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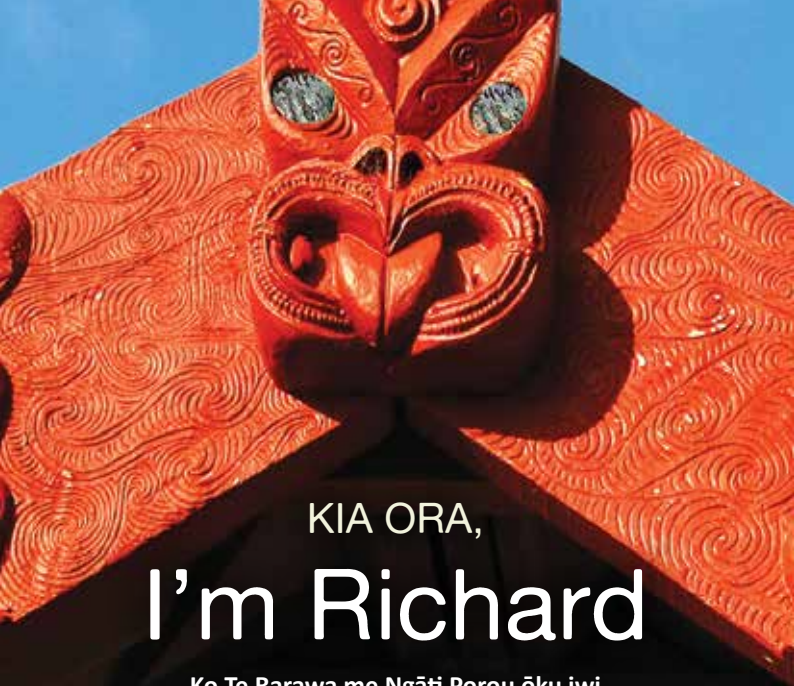

KIA ORA,

I'm Richard

Ko Te Rarawa me Ngāti Porou ōku iwi
(My iwi are Te Rarawa and Ngāti Porou)

Ko Te Uri o Tai me Te Whānau o Hinerupe ōku hapū
(My hapū are Te Uri o Tai and Te Whānau o Hinerupe)

Ko Richard Peri tōku ingoa
(My name is Richard Peri)

Deaf Aotearoa

Deaf Aotearoa is the Disabled Persons' Organisation (DPO) representing the voice of Deaf People, and the national service provider for Deaf people in New Zealand.

Deaf Aotearoa's services include:

- First Signs – access to NZSL and language development for families of deaf children age 0 – 5
- Youth – activities that develop strong Deaf identities and leadership skills, and providing a youth internship programme
- Employment – a transition programme and job seeking support, and supports Deaf people to retain their employment or upskill
- Hauora – needs assessments, assistive equipment, and information and advice
- iSign – NZSL interpreting services that assist communication between Deaf and hearing people.

Deaf Aotearoa works closely with Deaf communities, government agencies and other organisations to increase awareness, promote NZSL and strengthen the rights of Deaf people.

Deaf Aotearoa is the New Zealand representative to the World Federation of the Deaf.

Deaf Aotearoa also provides education and awareness courses to organisations that want to learn about Deaf culture and NZSL. These courses can be tailored to accommodate organisations' interests and time requirements.

Deaf Awareness courses

Get an insight into the Deaf world, explore NZSL, Deaf culture and the community through these interactive courses. They're ideal for breaking down communication barriers for businesses, groups and organisations.

NZSL Courses

NZSL courses are tailored to your environment. Courses can teach basic principles of NZSL including NZSL grammar and common words and phrases. Courses can also be designed to teach words and phrases specific to your environment. NZSL courses can be provided in a setting that suits you, for example, First Signs family's home, Kindergartens or Early Childhood Education centres.

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SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

TE WIKI O TE REO TURI

Every May, Deaf Aotearoa organises New Zealand Sign Language Week – a celebration of one of the country's official languages.

