

Berry Picking



berry (twist back & forth on pinky)

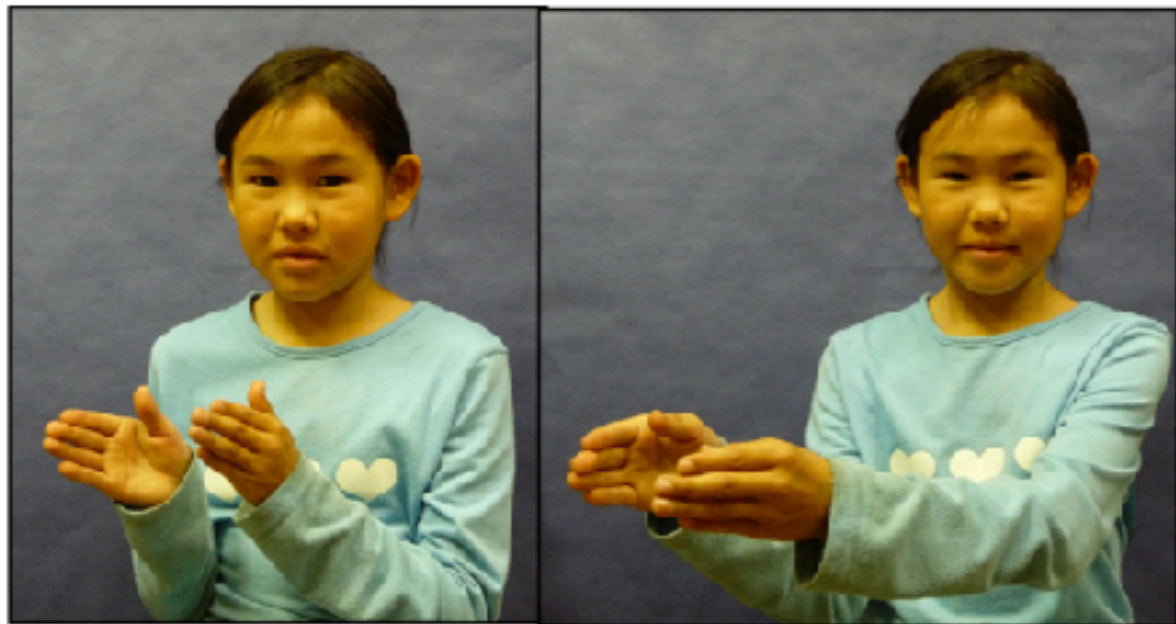


picking (just like picking)



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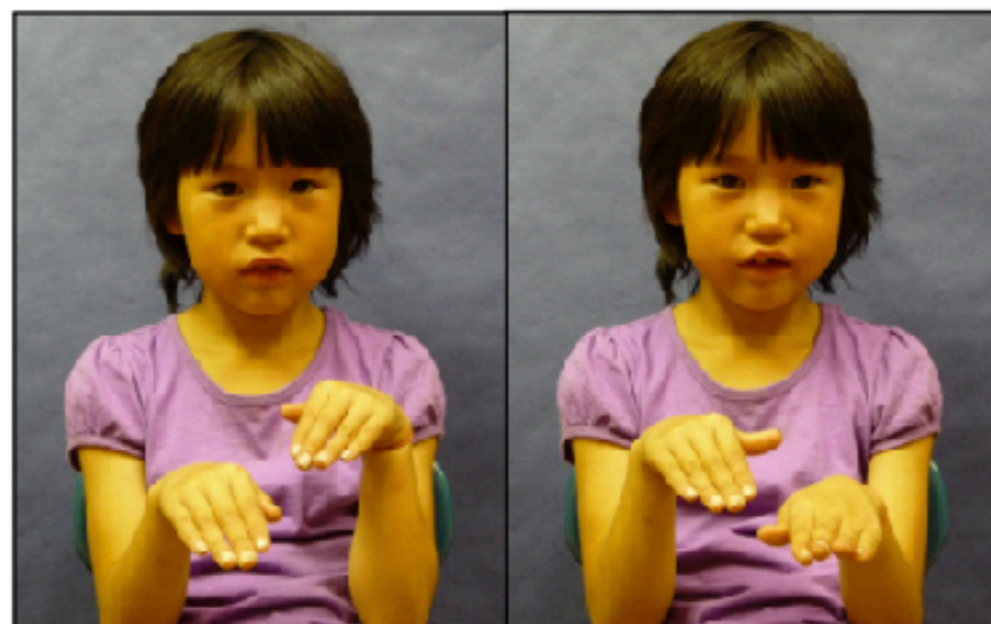
We walk down the road...



