able
A shape both hands, knuckles down. Move down in forceful manner.

about
Point left index finger right, palm in. Circle with right index.

above
Open B both hands, palms down, left tips right, right tips slanted left. Place RH on back of LH, arc out and up.

accept
Five shape both hands, palms down, tips out. Draw back toward chest into flat O shapes.

accident
S shape both hands, knuckles facing. Strike knuckles together.

ache
A shape both hands, thumbs extended, knuckles out. Move the thumbs back and forth toward one another.
**acorn**
S shape LH knuckles right. A shape RH knuckles left. Tap left S with right A. Repeat.

**acrobat**
A shape both hands, knuckles down. Move up and down alternately as if balancing. Follow with agent marker.

**across**
LH open B palm down, tips slanted right. Slide little finger edge of right A across back of LH.

**act**
A shape both hands. Alternately move back in circles, brushing thumbs down chest.

**active**
Claw shape both hands, palms down. Arc in toward each other several times.

**actress**
Brush right thumb down right cheek, then form A shapes both hands. Move alternately in circles toward body. Follow with agent marker.

**add**
Hold left flat O, tips down, over right open palm. Close RH into flat O and bring up to left tips.

**address**
A shape both hands, palms in. Move up chest.
after a while
LH open B palm right, tips up. Place thumb of right L in left palm and circle forward (about one-quarter turn).

afternoon
Hold left arm before you, palm down, tips right. Place elbow of right open B on back of LH and lower slightly.

again
LH open B palm up, tips out. RH bent B palm up. Arc RH left and place tips in left palm.

against
LH open B palm right, tips up. Strike palm with tips of right bent B palm down.

ago
Five shape RH palm left. Arc back over left shoulder.

agree
Place tip of right index finger on forehead. Bring down and place against left index which is held tip out, palm down.

ahead
A shape both hands, thumbs up, knuckles facing. Place right knuckles on left wrist and move ahead of left A.

aid
A shape both hands, knuckles facing, right thumb extended. Place right A under left and push up.

aide
A shape both hands, left knuckles right, right knuckles left. Place right A under left A and push up. Follow with agent marker.
**pipe**  
Both hands, right palm face tip of right index on tip then move directly to tip index.

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**air**  
A shape RH. Move in wavy motion from left to right.

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**air force**  
Y shape RH, index finger extended. Move back and forth slightly.

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**plane**  
ape RH, index finger extended. Zoom to left.

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**airport**  
Cupped shape LH palm up. Y shape RH index finger extended. Hold at right shoulder and “zoom” down into left palm.

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**alarm**  
C shape LH palm right. Tap left thumb with right index several times.

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both hands, thumbs ex-knuckles touching. Separating a book.

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**alike**  
Y shape both hands, thumbs almost touching. Move apart and back again.

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**a little while ago**  
LH open B palm right, tips up. One shape RH palm in. Place RH against left palm and flick index finger toward body twice.
alive
A shape both hands, thumbs up. Place knuckles on chest and move up, changing to L shapes.

all
Open B both hands, left palm up, right palm down. Circle left with right, ending with back of RH resting in left palm.

allergic
A shape both hands, palms in. Place right A on forehead, left A on stomach.

alley
A shape both hands, knuckles facing. Move forward in straight lines.

all gone
Place right C, palm in, on left palm then draw out, closing into S shape.

alligator
Five shape both hands, left palm up, right palm down, all tips out. Place right palm on left, interlocking fingers, then lift RH up (indicating huge jaws).

allowance
LH open B palm up, tips out. Tap palm of LH twice with back of right flat O. Change to bent B shapes, palms down, holding right B above left.

all right
Open B both hands, left palm up. Slide little finger side of RH across left palm and arc up.

almost
LH open B palm up, tips slightly right. Stroke back of left fingers with right fingers, bringing RH above LH.
**alone**
One shape RH palm in, tip up. Circle counterclockwise.

**along**
A shape RH knuckles down. Place on back of left wrist and slide up forearm.

**a lot (lots)**
Claw shape both hands, palms facing, fingertips touching. Move hands apart quickly.

**alphabet**
A shape RH. Move down in Z motion.

**already**
Five shape RH palm in and slightly to the right. Twist out so that palm faces out.

**also**
Flat O shape both hands, tips up. Right O a little higher than left. Arc right tips over to left tips.

**also (alt.)**
One shape both hands, palms down, tips out. Tap index fingers together at left, then arc over to right and tap together again.

**aluminum**
B shape LH palm and tips slanted right. A shape RH with thumb extended. Scrape left tips with right thumb.

**always**
One shape RH palm left, tip out. Circle continuously.
am
Place right A on mouth and move out.

amaze
Open B both hands, palms down, tips out. Draw back to body, palms out and tips up, and push forward.

ambulance
Make cross on upper left arm with right A.

America
Interlock fingers, palms in, and circle from right to left.

