

Food Signs
Teaching Activity idea



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RESOURCES AVAILABLE

[My Family Lunch book and flashcard bundle](#)

[My Family Lunch video story](#)

[Sally and Possum choose breakfast](#)

[Auslan video story: I once munched on a Mango](#)

ACTIVITY 1 – Remember the shopping list!

- *Students to stand in a circle and sign:*
- *"Yesterday I went shopping. I bought.....*insert food*" - Extension: Describe the colour. E.g. "I bought white milk, yellow cheese" etc..*

For older students, turn it into a memory game where students must recite previous classmates' shopping list (if large groups, put students into two different groups)

See Kerrie's video below to see how you can incorporate Depicting Signs into your teaching instruction (used when instructing students to stand in a circle)

<https://youtu.be/7-NhrlqOrQQ>

ACTIVITY 2 – Fruit Salad

- *Each student is named as a fruit: Banana, watermelon, strawberry, apple or orange.*
- *Teacher signs a fruit name. Students who were labeled that fruit must run to the other side without being tagged*

ACTIVITY 3- Pictionary

- *Student draws a food item on the board. Class must put up their hand to guess what it is but by signing the answer. If they get it right, they take their turn to draw a food item on the board.*

ACTIVITY 4- Rapid Fire

- *Two lines- teacher fingerspells a food item or uses flashcards - students at the front of the line compete to show the correct signs in response. A point given to winning person's team*

ACTIVITY 5- Café talk

- *In this role play activity, encourage students to demonstrate their knowledge of Auslan grammar by writing a script where they interact with each other as waiters, customers, and cooks. Encourage them to use yes-no questions, descriptive signs such as 'delicious' or 'yuck!'. Sample script on next page for support and guidance:*

- *Hi! How are you?*
- *Good, thank you*
- *Food special today- want see?*
- *Yes please.*
- *Chicken sandwich, delicious!*
- *Oh! Maybe I try that?*
- *Sure! (same sign as 'true')*
- *Drink, want?*
- *Yes please. Orange juice.*
- *.....*
- *Food good?*
- *Yes! Thankyou! Delicious! / No. Chicken, yuck!*
- *Great! / sorry! Different food, you want, yes-no?*
- *Thank you*
- *.....*
- *Finished! Thank you*
- *You pay now, yes no?*
- *Yes! How much?*
- *\$23.95. Thank you. Cash (money) or card (card swiping motion) ?*
- *Card*
- *Good! Receipt (DS- shape of receipt) ?*
- *No thank you. Bye*
- *Bye!*

Did you know that Victorian College for the Deaf operate a café run by Deaf students at the college, called Tradeblock café? You can organise a group booking to attend and order lunches for students ahead of time, and give them the opportunity to order their lunch at the counter in Auslan!

Link- <https://www.vcd.vic.edu.au/tradeblock/>