Selina Squirrel and the Christmas presents (with Makaton signs)







This is the story of Selina Squirrel and her friends at Christmas. You can use some everyday items from your house to talk with your child about the story, as you read it together or afterwards.

Sensory items

Flowers – to talk about the flowers in the park

Leaves, twigs, pine cones, acorns and nuts – to talk about what Selina eats and collects in the park

Blanket – you can wrap yourselves in a blanket to show Selina's warm comfy nest

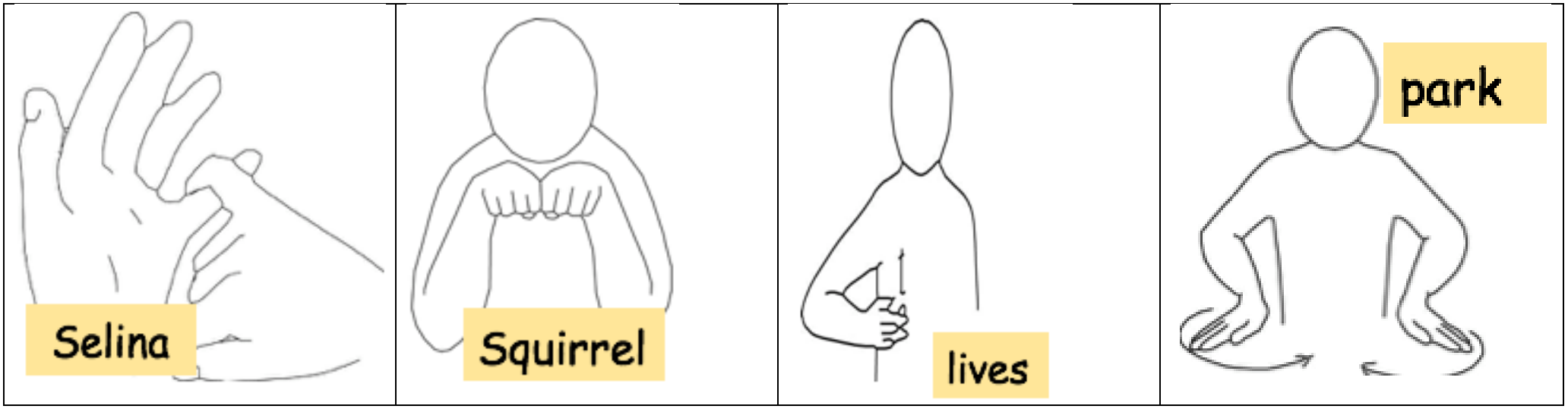
Cotton balls – for talking about the snow

