



SignAnimating

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Four Animation Guides

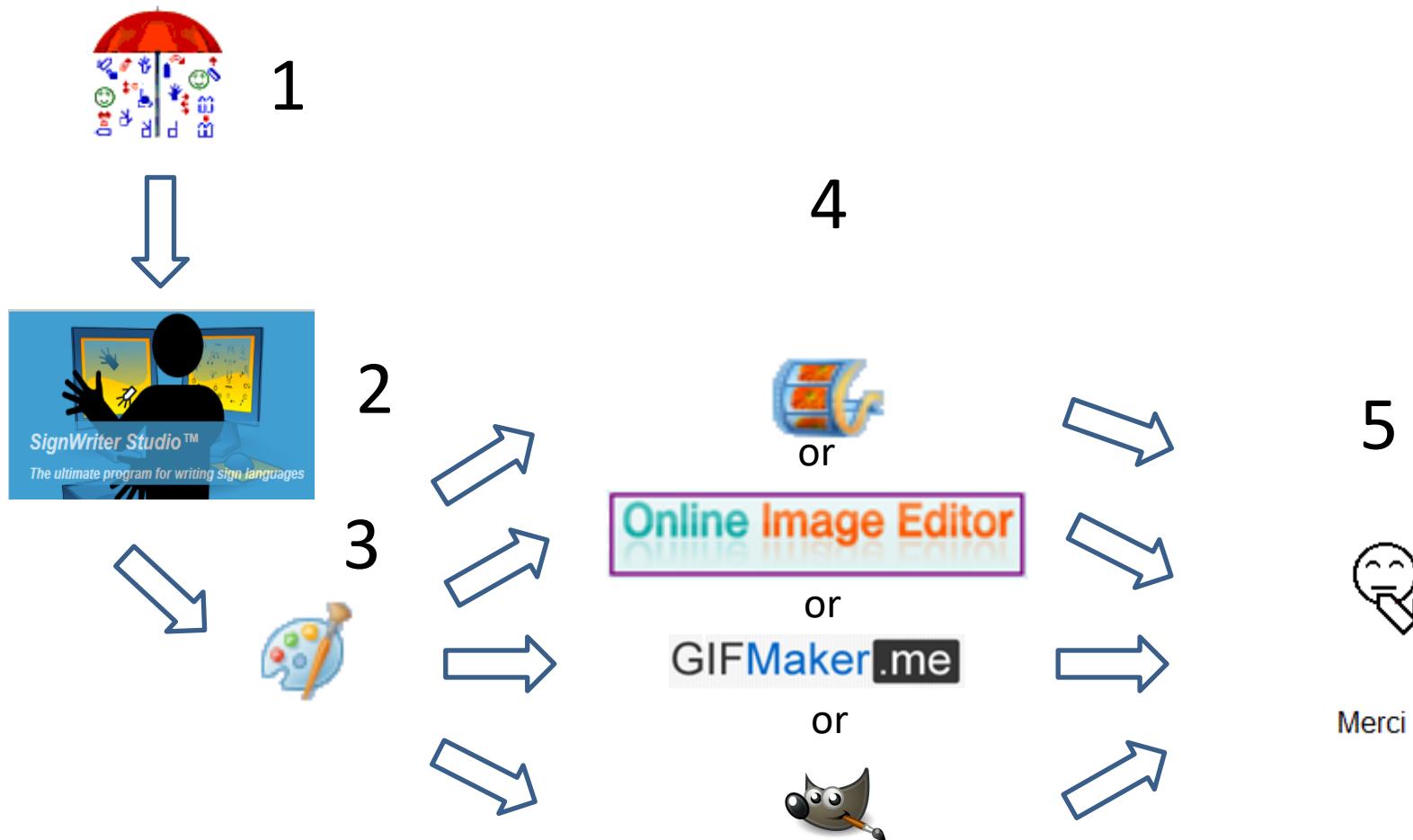
Four manuals are posted on the web:

- <http://www.signwriting.org/symposium/presentation0020.html>
- 1-Techniques is a step-by-step instructions on how to produce SignAnimating video or GIF files.
- 2-Design is a reflection on several possible layouts and the advantages and limitations of each one.
- 3-Symbols suggests conventions on how SignWriting symbols may be converted to SignAnimating symbol sequences.
- 4-SpeechAnimating is a reflection on how to animate SpeechWriting.

