

Irish Sign Language - Colours



Blue



Green



White



Yellow



Make the 'Y' shape and move your hand up and down twice



Make the 'O' shape against your cheek. Move clockwise twice



Orange



Red



Make the 'R' shape and move across your lip.



An illustrated booklet
of basic Irish Sign Language (ISL)

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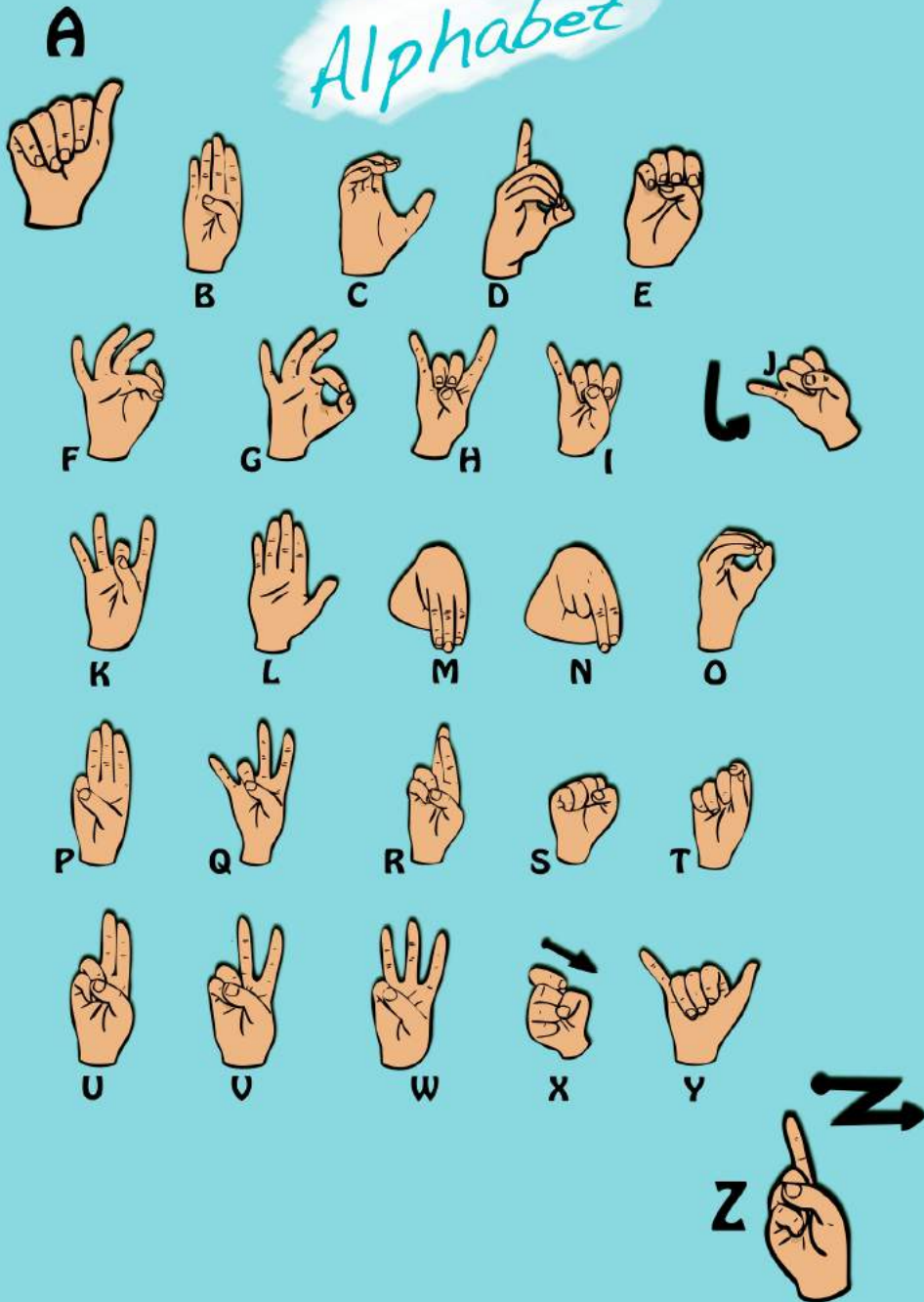
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The Alphabet



A note from Caroline (Chairperson)

Athy Sing and Sign was set up over ten years ago with the aim of providing a safe supportive and positive learning environment in which all young members have the opportunity to develop their Irish Sign Language (ISL) skills.

