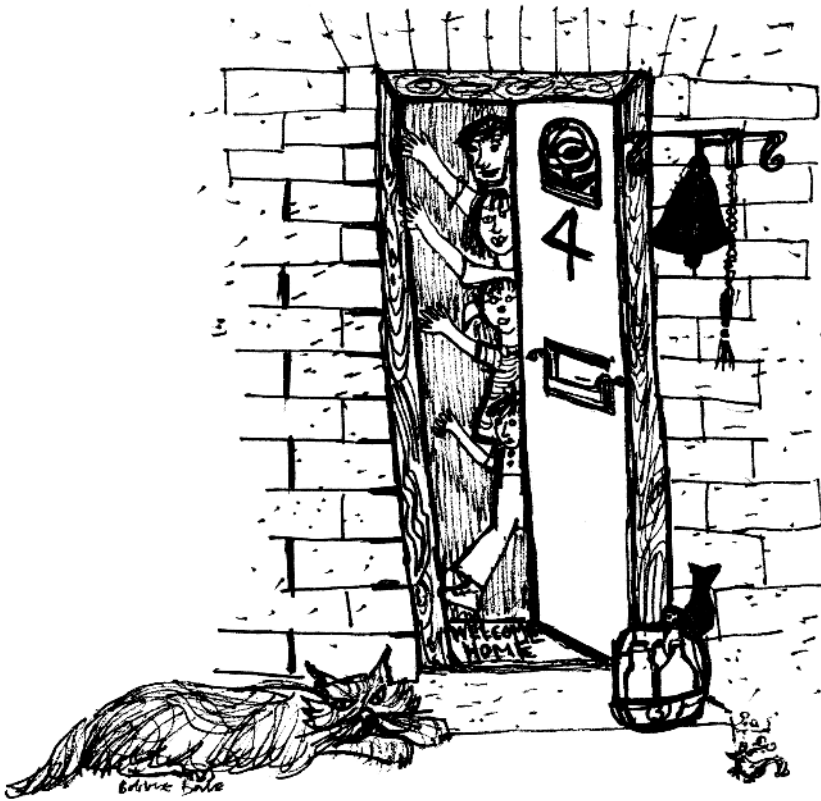


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About the Makaton Programme

Makaton is a unique language programme which uses signs, symbols and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention, listening, comprehension, recall and organisation of language and expression.

Makaton is used by children and adults with a variety of communication and learning difficulties. It is used extensively all over the UK in pre-schools, schools, centres, hospitals and clinics, and in the homes of people with communication and learning difficulties, and has been adapted for use in over 50 countries.

In addition to the children and adults with communication and learning difficulties and the community around them – for example, teachers, health professionals, friends, public service bodies etc. Makaton is increasingly used by the general public to aid communication. Makaton has been shown to be useful for all sorts of people including those who struggle with understanding concepts, those who have poor literacy skills, including grammatical knowledge, and those with English as an Additional Language. By using Makaton, children and adults can take a more active part in life, because communication and language are the key to everything we do and learn.

The Makaton symbols and signs are used with speech, the written word or on their own. They provide a visual representation of language which increases understanding and makes expressive communication easier.

This multi-modal approach, where one mode facilitates another, has been shown to increase opportunities for personal expression and development, participation in interaction and socialisation and to increase access to education, training and public information.

About The Makaton Charity

The Makaton Charity exists to ensure that all people living with learning and/ or communication disabilities have the tools and resources to communicate. Our vision is a world in which all people with learning or communication difficulties can communicate.

The Makaton Charity:

- provides training for parents, carers, and professionals;
- develops and produces printed and electronic resources;
- works with others to make their information accessible;
- provides advice and support to families and professionals;
- works in partnership to influence society and empower people.

Through our national network of over 1,000 licensed Makaton tutors and trainers, over 30,000 parents, carers and professionals receive Makaton training each year. Our cascade approach enables us to share knowledge and offers a sustainable model for empowering others to improve communication for all.

Your Home



Aim

To be able to use symbols and signs to identify, name and find household items, know what rooms they are in and say what they are used for.