1-Techniques



Animation Process Overview



Free Softwares



- <http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle/>



- <http://signwriterstudio.com/>



- <http://windows.microsoft.com/fr-CA/windows/get-movie-maker-download>



- <http://www.online-image-editor.com/gifmaker/>

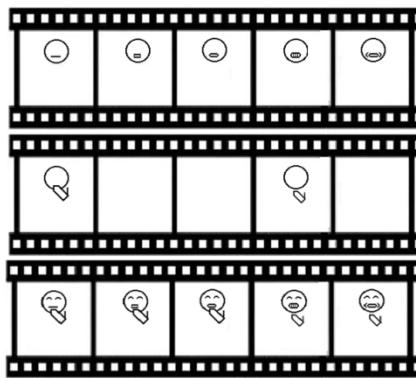
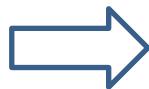
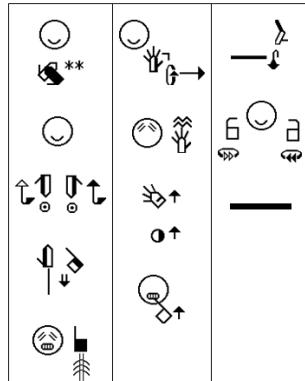


- <http://gifmaker.me>



- <http://www.gimp.org/downloads/>

Storyboard

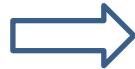


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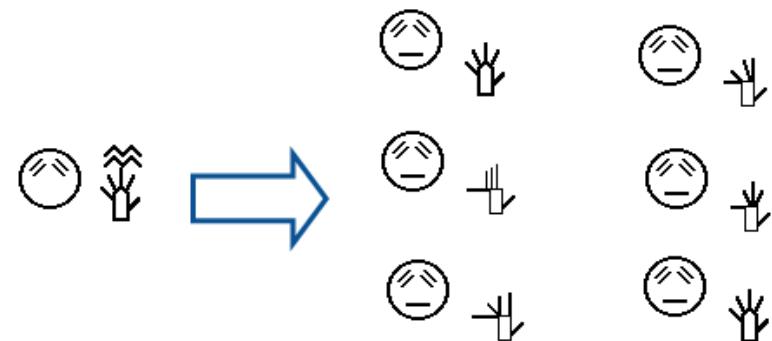
SignWriting Steps