Wrapping paper – for when the friends are unwrapping their presents

Pom poms – for when Selina gives her friends pom poms for Christmas



Selina is a squirrel who lives in the park



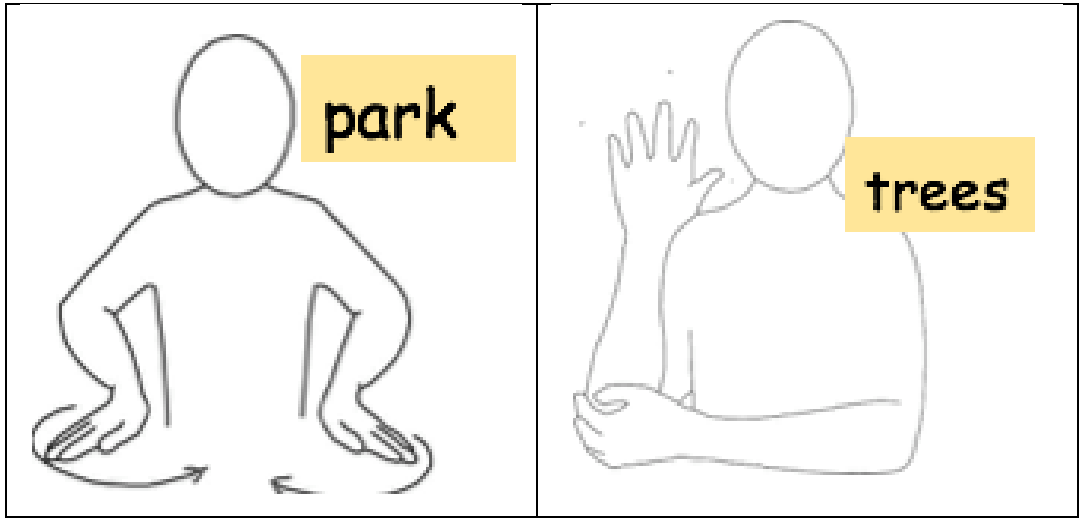


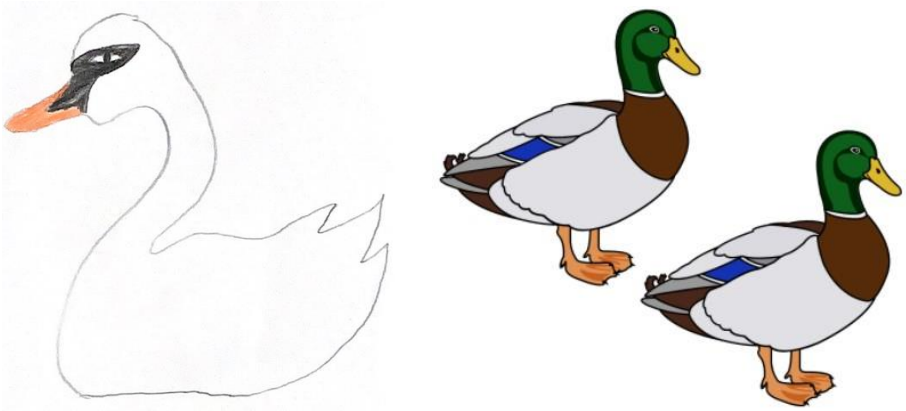
She has a thick brown and grey fur and a big bushy tail