road (move hands out sides of road)



we (draw scoop from one shoulder to other)



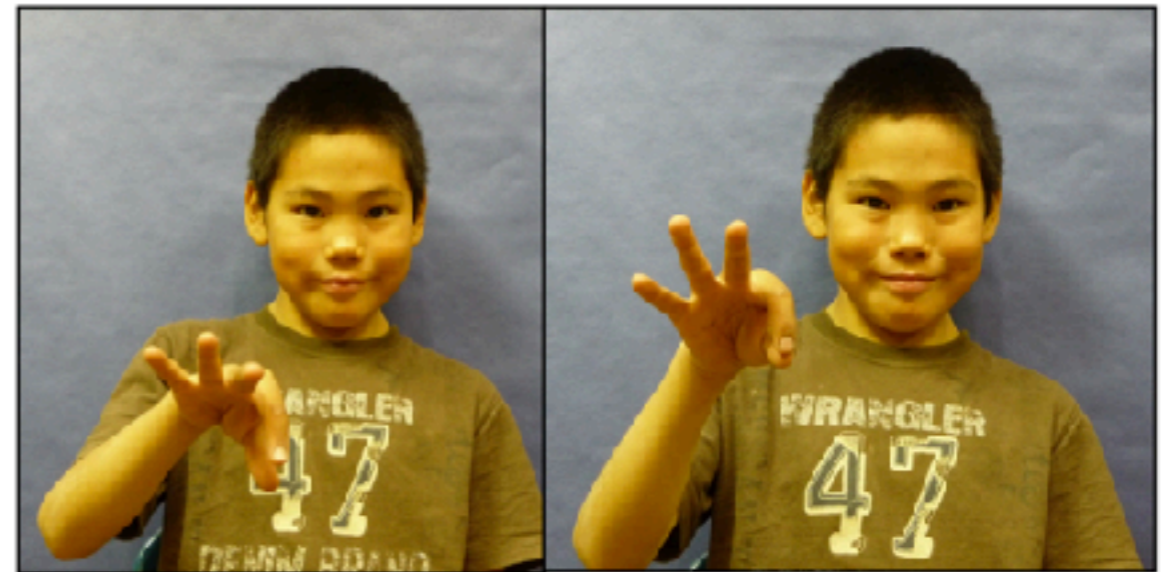
walk (back and forth like feet stepping)