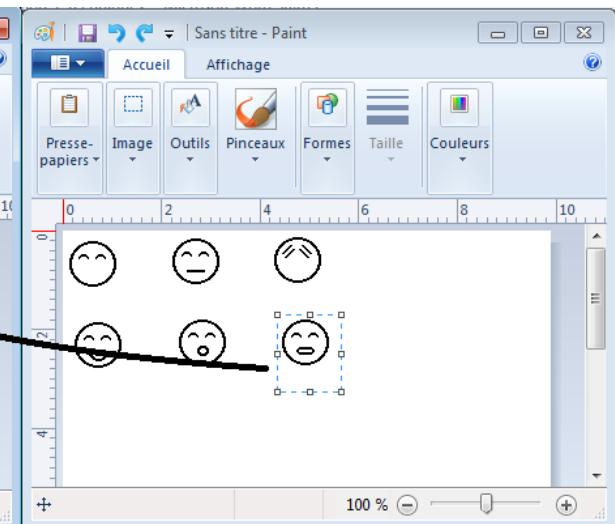
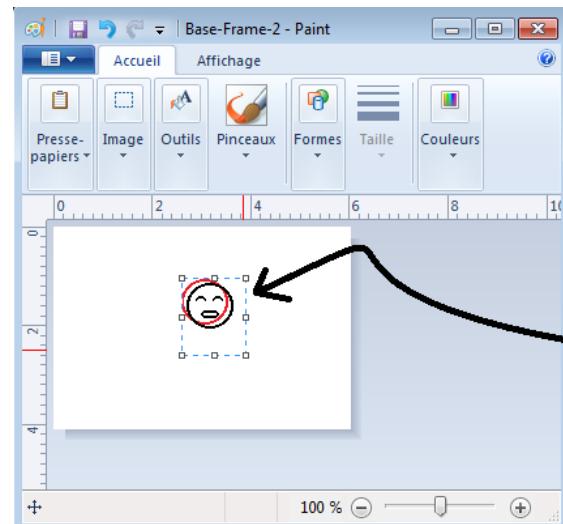
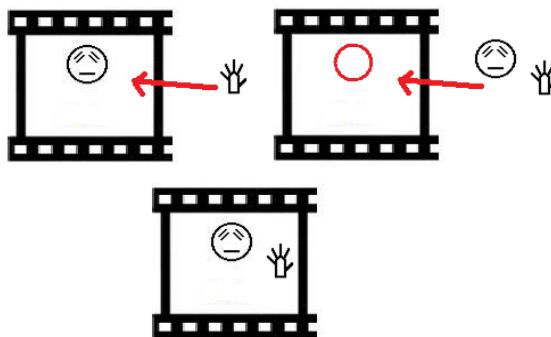
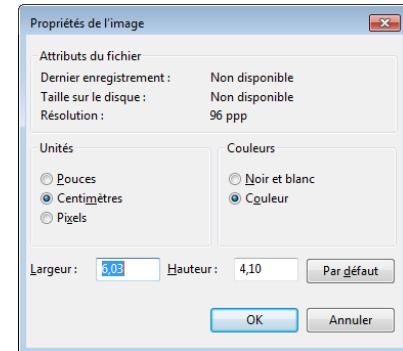
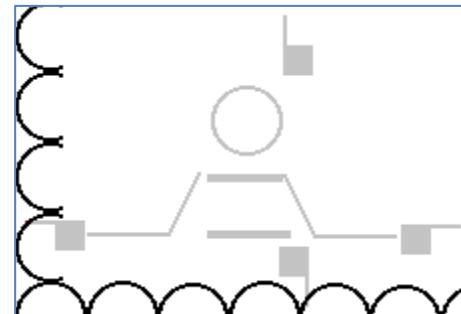
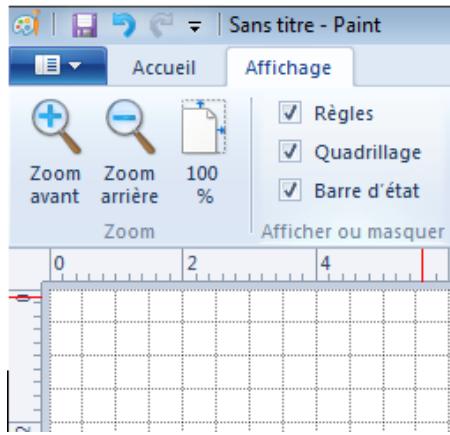
The screenshot shows the SignPuddle Online v2.0 interface. It features a sidebar with icons for searching by words, signs, symbols, and exporting. The main area displays "SignPuddle Markup Language" with options to export the entire puddle or a specific selection. A "Custom Selection" section includes a "commencer" button. At the top right, there are links for "Home" and "Dictionnaire Quebec".



The screenshot shows the SignWriter Studio interface with the title "SignWriter Studio™ - essais.SWS - Quebec Sign Language (LSQ)". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Help, and various move navigation buttons. The toolbar includes Gloss Search, ERASEME, Search, Show All, and Edit SignWriting. A dropdown menu shows "French - Canada" and the ID "1403122045eraseme". The main pane displays a table with three columns: "Gloss French - Canada", "Other Glosses French - Canada", and "SWriting". The first row contains the ID "1403122045eraseme", the name "Lemyre", and three sign diagrams. The "ERASEME" column has a checked checkbox labeled "Substring".



