

## Talking With Your Hands Try-It

### INTRODUCTION

You and your friends have different abilities. An ability is something you can do. Maybe you can run faster than your friend, but she can read faster than you do. Everybody you meet has some things she does well and some things she doesn't do well. Some of your friends may have a disability. Maybe you have a disability. A disability is something that may make it harder for a person to do some things.

Try four of the following activities

### Manual Alphabet

The manual alphabet is used to spell out words in sign language when the sign is not known or there is not a sign for the word.

1. Learn the manual alphabet.
2. Learn to fingerspell your name.
3. Learn to spell a word using fingerspelling.

### Using Your Hands

Sign language is a type of communication people use if they are hearing impaired or unable to speak.

1. Learn three different words in sign language.
2. Make a sentence using the words you have learned.

### People With Hearing Impairments

Many people in our communities have hearing impairments. They are able to work, have families and participate in many activities. Juliette Low was hearing impaired.

1. Find out more about Juliette Low and how she became hearing impaired.

2. Name someone in your community with a hearing impairment and explain how they communicate.

3. Visit your local school or library and find a book or a story about someone who uses sign language or is hearing impaired and have your leader read it to you.

### People With Hearing Impairments are able to "Sing" Songs

Invite someone from your Girl Scout council or community to teach you a song in sign language.

### TDD

People with hearing impairments are able to communicate with other people by using a TDD. Find out what TDD stands for.

Find out how to call a TDD phone number.

### CC

What does CC on a television program mean? Make a list of five T.V. shows that are closed captioned.