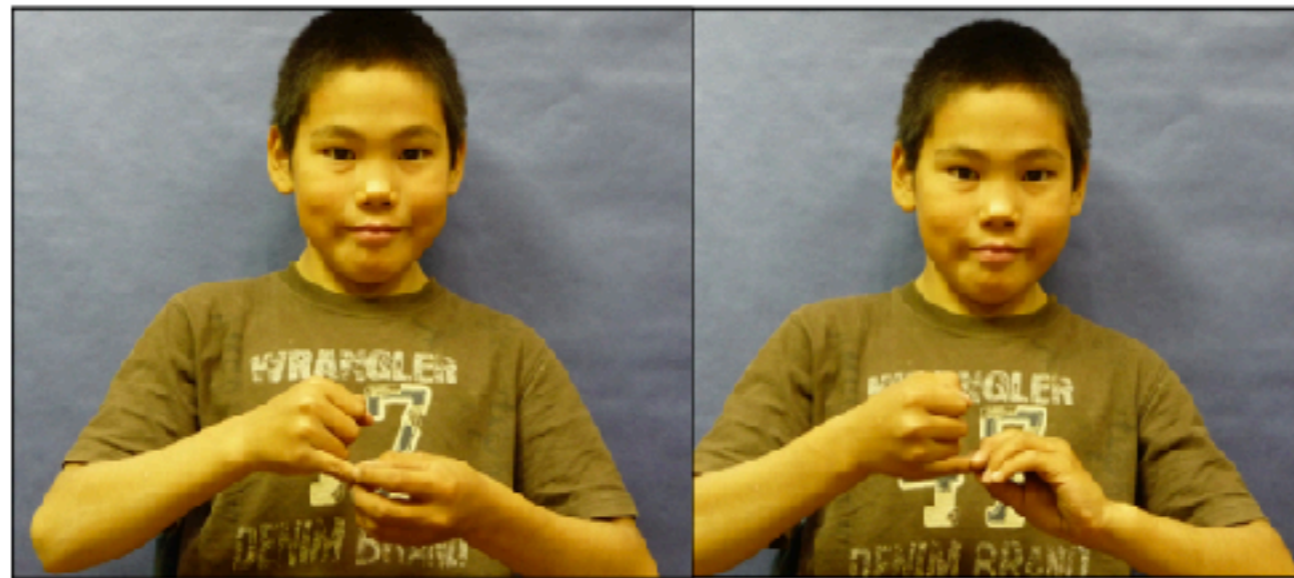
...to go berry picking!



why?



pick



berry (twist back & forth on pinky)



The grass is tall, the growth is tall!



