



Speaking in Sign

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Complete a total of four activities including one Discover, one Connect, one Take Action and one other activity chosen from any category.

Discover:

1. Learn the American Manual Alphabet. Practice signing your name. Sing the ABC song as you sign the letters. Learn to count to 20 in sign language.
2. Learn to sign the Girls Scout Promise and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Learn to sing a song in sign language. Sing and sign it for your troop or family.
4. Learn about the history of American Sign Language.

Connect:

1. Put on a short play that others are familiar with (like The Three Bears) without talking... use signs, gestures and mime. You can even use props and costumes. See if your troop or family can guess what play you are doing.
2. Visit your local library and check out children's books that are written in words and signs. Practice reading and signing the stories.
3. Make a pin to wear showing the universal sign for "I love you." You can do this by tracing your hand onto craft foam or heavy cardboard. Bend down the ring finger and middle finger and glue them to the palm. Attach a pin back with glue.
4. Sound Waves: Do at least two of the following to see how people can feel sound. (You must wear earplugs or cotton in your ears to block out sound).
 - Put your hand on a piano when no one is playing it. Have someone play the piano while your hand is still on it. Can you feel the vibrations?
 - Put your hand on a radio when it's not on, and again when it is on. Can you feel the difference?
 - Use an empty cardboard tube. Placing tube opening over mouth, make noise or talk. Can you feel the vibrations?
 - Lightly put your hand on your throat and talk to a partner. What do you feel? Can you feel the different sounds when you say the alphabet and your name?

Take Action:

1. Perform a signing concert at a school or program for the deaf.
2. Volunteer at a school or program for the deaf.
3. Think of your own project! Use the skills and knowledge you developed in the Discover and Connect activities to guide you.