

American Sign Language for major words in

***What A Wonderful World***

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I	Letter "T" hand shape.
See	The right 'V' hand, palm facing the body, is placed so that the fingertips are just under the eyes. The hand swings straight out.
Trees	The elbow of the upright right arm rests on the palm of the upturned left hand. This is the trunk. The right '5' fingers wiggle to imitate the movement of the branches and leaves.
Green	The G hand shape is shook in a position that is used to indicate colors.
Red	The index finger points to the lips and then moves downward. The finger is indicating the redness of lips.
Roses	The 'smelling a flower' sign is made with an R hand shape.
Bloom	(same as grow) Right arm horizontal showing earth surface. Left hand with fingertips together rises from below the arm and fingers spread out.
For	The forefinger moves forward from the side of the forehead.
Me	Pointing to yourself is a natural gesture for indicating the concept of me.
You	The index finger points straight ahead. This is a natural gesture for indicating a person.
And	Place the right open hand in front with palm facing in and fingers pointing to the left. Move the hand to the right while bringing fingertips together.
Think	The index finger touches the forehead, the location of the mind.
Myself	The A hand shape taps the chest. The A hand shape is often associated with the concept of self.
What	Pass the tip of the right index finger down over the left flat hand from index to little finger.
A	Letter 'A' hand.
Wonderful	Both hands are open and the fingers are together. Held in front of the body, the hands are pulled in slightly and then pushed out in an expression of wonder.
World	The right 'W' hand makes a complete circle around the left 'W' hand and comes to rest on the thumb edge of the left 'W' hand.
Skies	Arms and hands pointing straight up on either side of head (like rockets). Hands move up and around top of head, with one hand maneuvering forward to avoid hitting the other hand. Arms end up in X above head.
Blue	The B hand shape is shook in a position in which other signs for colors are made.
Clouds	The hands outline the shape of clouds.
White	An open 5 hand is placed on the chest and is then pulled straight out with the fingertips coming together.
Bright	The hands burst apart with the fingers spread out to represent the concept of something shining brightly.
Blessed	The hands mimic the action of blessing someone. Double "A" hand shape touching each other and touching thumbs to the chin with bowed head. Move hands down and out while spreading out fingers.
Day	The horizontal arm represents the surface of the earth. The moving hand represents the movement of the sun across the sky during the day.
Dark	The hands (palms out) come together as if shading the eyes from light.
Sacred	Make a right "s" hand; then move the right flat palm across the left flat palm from heel to fingertips.
Night	The horizontal arm and hand represent the earth (or the horizon). The other hand extends over and below the arm, showing the position of the sun relative to the earth at night.
Colors	The fingers are pointing upward and wiggle in front of the mouth.
Rainbow	The 4 hand shape outlines the stripes of a rainbow.
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Pretty	(beautiful) The hand outlines the face; it is indicating the beauty of a face.
Also	The Y hand shape moves back and forth. The notion is that the thumb and little finger are pointing to two things that are alike.
Faces	The forefinger circles the face.
People	The P hand shapes move in alternating circles. The circular movement can be forward or backward.
Going by	The 5 hand (palm in) moves away from the body and gradually closes which represents a figure getting smaller as it moves away into the distance.
Friends	Index fingers link right over left, then left over right. The movement and linking of the index fingers suggest two people who are close to one another.
Shaking hands	Both hands link and then shake.
Saying	The index finger rolls forth from the mouth to represent the flow of spoken words.
How do you do?	One Y hand shape twists back and forth against the other Y hand shape to represent the concept of asking how to take something apart.
They're	The index finger points to several people (same as 'them').
Really	The forefinger is upright and moves straight forward from the mouth (same as 'truth').
I love you.	The letters I, L, and Y are made simultaneously to represent the first letters of the phrase I love you. The sign is pointed to the another person.
Hear	Index finger points to ear twice.
Babies	Mimics cradling and rocking a baby in your arms.
Cry	The index fingers alternate to indicate tears rolling down the cheeks.
Watch	The V hand shapes (palm out) move forward and down from the eyes. (Differs from 'see' which has palms in and V shapes move straight out, not down.)
Grow	Right arm horizontal showing earth surface. Left hand with fingertips together rises from below the arm and fingers spread out.
Learn	Left hand flat at waist level with palm up represents a book. Right hand mimics grasping words from the book and putting them into the forehead.
More than	Both hands with fingertips touching, left on top of right. Lift left hand even higher indicating one is more than the other.
Ever	The number 1 hand shape circling around and around, representing a circle that does not end.
Know	The fingertips touch the forehead to indicate that knowledge is in the brain.
O Yeah	Make the O hand shape with the right hand. The S hand shape shakes up and down in the left hand. The S hand shape represents the head nodding.

## WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

(George Weiss / Bob Thiele)

(make hand signs on the bold large words)

**I see trees of green, red roses too**  
**I see them bloom for me and you**  
**And I think to myself, what a wonderful world**

**I see skies of blue and clouds of white**  
**The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night**  
**And I think to myself, what a wonderful world**

**The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky**  
**Are also on the faces of people going by**  
**I see friends shakin' hands, sayin' "How do you do?"**  
**They're really saying "I love you"**

**I hear babies cryin', I watch them grow**  
**They'll learn much more than I'll ever know**  
**And I think to myself, what a wonderful world**  
**Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world**  
**Oh yeah**