

Communicating with Auslan

Activity 1: Memory Game

- Stand in a circle and make up a non-verbal body movement that represents your name.
- Go around the circle and try to memorise everybody's body movement.
- Go around the circle and perform everyone's body movement. If you forget one you're out!

Activity 2:

- *How do we use our body to communicate?*
- *Who can show me some common ways we use our gestures to communicate with others? (e.g. tapping the wrist to ask what the time is).*

- Find a partner.
- Make a sentence that asks your partner to do something for you.
- Say the sentence in Auslan.
- See if they can guess what you said.

- *After learning and performing your sentences are there some Auslan words that you have been using already?*

Activity 3:

- Your teacher will give you a character card.
- In your group, write words or a script for a short scene.
- Use SignBank website to write short sentences in Auslan.
- Your sentences will create a conversation between the characters.

Activity 4:

- *What was easy about only using one form of communication?*
- *What was challenging about only using one form of communication?*
- *If you didn't know Auslan already, how did it feel having to use another language to express yourself?*
- *What did you have to do to make sure the audience and the other actors knew what you were trying to communicate?*
- *How do you feel now you know you can communicate in another language if you didn't before?*
- *If you already know some Auslan, how did it feel to be able to teach others?*