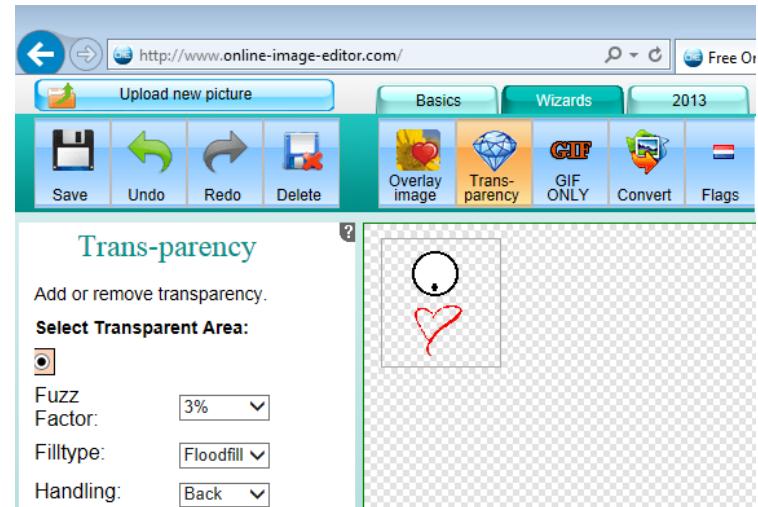
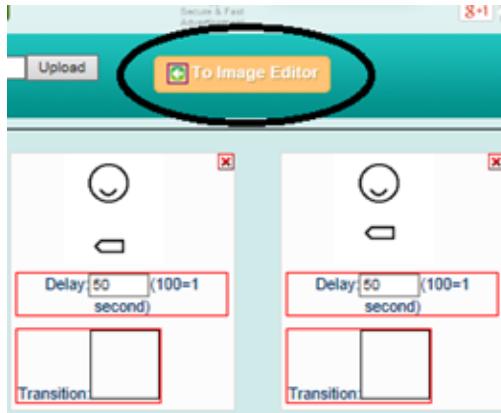
Frame Preparation Steps



Animation steps



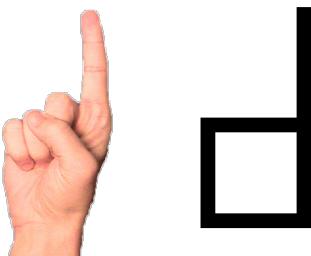
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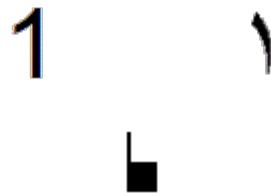
2-Design



Designs



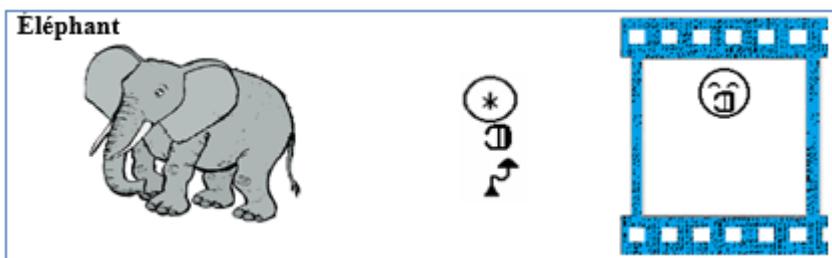
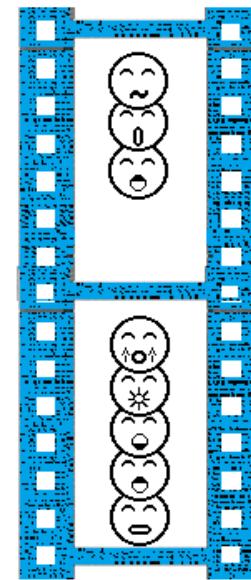
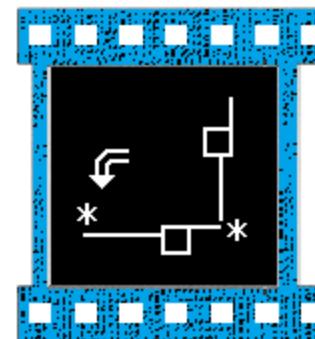
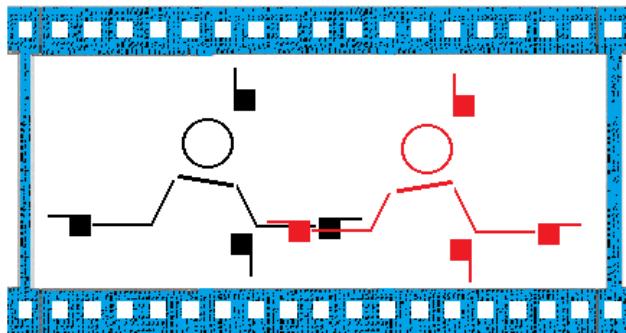
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<http://www.signwriting.org/lessons/iswa/>