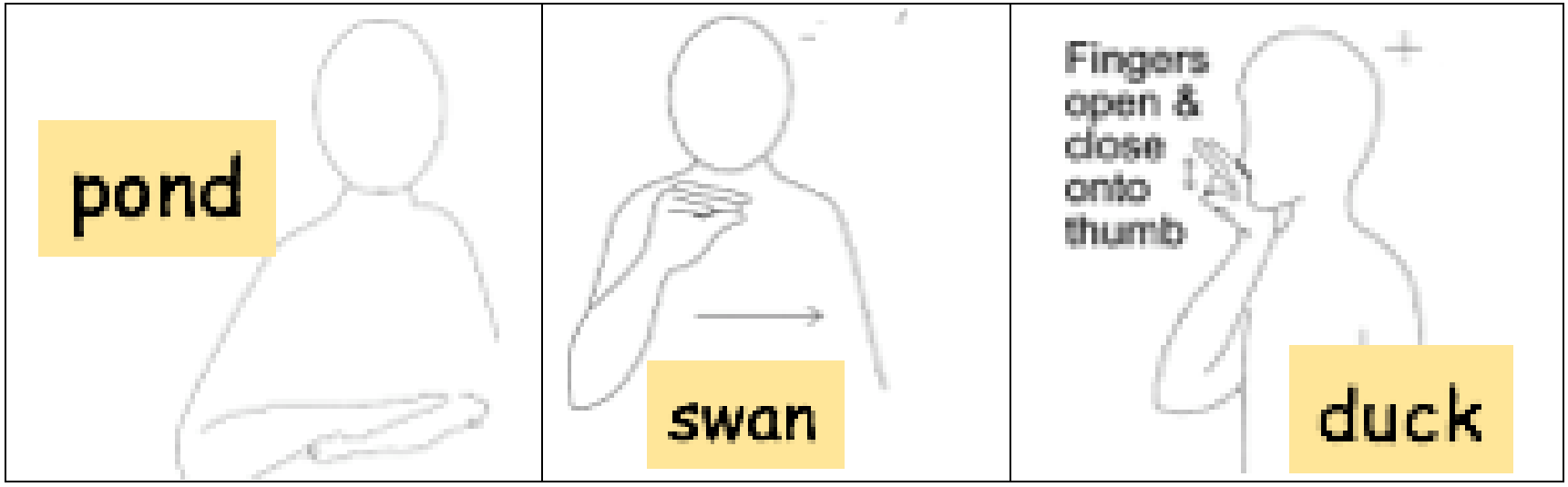


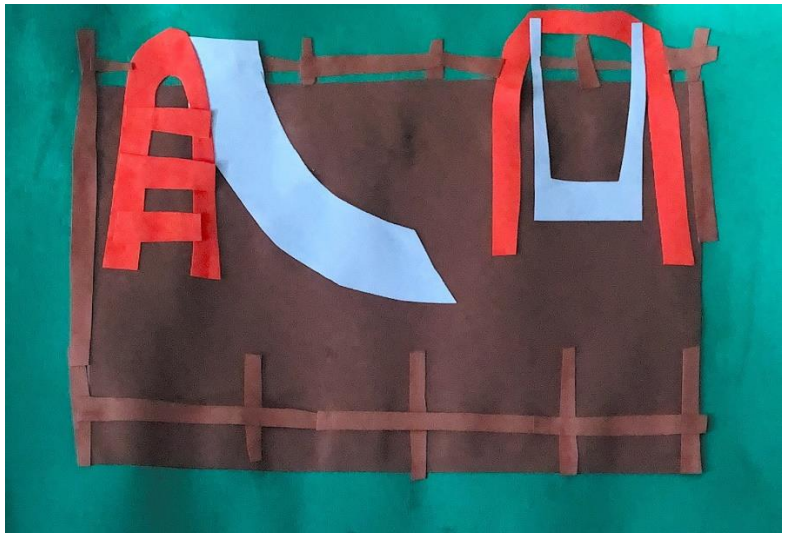
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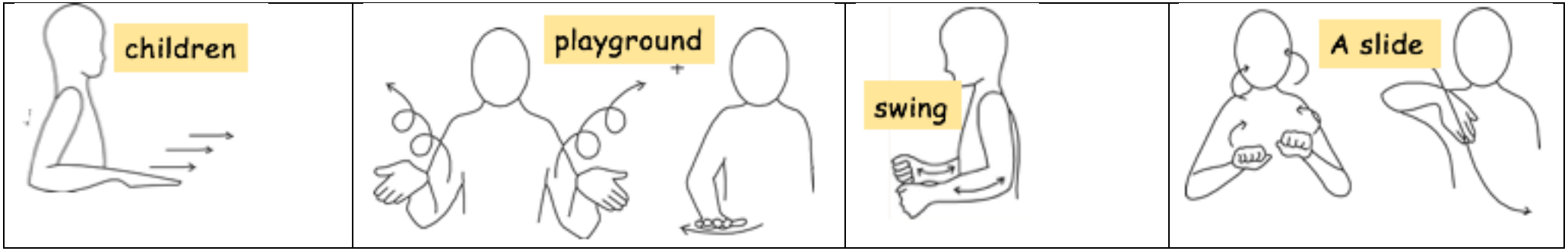


