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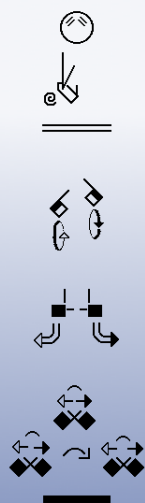
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Languages
are
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international.

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Sign
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different in
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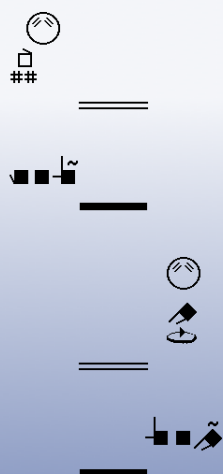
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Some
countries
have more
than one
Sign
Language.

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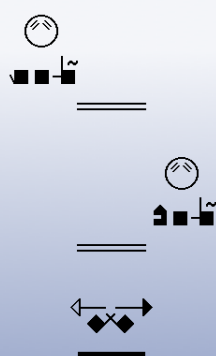
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Canada, for example, uses American Sign Language (ASL) and French-Canadian Sign Language from Quebec (LSQ).

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and...
American Sign Language (ASL) and British Sign Language (BSL) are nothing alike!

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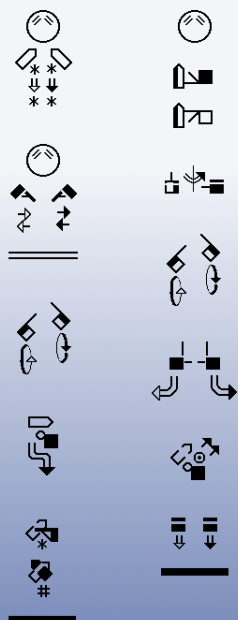
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American
Sign
Language
was
influenced by
French Sign
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long ago.

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writes body
movements,
which means
that any
Sign Language
can be written.

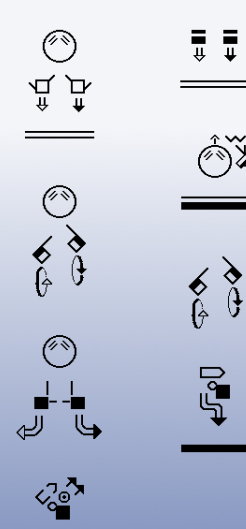
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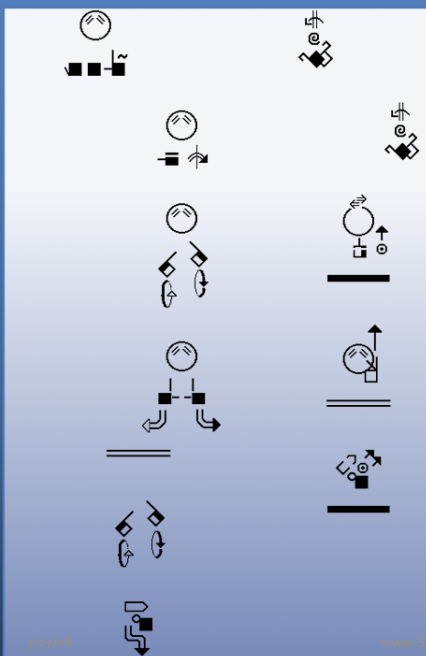
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is used to
write some
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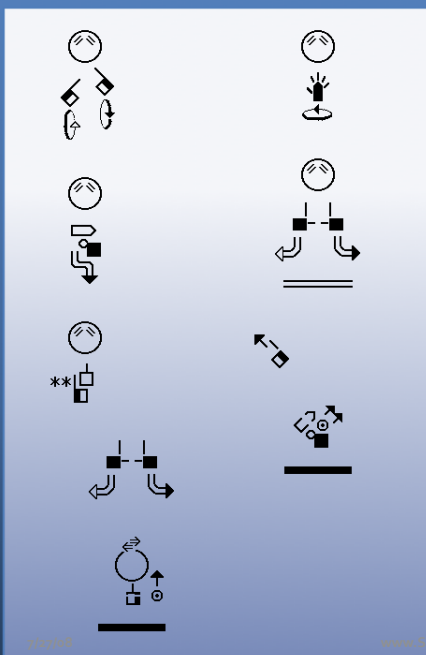
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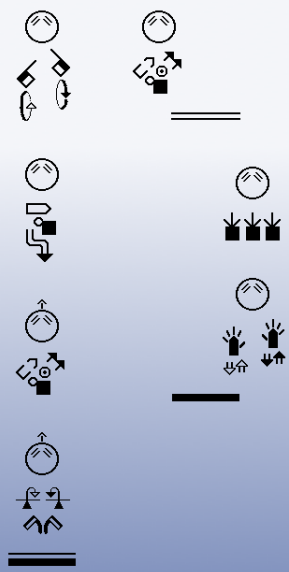
SignWriting
does not
change ASL or
any Sign
Language.
It records
the way
signs look.