Preparation and equipment

1. You will need a camera to take some pictures of household items/ rooms and some pieces of stiff card, cut to a size big enough to stick photos and symbols on to make some flashcards.
2. Cut out the symbols on page 11 to 14. You will need a suitable adhesive such as Blu-tac® or Velcro® for attaching the symbols to the flashcards. If possible laminate the symbols to make them more durable.
3. Practise using the signs for rooms and household items on page 4 to 7.

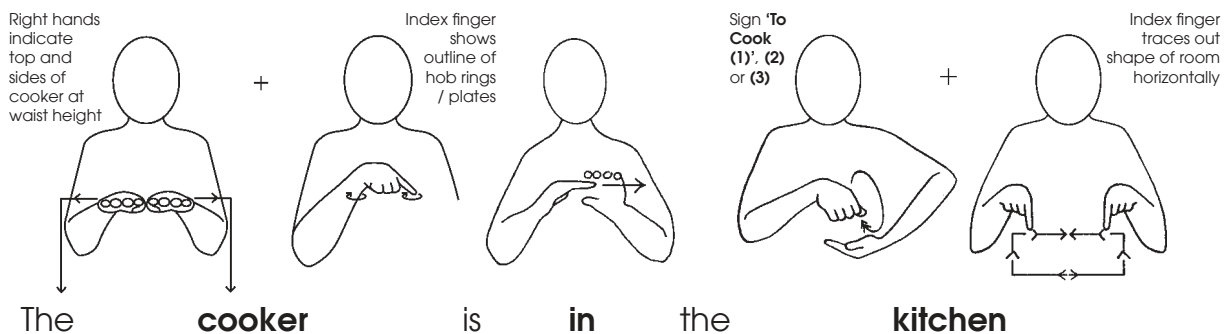
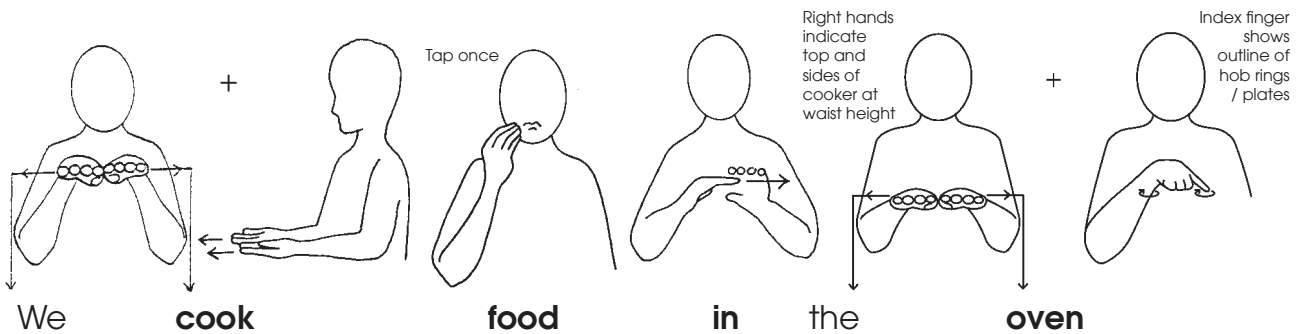
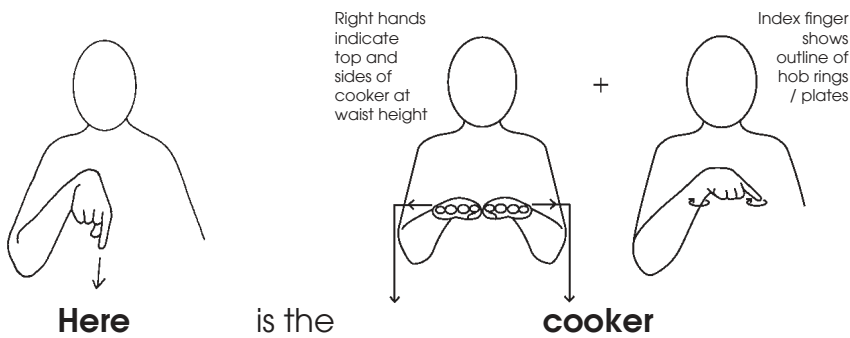
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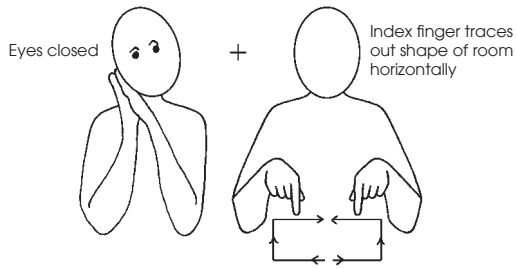
Go to each room /area in the user's home and show the items found there, e.g. cooker in the kitchen. Name and sign each item (see signs on page 5 - 7) and ask the user to copy the signs as you make them, e.g. 'Here is the cooker, here is the fridge' etc.