NZSL Week is a chance for the Deaf community to stand proud as Deaf, and to celebrate their language and culture. It also works to break down barriers, fears and misconceptions. NZSL Week lets Deaf New Zealanders put their hands up and be seen!

Our vision for NZSL Week is to increase awareness and understanding of NZSL and the Deaf community, and to empower and strengthen the Deaf community.

For more information visit nzslweek.org.nz

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8-14 MAY
NZSL Week Events
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Welcome to New Zealand Sign Language Week!
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The New Boy (Deaf Actress)
It'll be all right

HOW TO COMMUNICATE **WITH A DEAF PERSON**

A conversation with a Deaf person is the same as a conversation with a hearing person – Deaf people just use different communication tools.
Like hearing people, Deaf people are unique individuals with interesting qualities and skills. They have families, jobs and hobbies.

You can communicate with Deaf people in several ways, including New Zealand Sign Language, spoken/written English or a mix of these.

Appropriate use of gesture, body language and facial expressions can also be very effective, as Deaf people communicate visually.

Not all Deaf people can lip read well. It's estimated 70% of lip reading is guesswork, even if the speaker articulates clearly. That's why relying solely on lip reading as a way to communicate isn't recommended.

Face the Deaf person and get their attention before speaking. Eye contact is very important so try to maintain it and don't turn away while the Deaf person is signing.

Using a New Zealand Sign Language Interpreter is the best way to ensure full communication occurs. Booking an interpreter is easy and quick and will avoid communication breakdowns.

To book an interpreter, contact iSign:
www.isign.co.nz
0800 934 683 or Free TXT: 3359
bookings@isign.co.nz

A FEW TIPS FOR **SIGN LANGUAGE**

Facial expressions
Facial expressions are an important aspect of NZSL. In spoken languages, intonations are used to indicate what kind of sentence it is – a question or statement. NZSL shows intonation using facial expressions. Having a plain facial expression is like speaking with a monotonous voice. It's boring!

Hand position
Hand positioning is very important. It's helpful to see the signs in action – you can look up videos for these signs in the NZSL Dictionary online at nzsl.nz or download the app from Google Play and the Apple App store.

Which hand to use?
Use your dominant hand – the hand you write with – to execute all of the signs. For some signs you'll need to use both hands.

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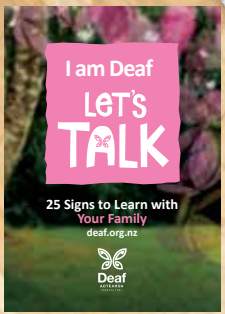
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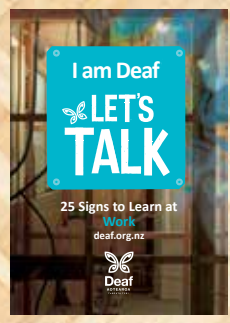
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25 SIGNS TO LEARN FOR MĀORI CONCEPTS

This is one of a series of booklets designed to introduce you to NZSL. It gives you a practical opportunity to quickly learn some basic vocabulary relevant to your environment.

Learn these signs and use them as often as you can. Tell your friends about them and share the wonderful gift of NZSL. Then you'll understand why 25,000 New Zealanders use it every day!

ALSO AVAILABLE:

25 Signs to Learn for First Signs Families

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aroha

love

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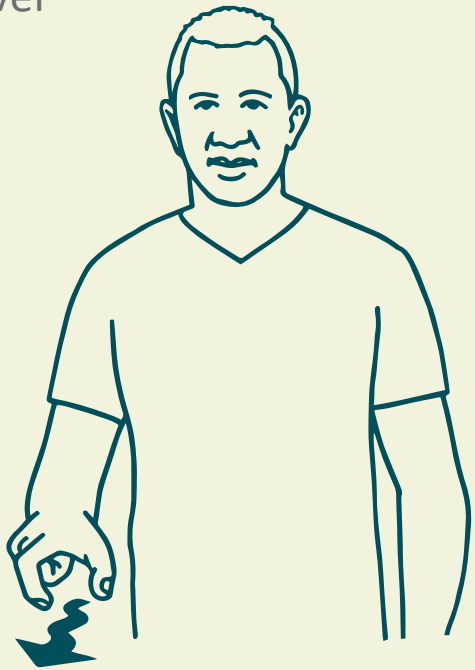