grass



tall



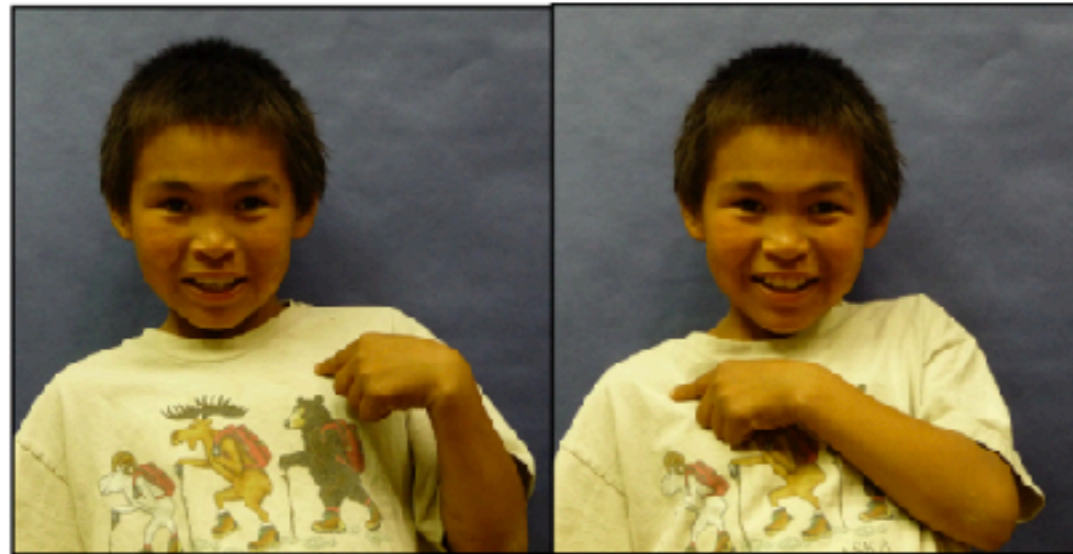
plant



tall



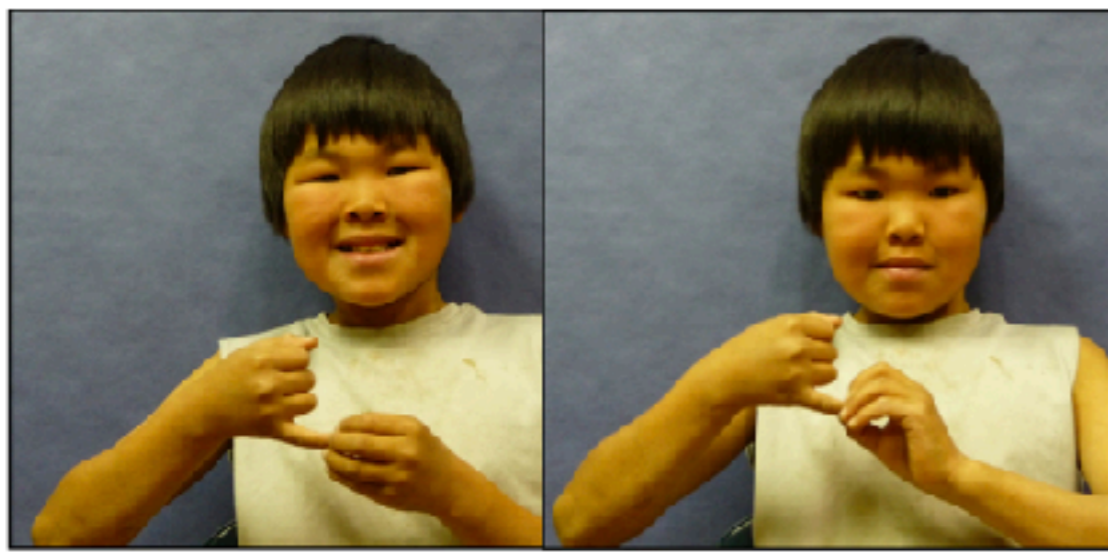
We pick lots of berries!



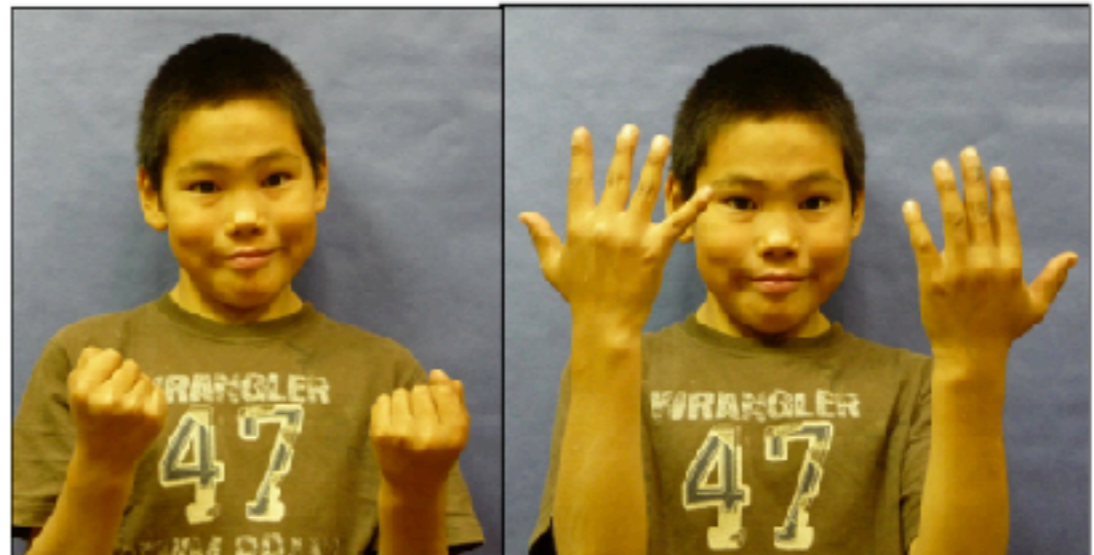
we



pick



berry (twist back & forth on pinky)