Use signs to explain what the item is used for and show its use, e.g. 'we wash the clothes in the washing machine' or 'we listen to music on the radio' etc.

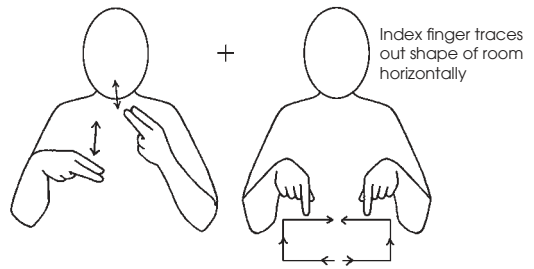
If possible, take a photograph of each item. It may help the user if they are also shown in the photographs using the items. These photos will be used for a matching game in Part 2.



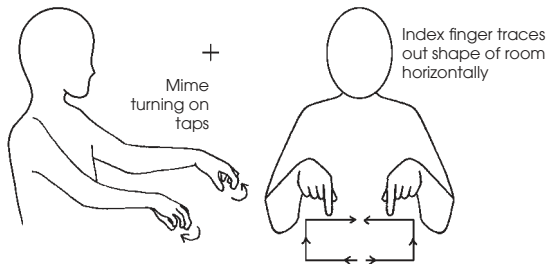
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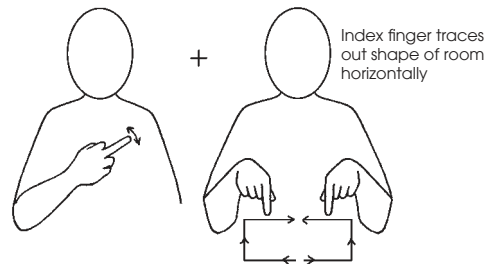
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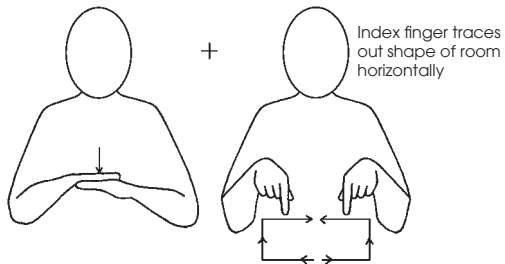
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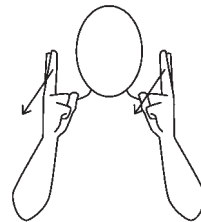
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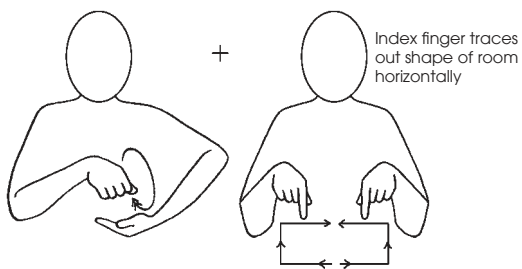
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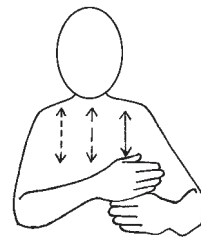
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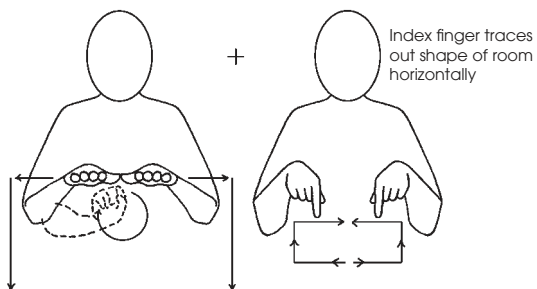
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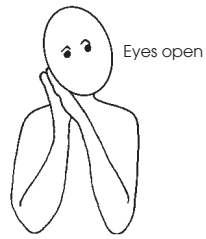