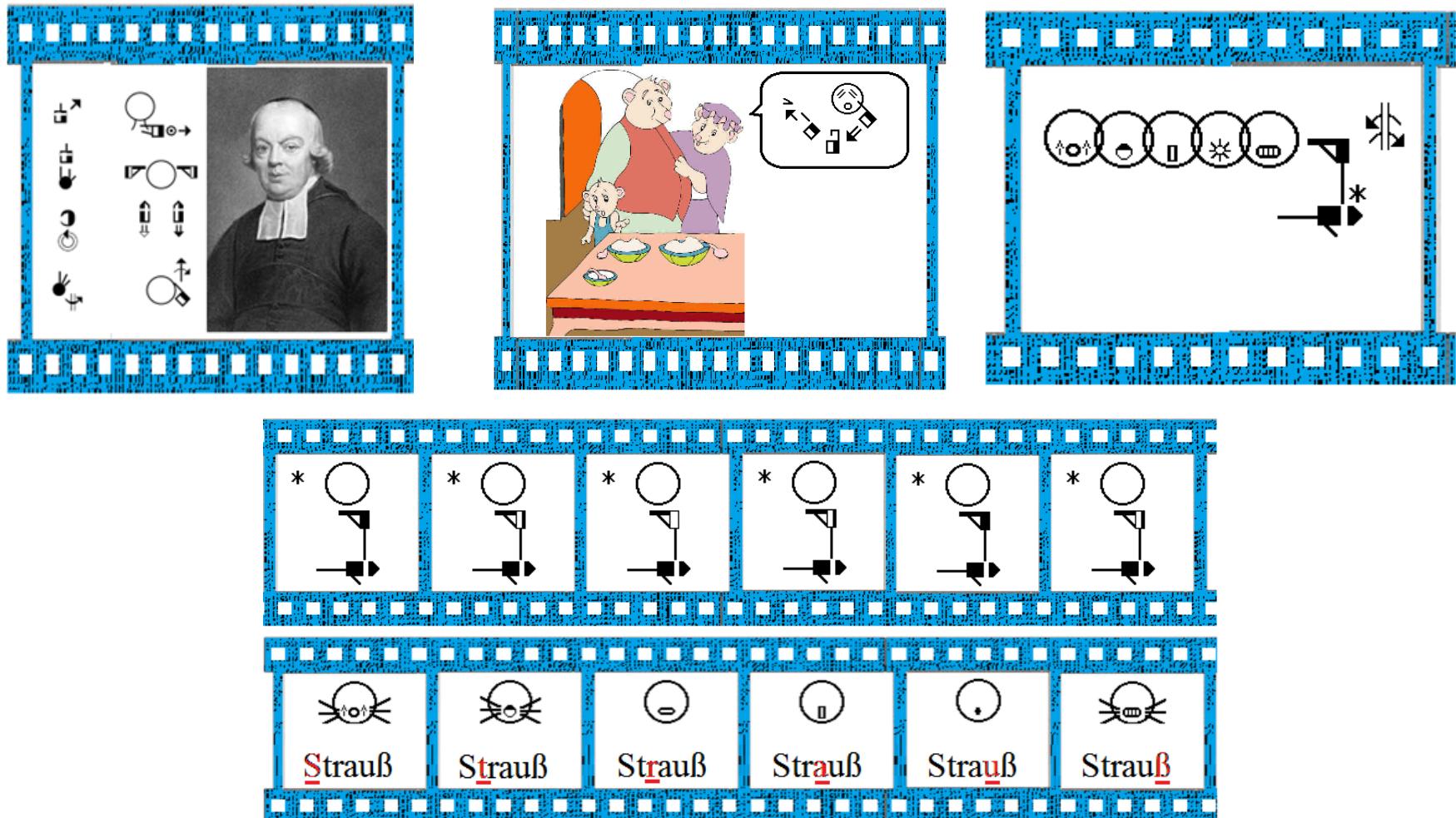
Bonne journée (Good day):
1. LSQ: SignWrting
2. LSQ: SignAnimating
3. French SpeechWrting (bɔn ʒurne)
4. LPC Cued Speech with SpeechAnimating