ISL is a beautiful unique language with its own syntax, linguistics and grammar. A proposal to make ISL the third official language of Ireland (Along with English and Gaelige) is currently at the fourth stage in the Seanad.

As a group, this is our first ISL mini festival. We have thoroughly enjoyed organising it and we hope you enjoy the experience as much as we have, and that you bring ISL with you, using it in your everyday life.



Directors Aiden McHugh and Maggie Owens with members of Athy Sing And Sign Club.

HELLO



GOODBYE



YES



NO



Fingers and thumb extended as shown, then closed together



PLEASE



THANK YOU



Touch chin and bring hand forward

GOOD



MORNING



EVENING



How are you?



"How"

+



"You"

What is your name?



"What"

+



"Your"

+



"Name"


River



R

Start by making the 'R' sign. Move this from the chin away from the body, and extend the fingers.

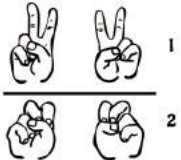
Church



Hands make a steeple
Left hand stays still
Right hand makes a circle


Castle

Finger Positions



1
2

Start with hands close to the body with fingers in position 1 (Fingers extended)
Then make a circle turning the hands around while moving fingers to position 2



Bridge



- 1 Right hand across, and left hand behind it in fist shape with thumb up
- 2 Move the fist over the outstretched hand, as if crossing a bridge