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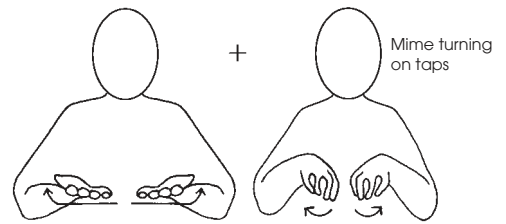


Laundry Room / Utility Room

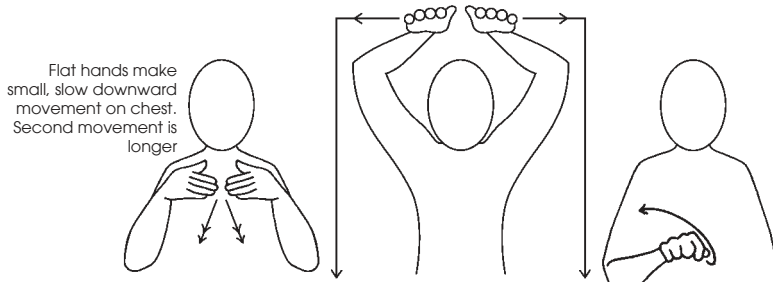
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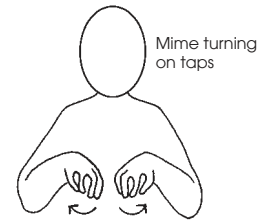
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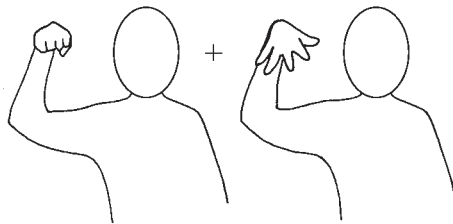
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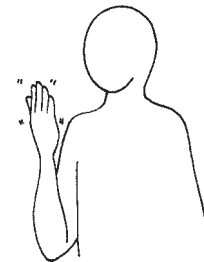
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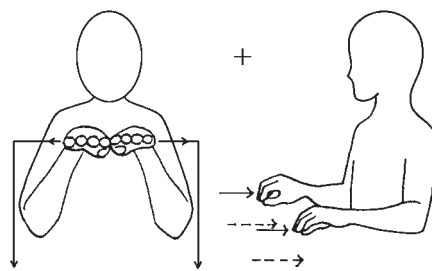
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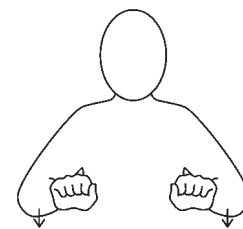
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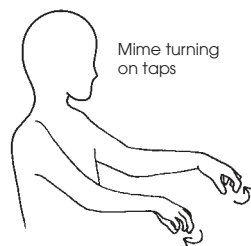
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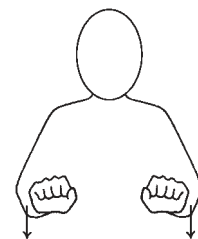
Chest of Drawers / Cabinet