A pond with swans and ducks …



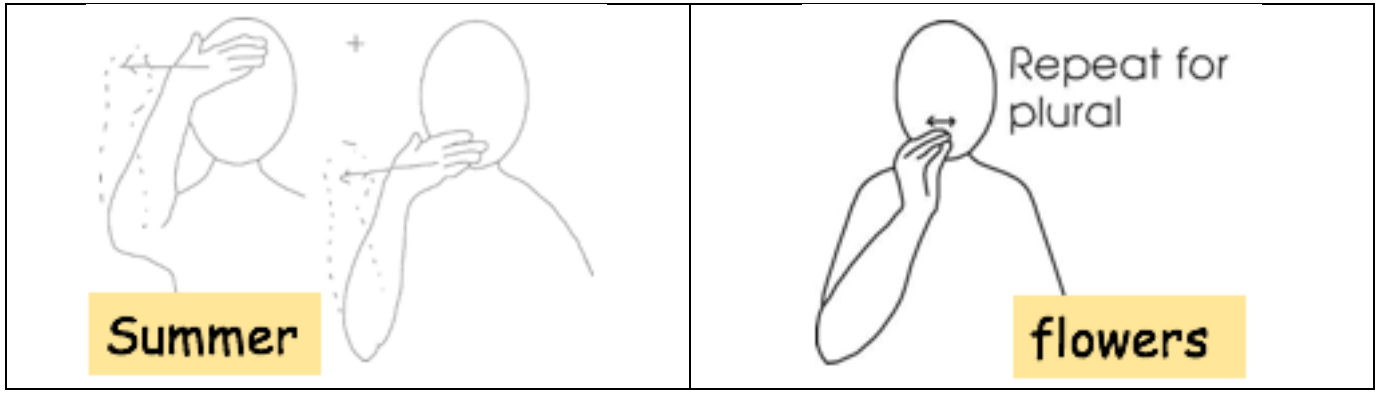


and a children's playground with swings and a slide.