many



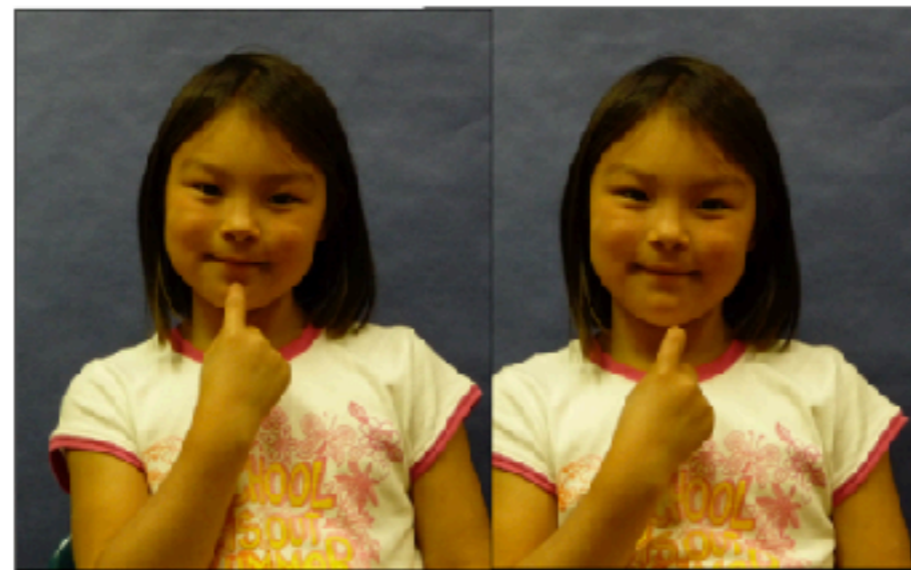
The berries are big, red and good!



berry



big



red



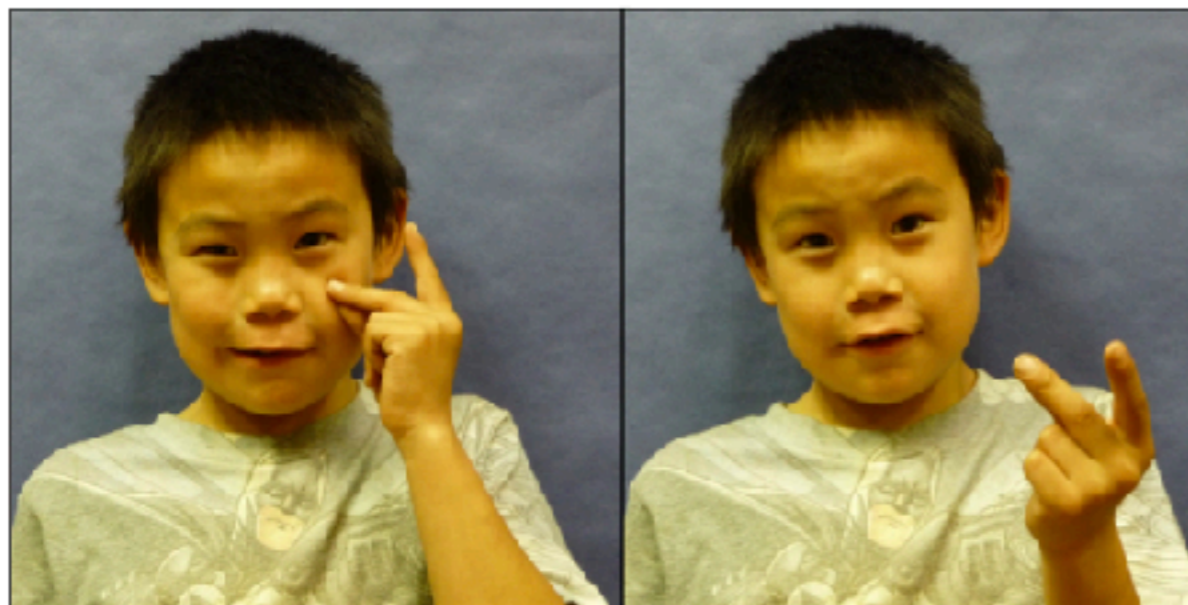
good



We see a frog.



frog



see



We have fun together.

