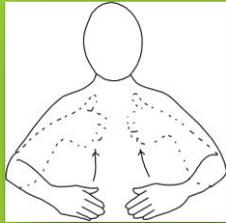
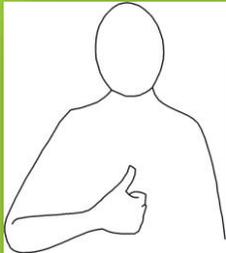


Some Useful Signs



How are you?



good



bad



friend

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What is Makaton?

“Makaton is a language programme that gives everyone a helping hand to talk.”

Makaton is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people to communicate. It is designed to support spoken language and the signs and symbols are used with speech, in spoken word order.

With Makaton, children and adults can communicate straight away using signs and symbols. Many people then drop the signs or symbols naturally at their own pace, as they develop speech.

For those who have experienced the frustration of being unable to communicate meaningfully or effectively, Makaton really can help. Makaton takes away that frustration and enables individuals to connect with other people and the world around them. This opens up all kinds of possibilities.

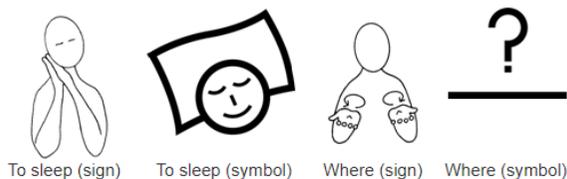
Makaton uses signs, symbols and speech to help people communicate. Signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear.

How Makaton Works

Most communication is through speaking to others. However, some people have difficulty with using speech and they need to use different ways to communicate, like using Makaton symbols and signs.

When we speak, we often use extra tools to help the person we are communicating with understand what we are saying. For example, if we are asked for directions, we might point (gesture) or draw a picture. These are clues to help provide more information.

Makaton uses speech with signs (gestures) and symbols (pictures) to help people communicate. We also use facial expression, eye contact and body language to give as much information as possible.



Top Tips

- Using Makaton is fun!
- Use signs and symbols as much and as often as you can.
- Always speak as you sign or use symbols.
- Offer lots of encouragement.
- Don't give up! It may take a while but it is worth it in the end.