In the Summer there are lots and lots of flowers





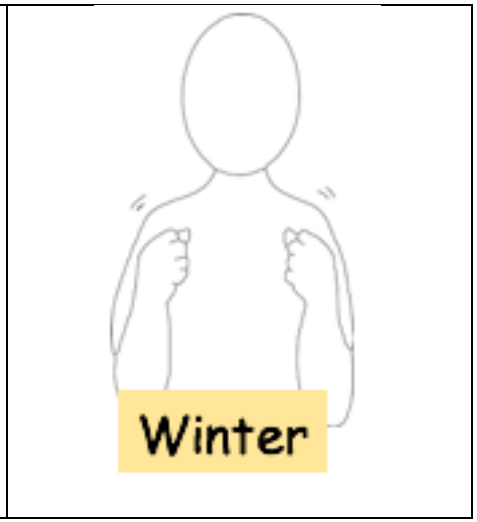


But Selina's favourite seasons are Autumn and Winter









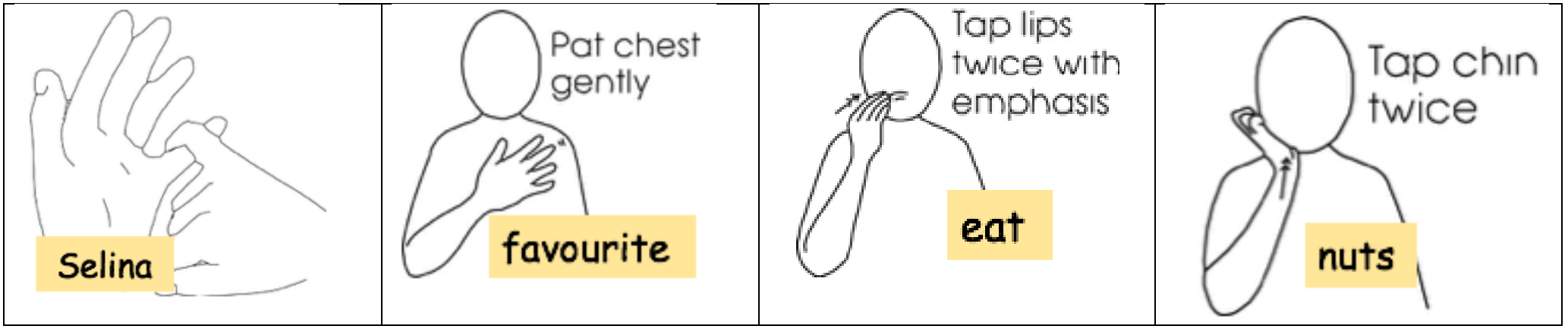


This is when there are lots of Hazelnuts and acorns

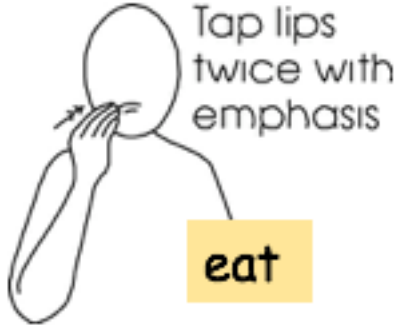


Selina likes to collect and eat all the nuts she can find



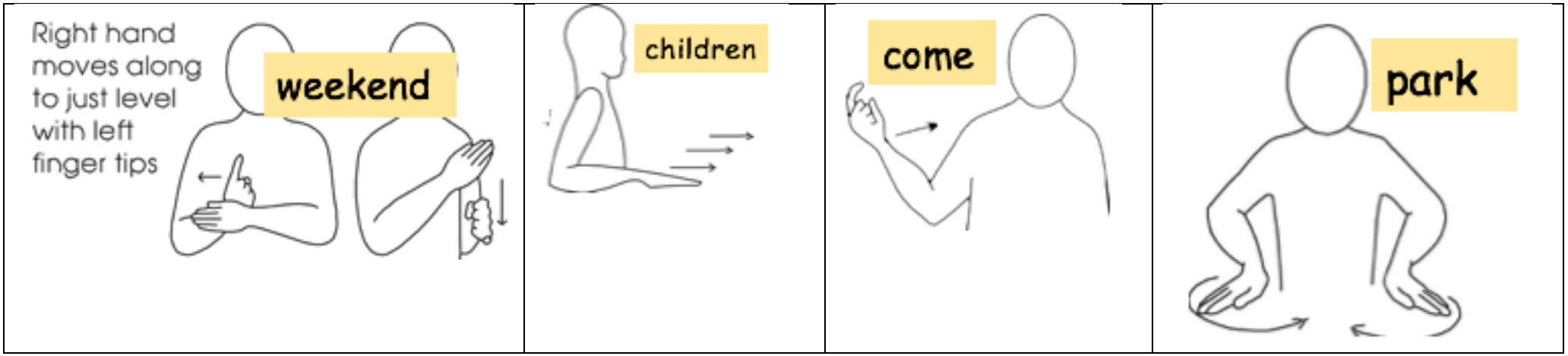


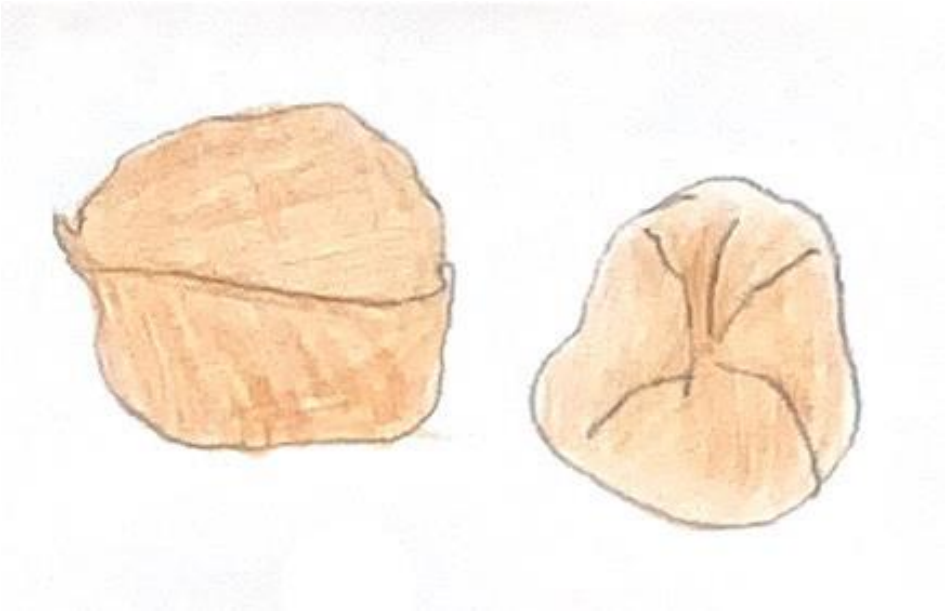
She also likes to eat tree bark, leaves, flowers and plants

