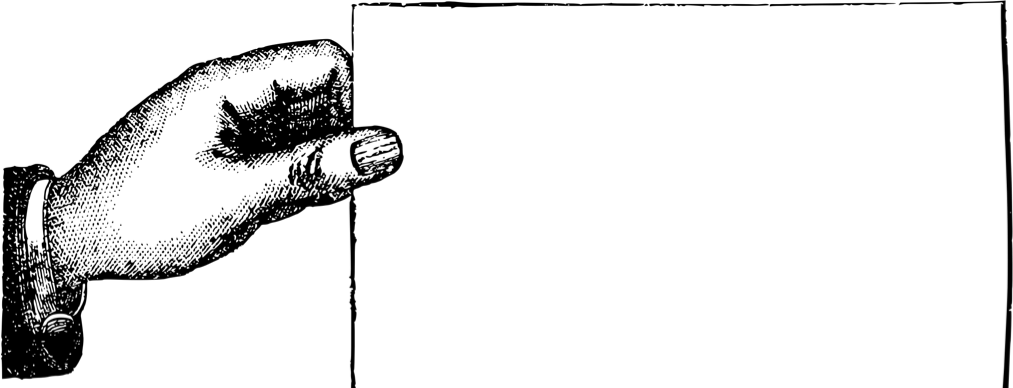
FIngerspelling



Basics

When do I fingerspell?

In a nutshell:

* People's names
* Places (Cities, States)
* Titles (Romeo and Juliet)
* Brands and products (Nike, Mac, Honda)
* Loan signs (Common words with a special movement shape that have become ASL signs.) EX: NO, BUS, STYLE

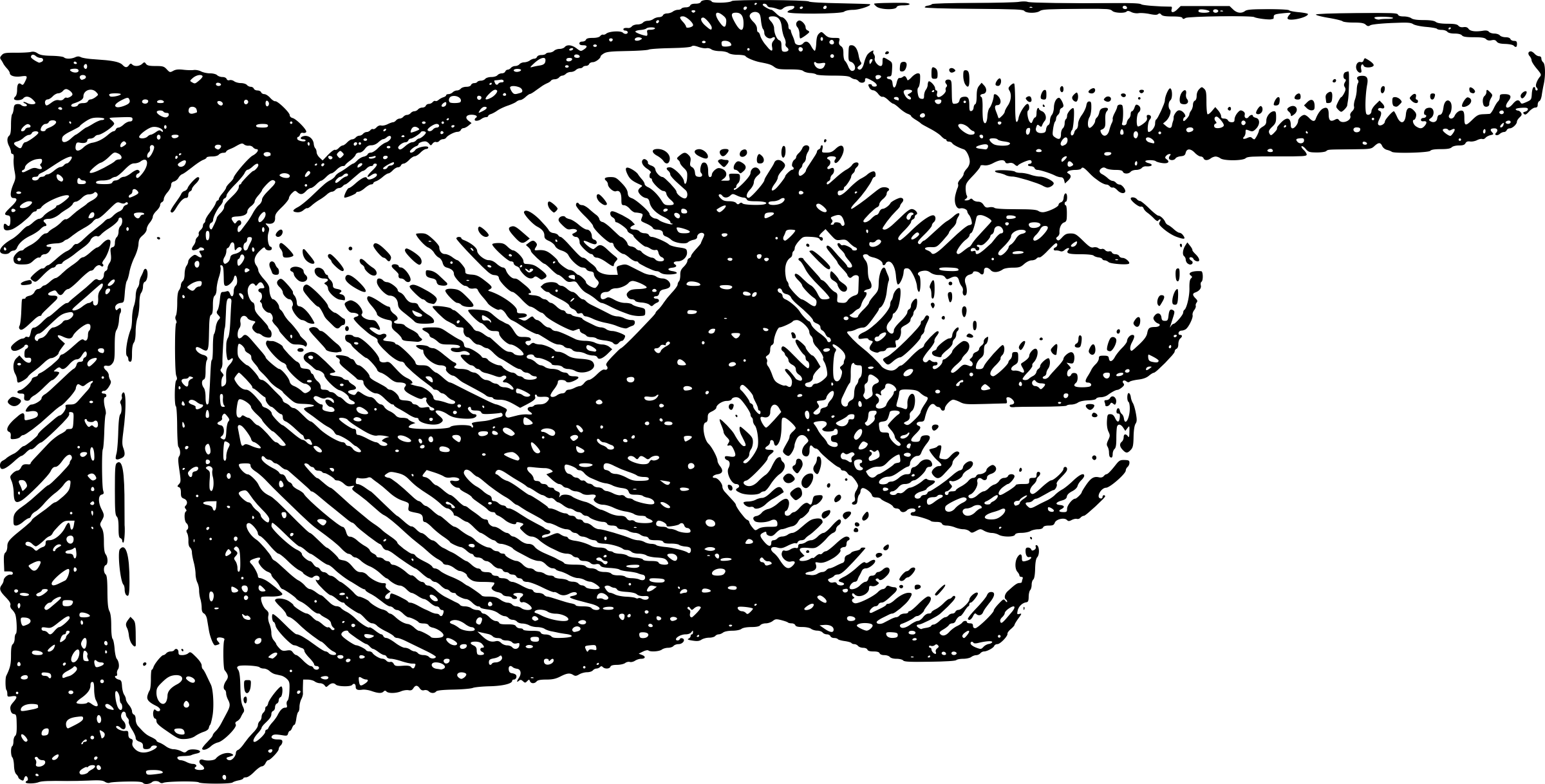
What are some fingerspelling strategies?

Receptive:

* Watch the signer’s face; don’t stare at their hand.
* Try to see the movement shape of the word being fingerspelled instead of focusing on each individual letter.
* Use your DOMINANT hand (the hand you write with) to sign! Write with both hands? *Choose* one hand to be your dominant hand and stick with it!

Expressive:

* While fingerspelling, keep your hand below your chin to the right (OR, if you’re left-handed, to the left)
* Keep your elbow down, close to your body, arm relaxed.
* Practice the flow of fingerspelling rather than “over-pronounce” each letter.
* DON’T BOUNCE YOUR HAND

** Fingerspelling does not substitute for signing!**

*Use gesture, pointing and other methods to describe your point*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*FULLY answer the following questions:*

1. Were there any mistakes you were making today that you didn’t realize before you read this text? Explain how you will APPLY what you have learned to fingerspelling.
2. What did you learn from this text? Did anything surprise you?
3. Practice fingerspelling five words from [www.asl.ms](http://www.asl.ms). Write down each word your spelled, and circle the two that were most challenging to you