# For the Auslan Teacher

# FINGERSPELLING ACTIVITIES

**1.** When students have learnt a new fingerspelling letter, show the handshapes chart and ask students to locate which handshape is being used for the fingerspelling letter and sign picture.

**2.** Print out a fingerspelling page from the Auslan Alphabet Colouring Book and have students colour it in and show you how they fingerspell it (if they are fingerspelling the letter incorrectly, show them the correct way to fingerspell it).

**3.** With an Auslan font, type up a large fingerspelling letter and print it out in A4 sheets, and have students colour in and make a jigsaw out of it by drawing lines over it, cut it out, mix up the pieces, and give the pieces to their partners for them to glue them back together.

**After students have learnt all the fingerspelling and signs:**

**4.** Randomly point to handshapes on the chart and ask students which fingerspelling letters or signs includes these handshapes.

**5.** Race to the Table Game - Place all Auslan signs cards on the table. Divide students into two teams, and line them away from the table. The first two students in each line faces the teacher. The teacher fingerspells a random sign (e.g. H-O-N-E-Y) and have the students quickly sign the correct sign. Once the sign is given correctly, the students race to the table to find the correct sign. The student who finds the correct sign gets a point for their team.

**6.** Play the same game (above) for other cards – fingerspelling cards, picture cards, handshapes cards, and letters cards.

**7.** Students fingerspell the alphabet in turns around the room (the first student signs "A", the next student signs "B", and so on). Increase the speed.

**8.** The same as above, and add a sign to the fingerspelling letter, e.g. "A APPLE", "B BEE".

**9.** Have all students time their fingerspelling speed from A to Z. Do this on the same day every week, till they achieve fingerspelling the full alphabet in 10 seconds. (Give them a little prize for mastering the Auslan Alphabet).