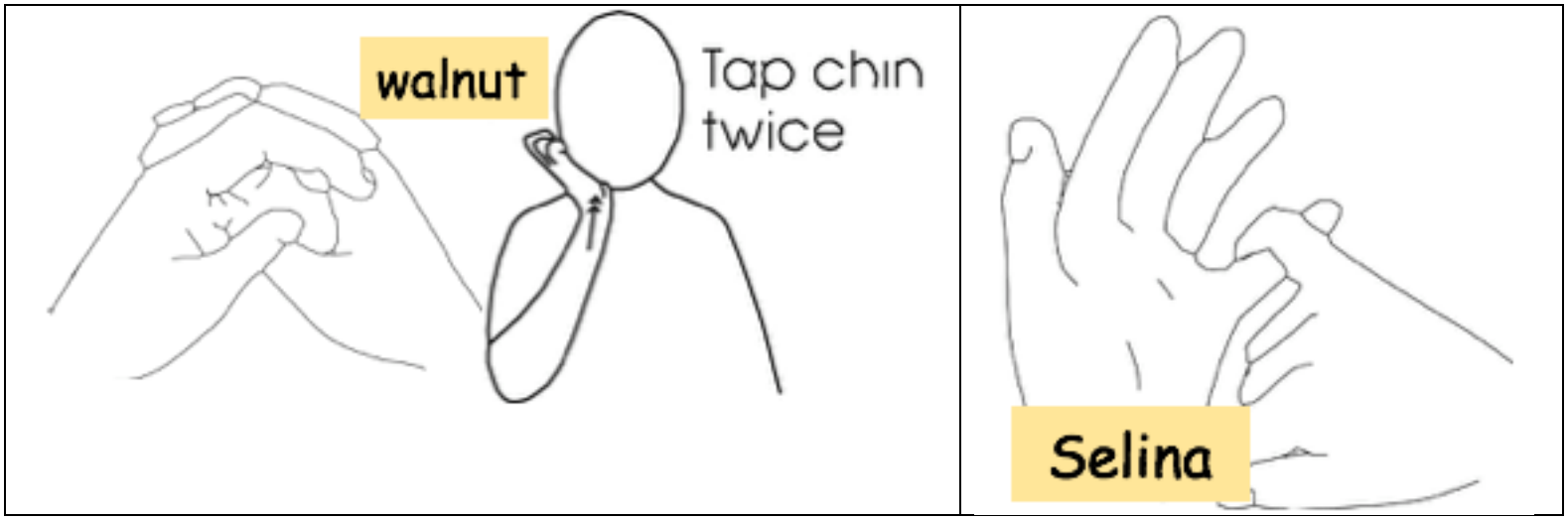


At the weekend, children come to the park.



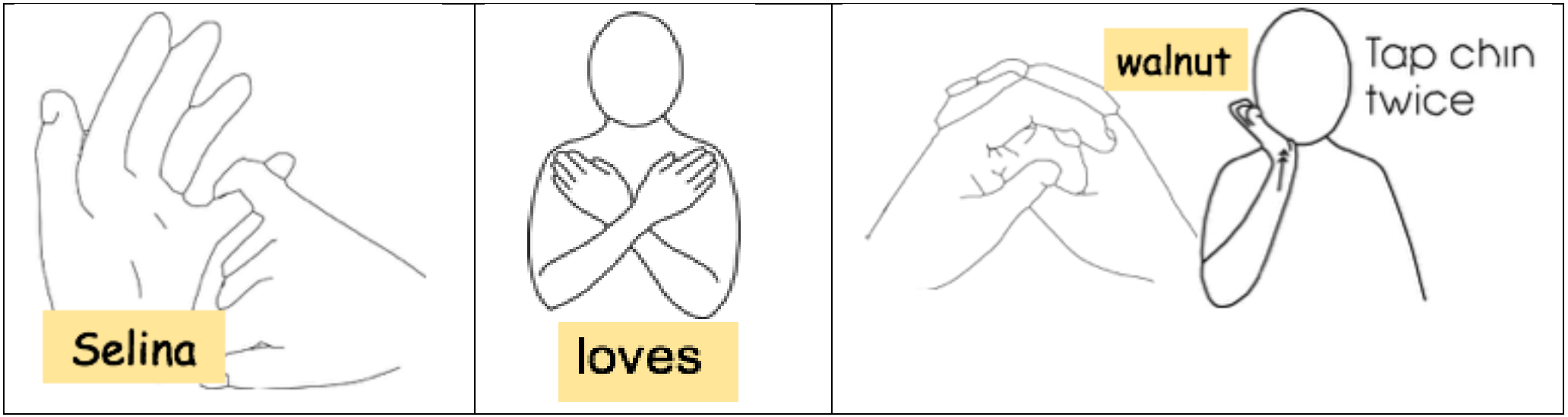


They leave out walnuts for Selina.





Selina loves walnuts!