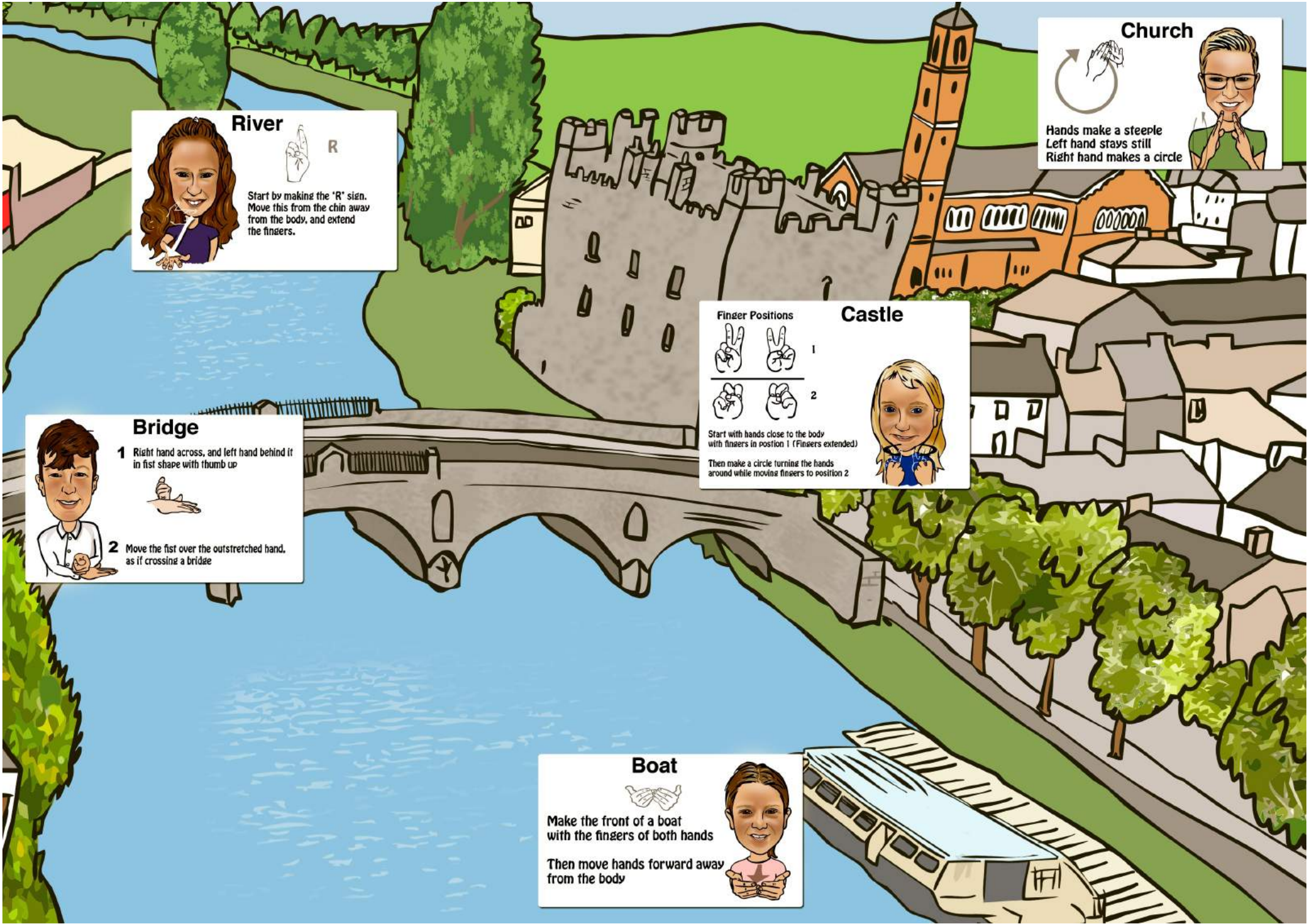


Boat



Make the front of a boat with the fingers of both hands

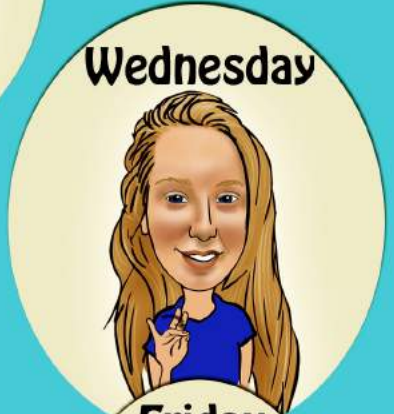
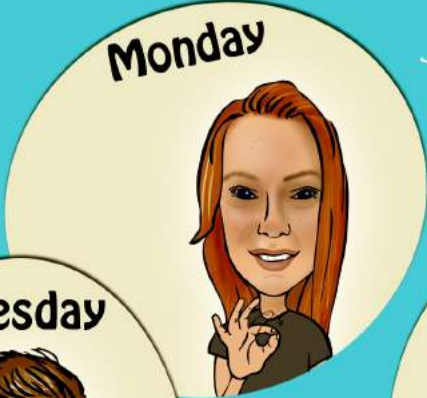
Then move hands forward away from the body

Numbers



Days of the week



Food & Drink

Coffee



Thumbs holding forefinger as shown above. Then right hand over left and circular motions.



Tea



Both hands forefinger around thumb as shown above

Then right hand over left and make a circular motion



Milk

Tap middle finger to thumb twice



Sugar

Forefinger around thumb, then left to right as if sprinkling a spoonful of sugar.



Cake



Sandwich

Move hands together and apart twice.



Sunny



Weather

Wind



Make the 'W' shape with both hands as shown

Then make circular motions with both hands.

Each hand moves separately, not as a mirror of the other.



Raining



Cold



Hot



Make the 'C' shape. Turn hand towards face and move to shoulder



Lightening