Sofa

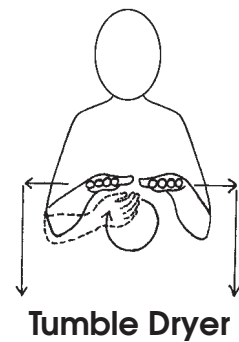
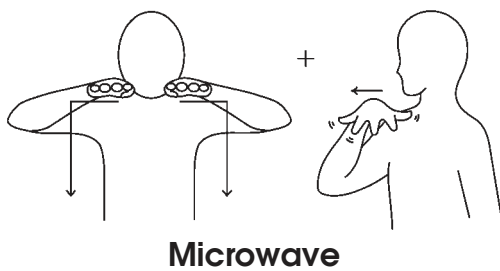
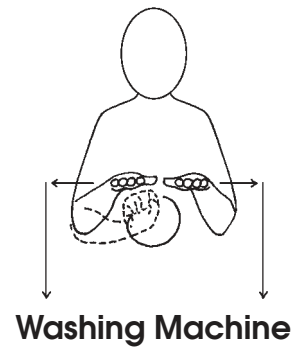
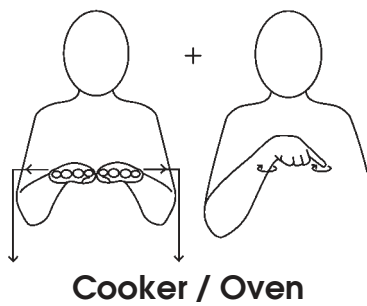
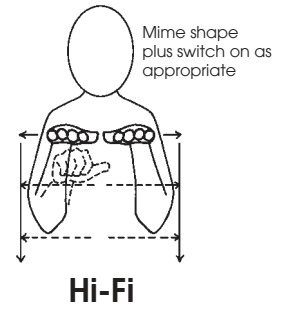
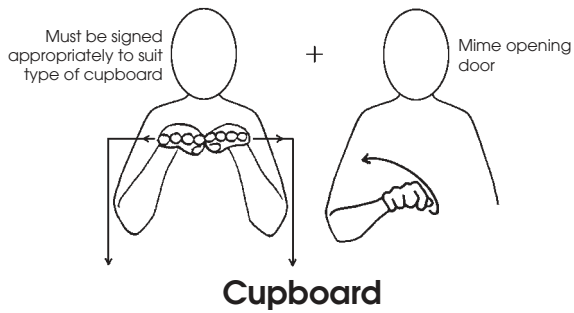
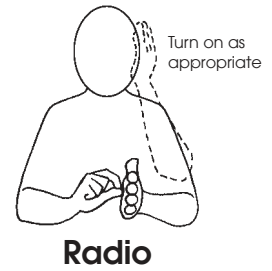
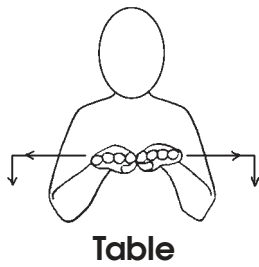
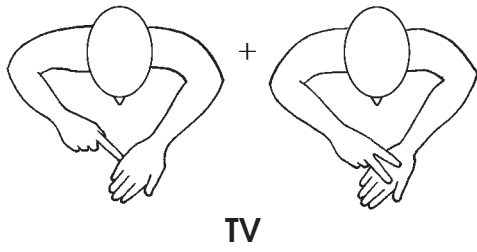


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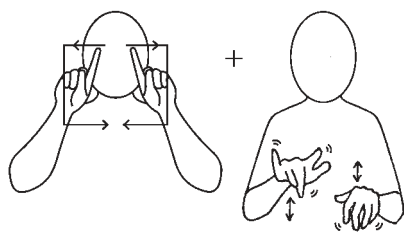


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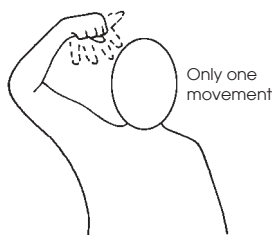
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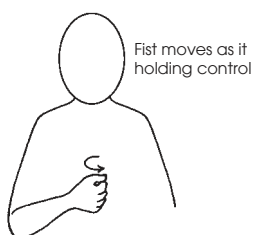
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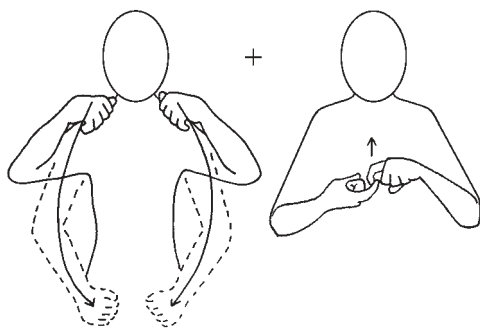
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Shower



Game Station



Coat Stand

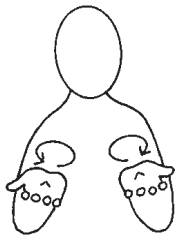
Part 2

Help the Makaton user to attach symbols of household items to the photos taken in Part 1, using a suitable adhesive such as Blu-tac® or Velcro® (see page 12 - 14 for symbols). For ease of use and durability, it's best to mount the photos and symbols onto card.