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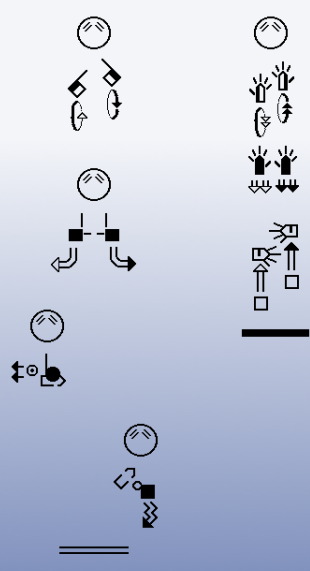
SignWriting
is not a
language.
It is a script
that writes
languages
that already
exist.

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by hand and
by computer,
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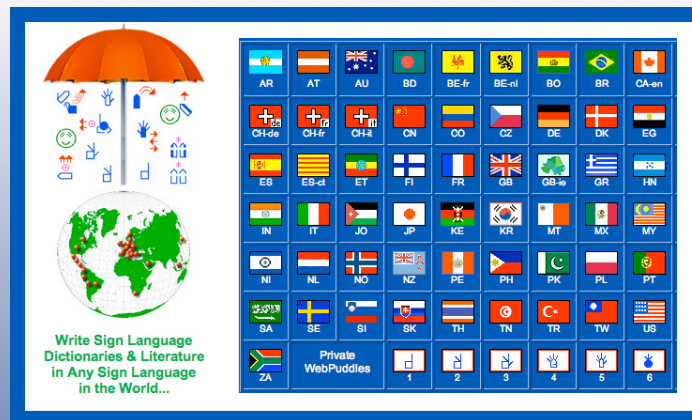


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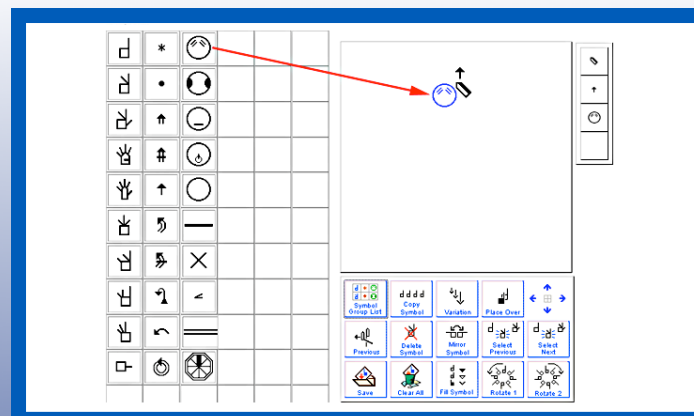
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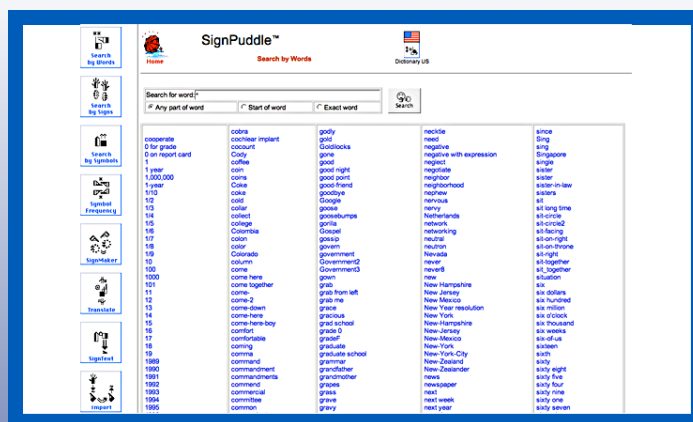
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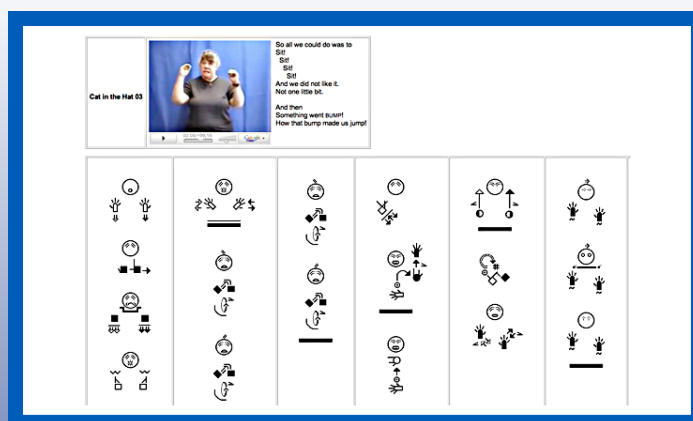
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New SignWriting Software