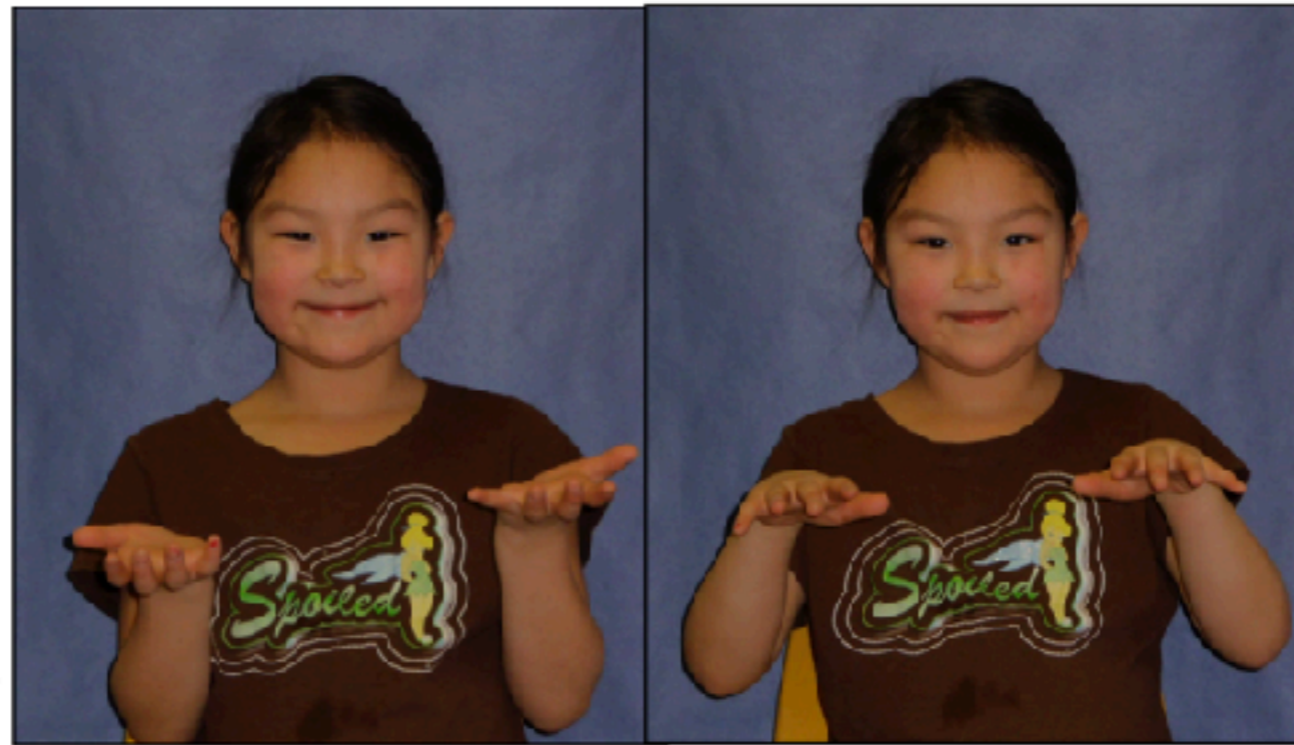


together (like you're mixing akutaq)



fun

The End



THE END



ASL, American Sign Language, is the language of the deaf community all across America. This book shows ASL sentences, next to English sentences. Notice that the grammar is different. ASL often uses rhetorical questions. For example:

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| ASL: | Road we walk, why? Pick berries. |
| English: | We walk down the road to pick berries. |

You can research more about ASL and the Deaf community on websites like, nad.org or deafnation.org. You can also google “American Sign Language” to find sites. Remember, it is vital to look to deaf elders and the Deaf community for information about deafness.

It is challenging to capture a 3-dimensional language in a 2 dimensional book. When signs require movement, you will see 2 or more pictures connected together like this:



good

Changing or omitting the movement of a sign in ASL is like changing or omitting a letter of a word in English. You change the meaning of the sign or word.

To learn more about making books like this one, contact Jennifer White at Able Opportunities, Inc. 206-406-9900 or jennifer@ableopportunities.com