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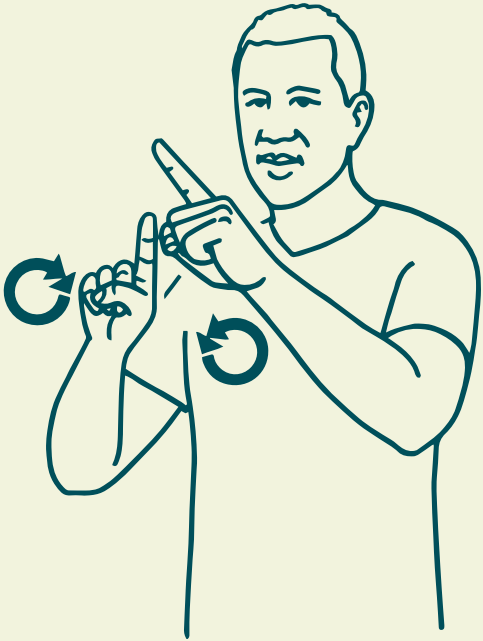

iwi

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kai
food

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speaker

karakia

prayer

kaupapa
principles

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language nest

Fingers wiggling as if playing a piano.

kuia
grandmother

māori

marae

meeting house

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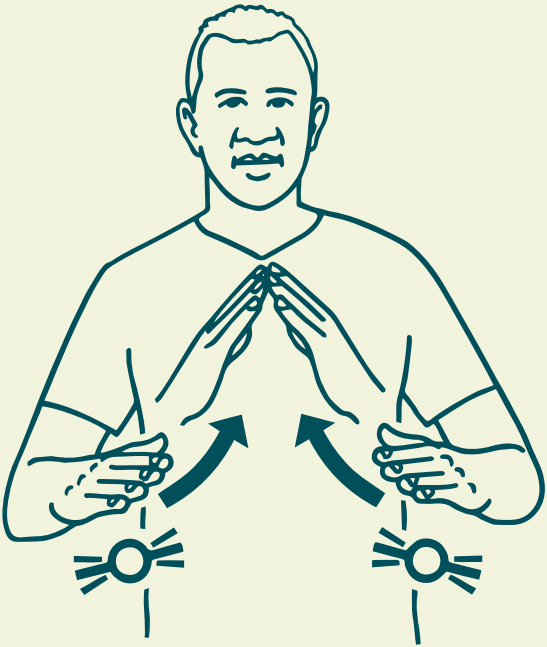

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taonga

treasure

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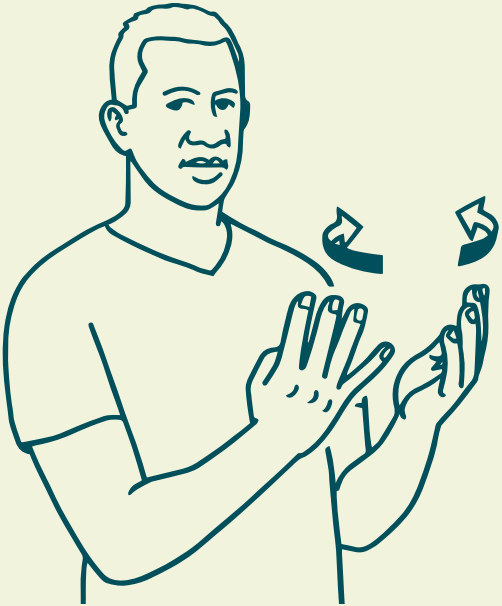

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