American Sign Language
Fingerspell A-S-L.

among
Five shape LH palm slightly right. Weave right index finger in and out of left fingers.

amusement
A shape both hands, palms in, right knuckles left, left knuckles right. Place on chest then circle RH clockwise and LH counterclockwise.

an
N shape RH palm in. Twist outward.

anchor
Three shape LH palm right, tips out. Place index finger of right X against left palm, swing down, then turn up, as if hooking anchor.
and
Five shape RH palm in, tips left. Move from left to right, closing into flat O.

angel
Place tips of curved open B shapes on shoulders. Swing palms out and flutter fingers slightly.

angry
Claw shape RH tips on chest. Draw up and out in forceful manner.

animal
Place tips of claw hands on upper chest and move back and forth toward one another.

ankle
A shape RH knuckles left. Place against side of left wrist which is held before you palm down.

annoy
Open B both hands, left palm right, tips out; right palm up. Slide RH back and forth between thumb and index of LH.

another
A shape RH knuckles down, thumb pointed left. Twist over so that knuckles face up.

answer
One shape both hands, right index on mouth, left index a little in front of face. Move both forward ending with palms down.
ant
Place base of right A on back of left claw hand which is held palm down. Move left claw forward in crawling motion.

antler
A shape both hands. Place thumbs on temple and move up opening into 5 shapes.

any
A shape RH thumb up. Swing out to right.

anyway
Curved LH open B palm up. Slap tips of fingers back and forth with little finger side of right open B.

apart
Bent B shape both hands, palms and tips in, backs of fingers touching. Draw apart.

apartment
A shape both hands. Change into P shapes and bring left P behind right P; outlining shape of room.

ape
A shape both hands, palms in. Beat alternately against chest.

apologize
Circle right A on chest.

appear (pop up)
LH open B palm down, tips out. Push right index up between left middle and index fingers.
appetite
Place knuckles of right A on chest and move down.

apple
Press knuckle of right index finger into right cheek and twist forward.

appointment
Circle right A over left A, then drop on left wrist.

apricot
Place thumb of right A on right cheek. Twist forward and down into P shape.

April
LH open B palm in. Place knuckles of right A against left palm, slide over fingers and down back of hand.

apron
A shape both hands, thumbs facing. Draw apart outlining small apron.

aquarium
A shape both hands, palms facing. Move right in front of left, palm in, and left behind right, palm in, forming box shape.

are
Place right R on lips, then move forward.

argue
One shape both hands, palms in, tips facing. Shake hands up and down simultaneously.
arithmetic
V shape both hands, palms in, tips up. Cross one another twice.

arm
Clasp left wrist with right C and run C up to left elbow.

army
A shape both hands, palms in. Place right A on left shoulder with left A just underneath, as if holding a rifle.

around
One shape LH palm in. Circle with right index which is held tip down.

arrange
B shape both hands, palms facing, tips out. Move in short jumps to the left.

arrest
Claw shape both hands, palms down. Move quickly into S shapes, as if grabbing someone.

arrive
Open B both hands, palms up, tips out. Place back of right B in left palm.

arrow
Mime pulling arrow from holder over shoulder, placing in bow string, and shooting.

art
LH open B palm right, tips up. Draw right little finger straight down left palm. Repeat.
**artificial**
A shape RH palm left. Brush across lips to the left.

**ash**
Place back of right A under chin and open into S shape.

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**ashamed**
Place back of RH on cheek, thumb up. Turn forward, opening fingers (to indicate blush spreading).

**ashtray**
Mime smoking cigar or cigarette then tapping ashes in cupped left hand.

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**asleep**
Draw fingers of RH down over face, form A shape knuckles down, and place on upturned left A.

**asparagus**
A shape RH. Slide left C down right forearm.

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**aspirin**
A shape RH palm down, thumb extended. Place thumb in upturned left palm and circle.
assemble
Five shape both hands, palms and tips slanted out. Bring together in flat O shapes tips touching.

assistant
L shape both hands, index tips out, left palm right, right palm left. Place right L under left and push up. Follow with agent marker.

astronaut
A shape both hands, knuckles out, thumbs touching. Thrust right A forward and up forcefully.

at
Touch back of left A with right fingertips.

athlete
A shape both hands. Push up above shoulders, as if pushing up weights. (Make sign twice for athletic).

attack
Strike left index finger with right A from behind.

attention
B shape both hands, palms placed on temples. Move forward parallel to one another.

attitude
Circle heart with right A then touch chest.

audience
A shape both hands, thumbs touching. Draw apart and around ending in 5 shapes palms in, little fingers touching.
**audiogram**
LH open B palm slanted right.
Draw right A down left palm,
change into G shape, then move forward on left palm.

**audiology**
Circle right A clockwise at right ear.

**auditorium**
A shape both hands, thumbs touching. Draw apart and around to front, ending in M shapes tips up. (Sometimes this word is fingerspelled A-U-D.)

**August**
LH open B palm in. Place knuckles of right A against left palm, slide over fingers and down back of hand, changing to G shape.

**aunt**
A shape RH. Wiggle at side of right cheek.

**author**
Mime writing across left upturned palm with right A. Follow with agent marker.

**automobile**
A shape both hands. Place little finger side of right A on left thumb, then draw back toward body.

**avenue**
A shape both hands, palms facing. Move forward as if following a path.
awake
Place right index finger and thumb over right eye, then snap open into L shape.

award
A shape both hands, knuckles facing. Arc both hands forward.

away
RH open B palm in, tips left. Flip away and out.

awful
Flat O shape RH. Place on temple and snap open into 5 shape palm out.

awhile
LH open B palm right, tips up. Place RH knuckles on left palm and shake index finger back and forth slightly.

axe
Open B both hands, left palm right, tips out; right palm and tips slanted left. With little finger side of RH, chop left index finger backward then forward.