

The Language of the Month Challenge

– Sign Language Edition –

How many Language of the Month challenges can you complete and submit this month?

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1. Explain what sign language is and how it is used.
2. Sign languages are not universal. How many different sign languages have been identified and which sign language do we use in this country?
3. Explain the difference between Sign Language and Makaton.
4. Fingerspell your name – either video yourself spelling it, create a photo series/collage of your hands showing each letter, or draw the hand gesture for each letter. You could also try to create a 'name sign' for yourself.
5. Illustrate the sign for a particular word or short phrase.
6. Create a poster or guide to help people be deaf aware.
7. Sit in your garden and list all the things you can hear. Listen really carefully. Try to imagine not being able to hear any of those noises ever. How do you think that could feel?
8. What were the most interesting facts you learned about deafness and Sign Language?
9. Practice signing some basic BSL greetings. Video or photograph yourself doing them.
10. Watch Rose and Giovanni's couple's choice dance on Strictly Come Dancing? (YouTube) How did it make you feel when the music stopped and they danced in silence? Did it give you more understanding about deafness?
11. Watch the bedtime story signed by Rose Ayling-Ellis (link in pupil portal). See which repeated words or phrases you can sign along to.
12. Find out about hearing aids and how they help a deaf person to hear.