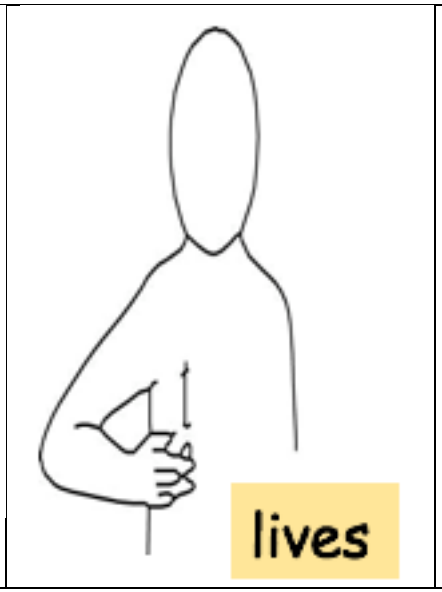


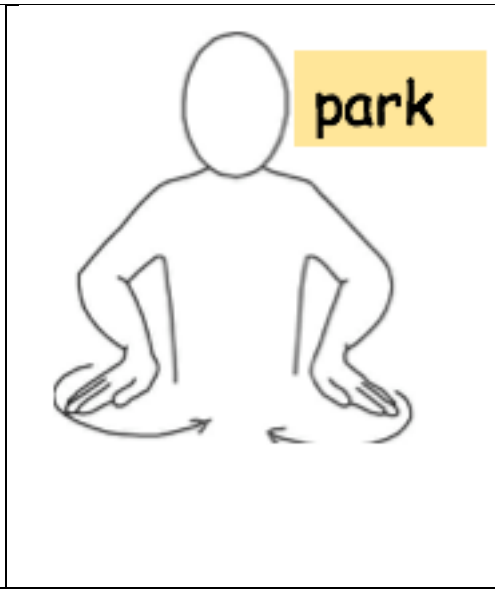


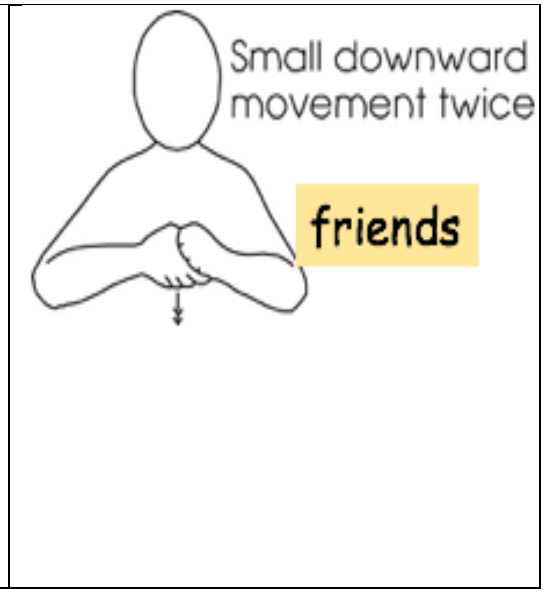


Selina lives in the park with her friends