Select a photo of a household item and ask the Makaton user to find the item in their home. Start by helping the user to find each item that you show them, and then encourage them to find the items on their own.

For example ask them 'Where is the...' or 'We are going to look for the...' (see below for a list of suitable phrases to learn and use)

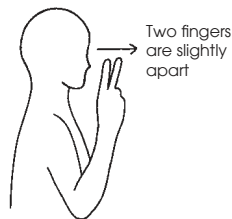
When the Makaton user finds the items, where appropriate, praise them for getting it right; for example, you could say... 'Well done you found the...'



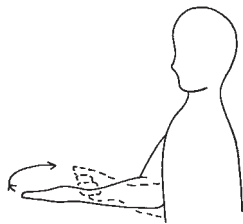
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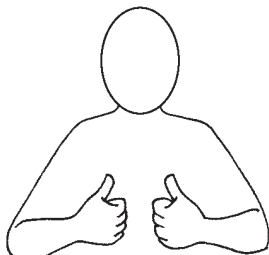
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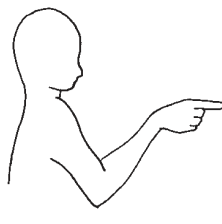
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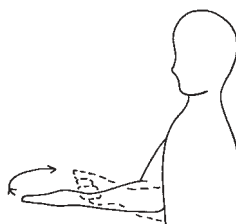
Let's **find** the



Well done,



you



found the

Activity Symbols

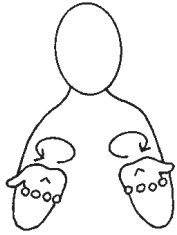


A large question mark is positioned above a solid horizontal line.	A stick figure is shown with three arrows pointing downwards and to the right from its head, indicating a search.	A stick figure is shown with three arrows pointing downwards and to the right from its head, and a small solid black circle is located at the end of the rightmost arrow.
Where?	Look for	Find

Part 3

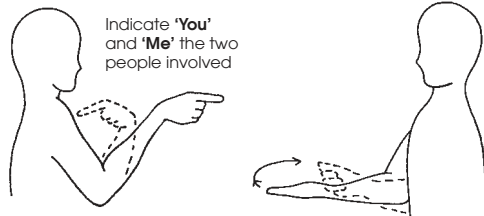
Play a treasure hunt style game. Show the Makaton user a selection of the symbols used in Part 2 (three or more symbols, depending on the ability of the user) and ask them to show you the correct symbol for the item you are saying/signing. Use the phases below and if necessary show the matching photograph of the item as a visual reminder.

When the Makaton user shows you the correct symbol, ask them to pick it up and then go and find the item and the room where the item is with as little help as possible.



Where

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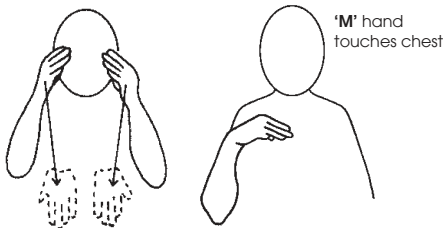
Indicate 'You' and 'Me' the two people involved

Can

you

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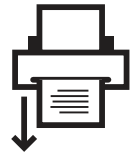
'M' hand touches chest

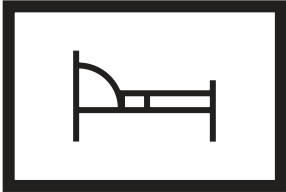
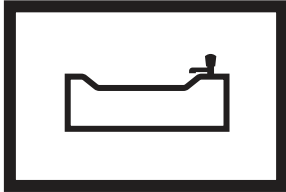
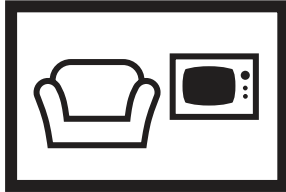

