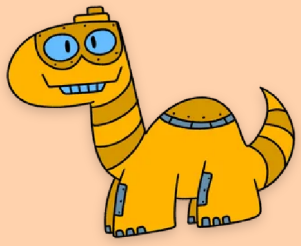
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE · HOW ASL WORKS · GRADES 2–5

The Five Parts of a Sign

Every sign is made of five parts. Match each part to what it means, then answer the questions.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Every sign is made of five parts. Change just one part and you can make a different sign.

Draw a line from each part to what it means.

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Palm orientation	**what your face shows while you sign**
Location	**the shape your hand makes**
Movement	**which way your palm faces**
Facial expression	**how your hand moves**

Name the part.

The sign is made next to your forehead.

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Your hand taps two times.

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Your eyebrows go up.

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Your hand is shaped like the letter B.

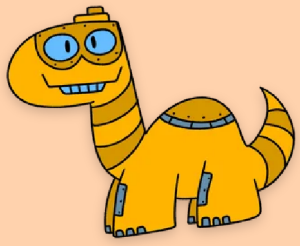
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ANSWER KEY · HOW ASL WORKS · GRADES 2–5

Answer Key: The Five Parts of a Sign

Answers for grown-ups. Where kids write their own ideas, the key shows one example.



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