Software by Stephen E. Slevinski Jr., scheduled for release Autumn, 2008

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30 Groups of Symbols

The International SignWriting Alphabet 2008

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ISWA 2008

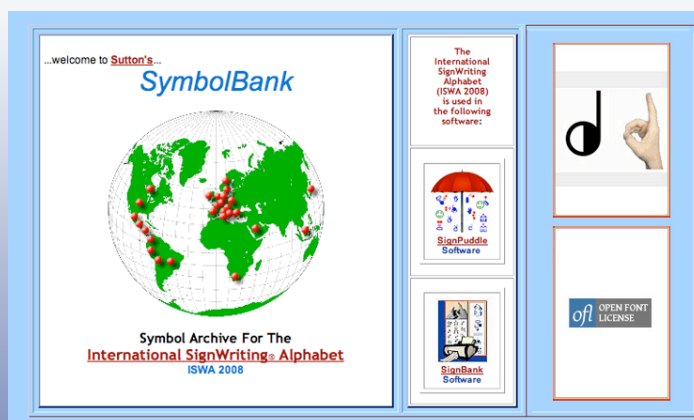
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Symbol Groups

Click on a
Group Symbol
to find
other symbols
in that group

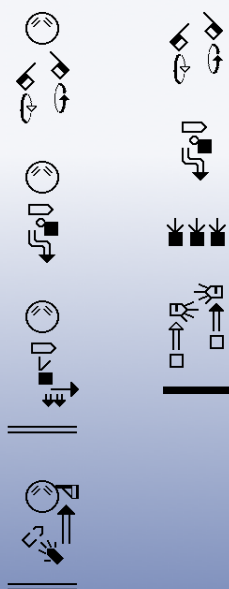
The diagram illustrates the ISWA 2008 symbol groups. It shows a grid of 30 symbols, with three red arrows pointing from the first three symbols to a larger grid of 30 symbols, illustrating the concept of symbol groups.

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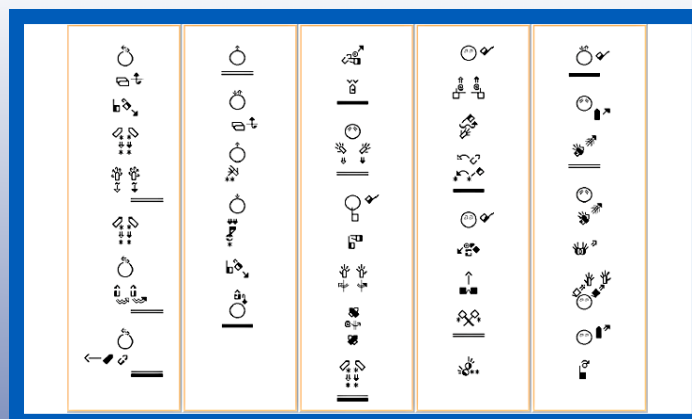
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Gospel According to John