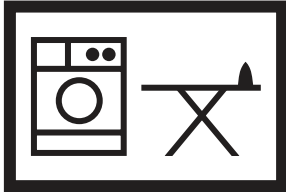
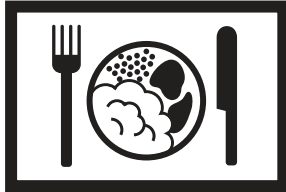
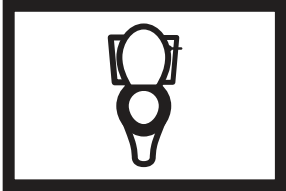


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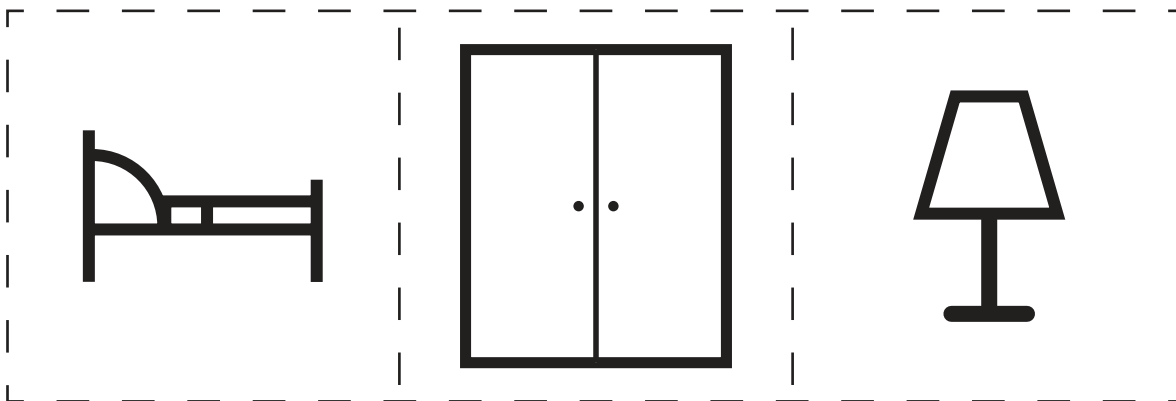
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Room Symbols



