



## Virtual Games &?? American Sign Language

### Description

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Help your students step into other people's shoes in this activity by learning the letters of American sign language.

### Supplies

- No supplies needed

### How to Play

1. This activity works best on a virtual platform like zoom, where students can see each other.
2. Tell your students that today they are learning all about American sign language and that we will be moving our hands to represent the different letters of the alphabet.
3. Remind students that people who have lost their hearing must learn sign language to be able to communicate, so today we are stepping into their shoes and learning some of the alphabet.
4. Utilize the visual below to walk students through each letter of the alphabet and show your students your hand.
5. Challenge students throughout to spell out different words based on the letters they have learned.



## Activity Prompts for Reflection

- Why is it important to step into the shoes of other people?
- What is the benefit of learning another language?
- If you could learn any other language what language would you want to learn?

## Other Ways to Play

- Have students spell out a word of their choice and other students try to guess the word.
- Call out different letters of the alphabet and see which student is the first to do the sign language.

## Additional Notes

- Teach the letters at a pace appropriate for your students. Activity can be spread over multiple days where students learn a few letters each day.
- Use the [SEL Activity Prompts](#) to tie other SEL competencies to this activity.

## Category

1. Activities
2. Social Awareness

## **Sel-competency**

1. Social Awareness

## **Allotted-time**

1. 15 minutes

## **Themes**

1. General