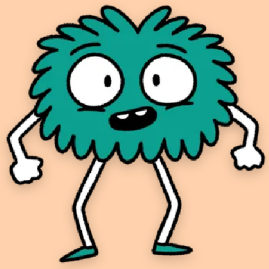
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE · HOW ASL WORKS · GRADES 2–4

Which Hand Do I Sign With?

Read about your dominant hand and answer the questions.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Read

Most people have a dominant hand: the hand they write with and use the most. When you fingerspell or make a one-handed sign, use your dominant hand.

If you are right-handed, your right hand is dominant. If you are left-handed, your left hand is. Both are correct in ASL.

Pick one hand and stick with it. Switching hands back and forth makes your signing harder to read.

In two-handed signs where the hands do different things, the dominant hand usually moves and the other hand stays still, like a base.

Answer the questions.

What is a dominant hand?

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Which hand do you use to fingerspell?

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Is it OK to sign with your left hand?

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Why should you not switch hands?

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Which hand is your dominant hand?

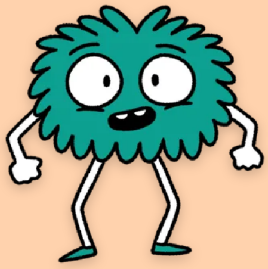
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Answer Key: Which Hand Do I Sign With?

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



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Your dominant hand

Is it OK to sign with your left hand?

Yes, if you are left-handed

Why should you not switch hands?

It makes signing harder to read.

Which hand is your dominant hand?

My right hand (answers vary)

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