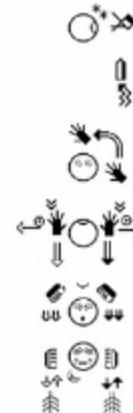
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See the following video from Brazil on You Tube, about captioning video in SignWriting using software developed in Brazil: Previsão do tempo com SW by Ronnie Fagundes de Brito.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvtdzaOVj-I>

Symbols



Same Rules



Lessons in SignWriting

Textbook
by
Valerie Sutton



SignAnimating 3-Symbols

(Non-official proposals based on Lessons in SignWriting, Text book, by Valerie Sutton, Center for Sutton Movement Writing, Inc. 2014)



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Difference: Zoom



Do not invent symbols!



Wöhrmann's SpeechWriting



Wöhrmann's SpeechWriting

The SpeechWriting system was invented by Stefan Wöhrmann.

He integrated it in animations.



1- Mundbildschrift
Phonetic sound-production
(Ostrich in German)



2- Mundbilder in Gebärdenschrift
articulatory movement writing
(Ostrich in German)

- <http://www.signwriting.org/symposium/presentation0002.html>
- <http://www.gebaerdenschrift.de/>

Mundbildschrift

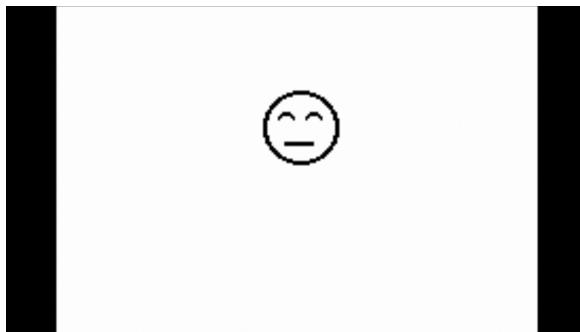
Mundbildschrift

(exact translation: Mouth Picture Writing)

- A standardized writing system for picturing the sounds of human spoken language (speech).
- Compared to the International Phonetic Alphabet, Mundbildschrift is not as detailed and complete but easy to read and sufficient enough to support even young deaf students in their articulation process to develop better spoken language skills.
- It is used like a spelling system for writing complete words in mouth pictures, and can be applied to any spoken language.

Mundbildschrift

Phonetic sound-production



Video



Merci

Animated gif

Merci beaucoup (Thank you in French and LSQ)

Mundbilder

Mundbilder

(writing what is seen, when Lip Reading)

- A standardized writing system for picturing the way the lips look when a person speaks words.
- These symbols do not represent sounds but can be associated with spoken words, that are seen on the lips when “Lip Reading”.



Wöhrmann's SpeechWriting Symbols

 A a:	 ε ε:	 θ e:	 i i:
 o o: ɔ o:	 u: ʊ y y:	 au	 ɔy
 ai	 m	 b p	 f v
 i	 d n ɳ t	 ʒʃ	 z s ks ts
 j	 k r ɳ g	 x ç	

