

Loan Signs

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American Sign Language
Lake Tahoe

Introduction

Loan Signs are typically 3-5 letter words that are commonly fingerspelled in ASL. You'll notice as you go through the lists below that some of these fingerspelled words do have signs, however, many times they are fingerspelled due to the letter's natural patterns and ease of movement. As you practice these Loan Signs, the letters will become natural and smooth for you, too! This is only a partial list of the most common Loan Signs you will see. If someone fingerspells a word to you, don't panic, it's probably on this list! So (hey isn't "so" a Loan Sign?!?), practice, practice, practice.

Topics

1. Around the House
2. Cities and States
3. Transportation and Location
4. Body and Health
5. Technology, Science and Measures
6. Foods and Preparation
7. Emphatic and Directional
8. Miscellaneous

Topic 1: Around the House

AC – air conditioning
apt – apartment
attic
ATV – All Terrain Vehicle
bag
barn
bills
boots
CD – Compact Disc
check
condo
cozy
deck
desk
duplex
DVD – Digital Video Disc
fix
glue
jeans

nap
note
oven
plastic
pool
porch
puzzle
rail
ref – refrigerator
rent
roof
rug
RV – Recreational Vehicle
sink
stove
tack
tape
TDD – Teletext Device for the Deaf
tool

junk
latch
loft
log
MWO - Microwave Oven
nail

toy
truck
trunk
TTY – Teletext Typewriter
VCR – Video Cassette Recorder
yard

Topic 2: Cities and States

USA – United States of America
CA – California
NV – Nevada
(most states)
LT – Lake Tahoe
SLT – South Lake Tahoe

SAC – Sacramento
SF – San Francisco
LA – Los Angeles
CC – Carson City
GV – Gardnerville or Grass Valley
Reno

Topic 3: Transportation and Location

ave – avenue
blvd – boulevard
bank
bus
cab
casino
club
co – company
dept – department
ferry
HS – High School

job
lobby
limo
park
raft
ranch
resort
SUV – Sport Utility Vehicle
taxi
valet
zoo

Topic 4: Body and Health

aid
ankle
back
blister
burn
cancer

ID – identification
knee
leg
PhD
rack
rash

CPR – Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
ER – Emergency Room
EMT – Emergency Medical Technician
feet
flu
foot
HC – handicap
hip

rib
Rx – prescription
stiff
sunburn
toes
wart
xray

Topic 5: Technology, Science and Measures

acre
AOL – America Online
back up – make a copy
cell
cm – centimeter
disk
email
fax
foot
inch

lab – laboratory
mile
min – minute
mode
oz – ounces
password
sec – seconds
ton
web site

Topic 6: Foods and Preparation

BBQ – barbeque
corn
diet
fry
gas
grill
ham
ice
jelly
juice
mayo
oil
organic

pear
pizza – use a double "z"
poach
pork
radish
recipe
relish
rice
salsa
snack
soy
tofu
yogurt

Topic 7: Emphatic and Directional

EMPHATIC:

busy
cool
gross
if
NG – No Good!
oh
oops!
ouch

pop
sick
so
sore
upset
what!?!
wow
yes

DIRECTIONAL:

all
back
EEK!
hahaha – laughter
OK
PF – Pissed Off!
TB – Too Bad!
will – future tense

Topic 8: Miscellaneous

air
bossy
box
concert – music
do
fog
fun
grand (son/daughter)
hobby
hyper
icy
mayor
model
news

off
on
or
OT – overtime
out
own
owner
sale
sexy
sue
tax
tune up – car
wild