		
Bedroom	Bathroom	Sitting Room / Lounge
		
Kitchen	Laundry Room / Utility Room	Dining Room
		
Toilet	Hallway	Conservatory

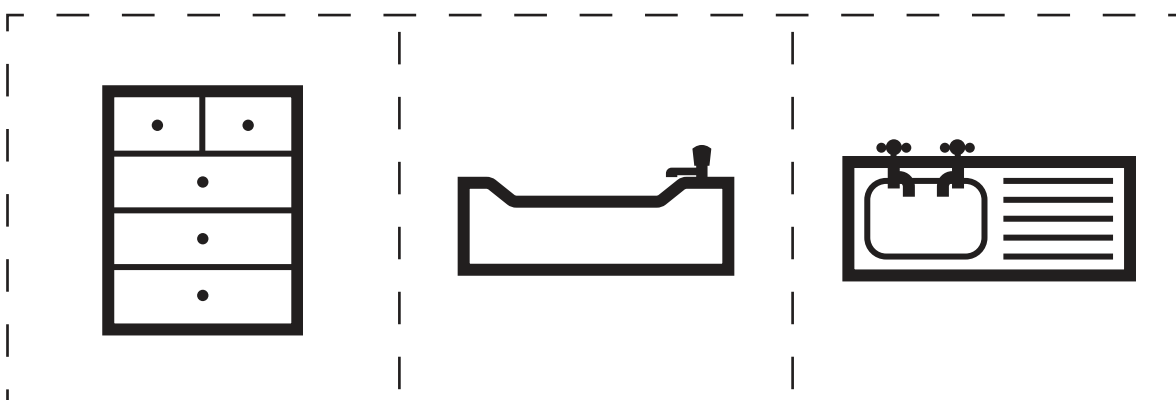
Item Symbols



Bed

Wardrobe

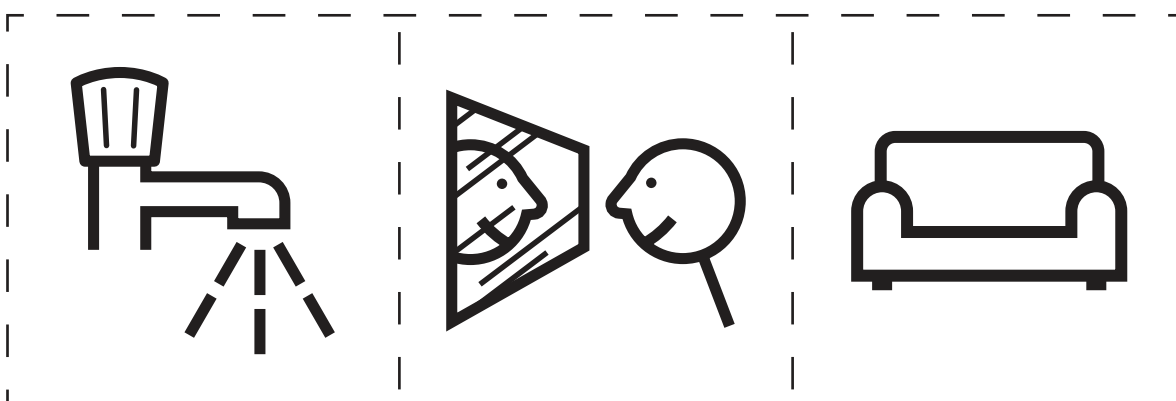
Lamp



Chest of Draws / Cabinet

Bath

Sink



Taps

Mirror

Sofa

Item Symbols



Chair



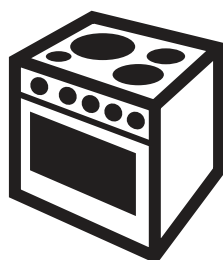
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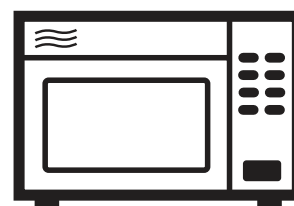
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Cupboard



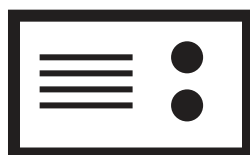
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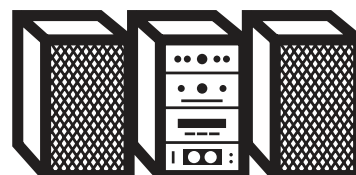
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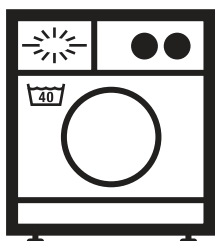


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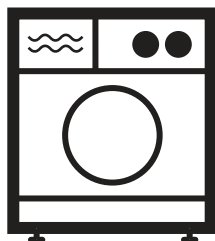


Hi-Fi

Item Symbols



Washing Machine



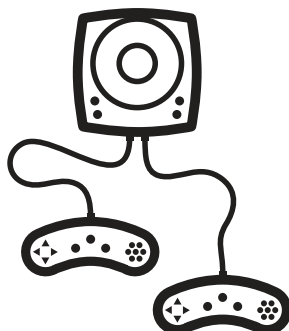
Tumble Dryer



Computer



Shower



Game Station



Coat Stand

Instructions

Here are some additional activities that can be done to help Makaton users to communicate and use the symbols and signs for rooms and household items.

Matching Games

Make two sets of household item photo cards and use them for a matching game such as Snap. Alternatively, separate the symbols from the photo cards and encourage the Makaton user to match the symbols to the photos.

Cooking

Decorate rectangular cakes (either cut to shape or baked in a loaf tin) to look like a house. Shredded cereal makes a good roof, desiccated coconut coloured green is ideal for grass and white chocolate mixed with a crushed crispy cereal is good concrete, while dark chocolate and crushed crispy cereal make good soil.

Art

Take photographs or cut pictures from magazines and catalogues to make a collage showing your home, the rooms in it and what can be found there. Alternatively, create a photo album about your home to share with friends.

Craft

Make a model of your house out of card. Use a sturdy square or rectangular cardboard box for the outside walls and divide up the internal space with pieces of cardboard to make rooms and areas. Make copies of the symbols on page 11 and use them to label the rooms in the house. Finally make a triangular roof out of spare card and use it to make a roof that can be taken off to reveal the rooms inside.