Romero Translation: 21 Chapters Written in ASL

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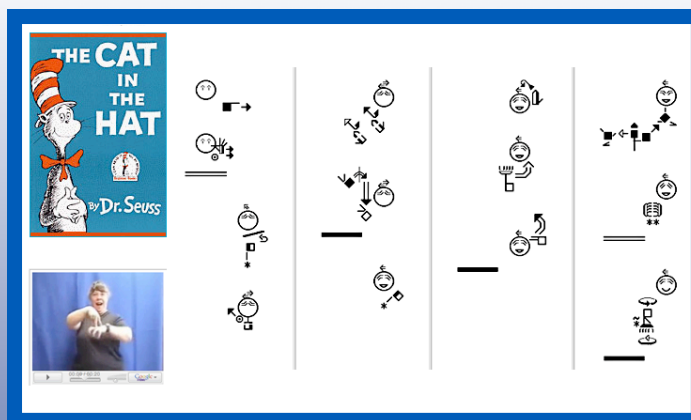


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Cat in the Hat

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The Cat in the Hat

Dr. Seuss

Signwriting symbols for 'The Cat in the Hat' are displayed in four columns, each with a corresponding video frame showing a signer's hand position.

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Sleeping Beauty

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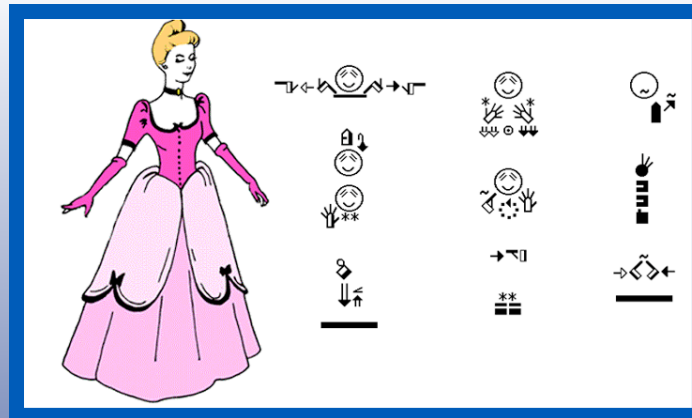
Signwriting symbols for 'Sleeping Beauty' are displayed in two columns, each with a corresponding video frame showing a signer's hand position.

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Cinderella

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Why SignWriting?

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Why SignWriting 01

Heidi
My name is Heidi. I'm 10 years old.

Language is every day or 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 the feeling of frustration. Later when I found SignWriting, which is a system based on handshapes and movements, not based on any sound what so ever, I found that I was able to express my ideas in sign freely without constraint on paper. I don'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.

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Textbooks on SignWriting

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Dissertation on SignWriting

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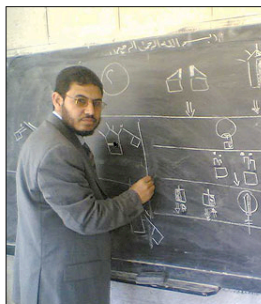
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Research Study, Jordan 2007
Jordan University, Al-Amal School for the Deaf

Research Study, Saudi Arabia 2002
Alqaseem-Boraydah Deaf Children Institute



Deaf student in Saudi Arabia learning SignWriting in 2002

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ISO 15924 World Script

<http://unicode.org/iso15924/iso15924-codes.html>



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Codes for the representation of names of scripts Codes pour la représentation des noms d'écritures

Table 1
Alphabetical list of four-letter script codes
Liste alphabétique des codets d'écriture à quatre lettres

Code	N°	English Name	Nom français	Property Value Alias	Date
Sgnw	095	SignWriting	SignÉcriture, SignWriting		2006-10-10

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www.signwriting.org/forums/swlist

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<p>1</p>  <p>Sheet Dance Classical Ballet</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Sheet Dance Modern & Jazz Dance</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Sheet Dance Duncan Dance</p>
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