Wöhrmann's SpeechWriting Consonants

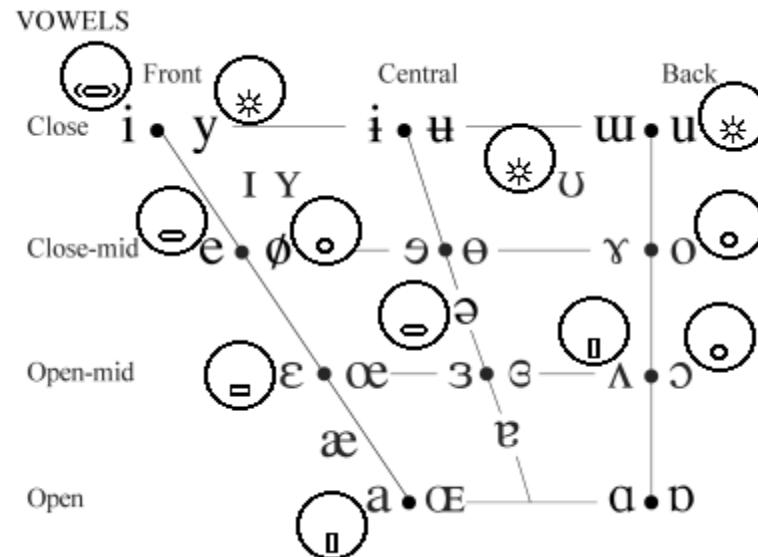
CONSONANTS (PULMONIC)

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	Bilabial	Labiodental	Dental	Alveolar	Postalveolar	Retroflex	Palatal	Velar	Uvular	Pharyngeal	Glottal
Plosive	p b		t d		t̪ d̪	c ɟ k g	q ɢ			?	
Nasal	m	m̪	n	r	n̪	j n̪	ŋ		N		
Trill	B			r̪					R		
Tap or Flap		v̪	f̪	ɾ̪	ɾ̪	t̪	ɾ̪	ɾ̪			
Fricative	ɸ β	f v̪	θ ð	s z	ʃ ʒ	s z	ç ʝ	x ɣ	y ɣ	χ ʁ	h ɦ
Lateral fricative		w̪		ɬ	ɬ						
Approximant		v̪		i		ɻ	ɻ	ɻ			
Lateral approximant			l̪		l̪	ɻ	ɻ	ɻ			

Where symbols appear in pairs, the one to the right represents a voiced consonant. Shaded areas denote articulations judged impossible.

Wöhrmann's SpeechWriting Vowels



au	ɔy	ai	ks	ts

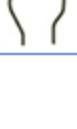
Cued Speech



Vowels

Hand positions to code vowels Language Parlé Complété LPC (French Cued Speech)	SignWriting Positions	French Vowels	Cued Speech Code
			p
		in - eu	pommette (cheekbone)
		[a] - [o] - e	c
		i - on - an	côté (side)
			b
			bouche (mouth)
			m
		ou - è - [ɔ]	menton
			g
		un - é - u - [ɑ]	gorge (throat)

Consonants

Finger keys to code consonants	French consonants	Cued Speech Code	Finger keys to code consonants	French consonants	Cued Speech Code
 	p - d - j (ʒ)	1	 	m - t - f	5
	pied, dos, joue, genou			and each vowel not preceded by a consonant	
 	k - v - z	2	 	main, tête, front l - ch - gn - /w/	6
	gou, ventre, zèbre			lobe, chair, gagner, toi	
 	s - r (and English r)	3	 	g - dj (/dʒ/) gorge, Joe	7
	sang, rein, reggae				
 	b - n - /ŋ/	4	 	y (j) - tch	8
	bras, nez, cuir			œil, chips	

Animations Analysis

Construction of a Cued Speech Animation					
French	Journée (day)				
SpeechWriting	↑o↑	*	o	o	-
Phonetic	ʒ	u	R	n	e
Cued speech keys		1m	3c	4g	
Cued speech codes					
Cued speech animation	↑o↑	*	o	o	-

Conclusion

With this series of 4 SignAnimating documents, we demonstrated that the SignWriting symbol set is complete and sufficient. It can be used for accurate animations of sign languages and spoken visemes when combined with SpeechWriting.



Merci

Merçi beaucoup
(Thank you in French and LSQ)

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- <http://www.signwriting.org/lessons/web/>
- <http://www.signwriting.org/lessons/elessons/>
- <http://www.signwriting.org/archive/docs5/sw0493-SWLessonsBook-Parkhurst-EngLSE.pdf>
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