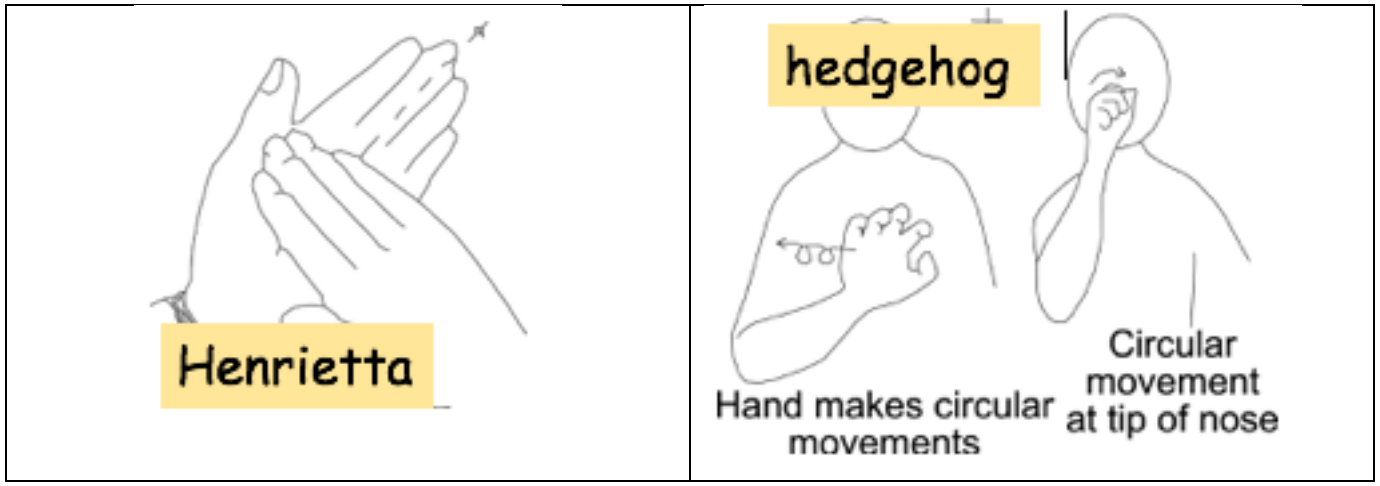






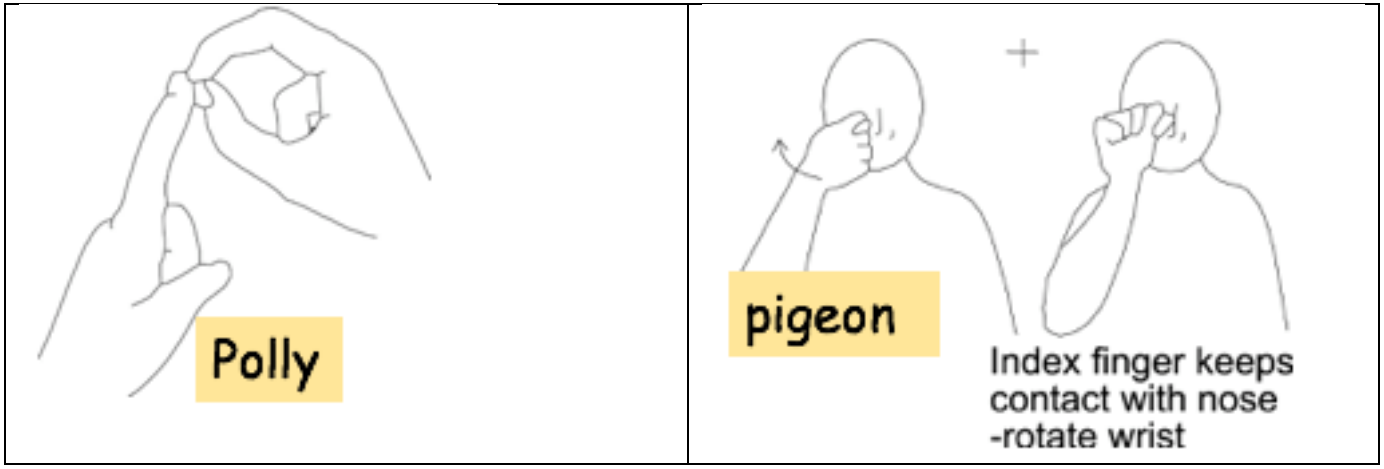


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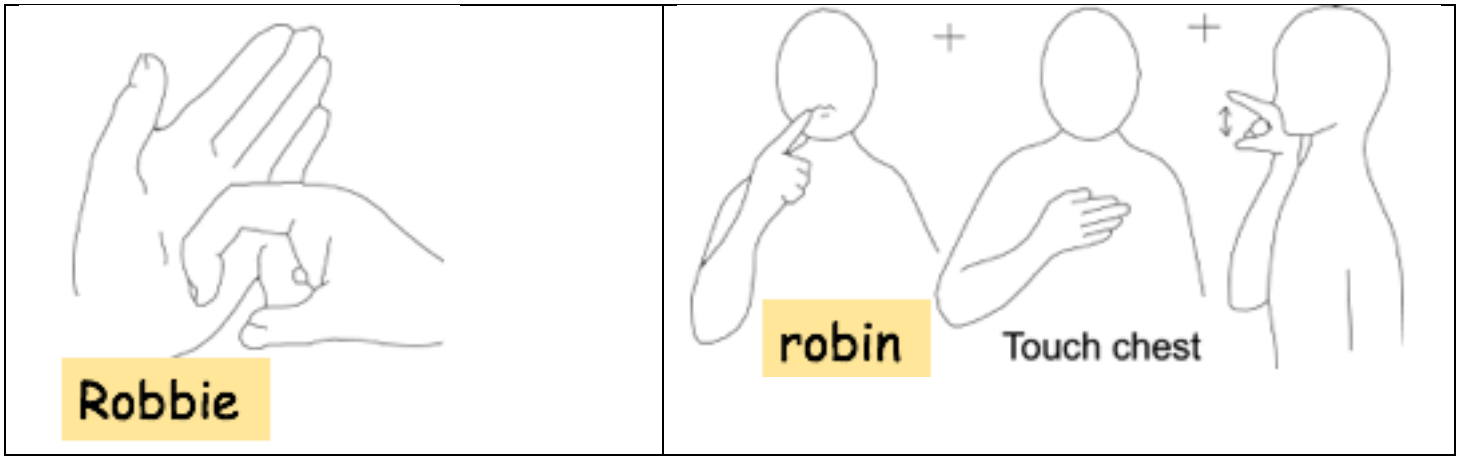


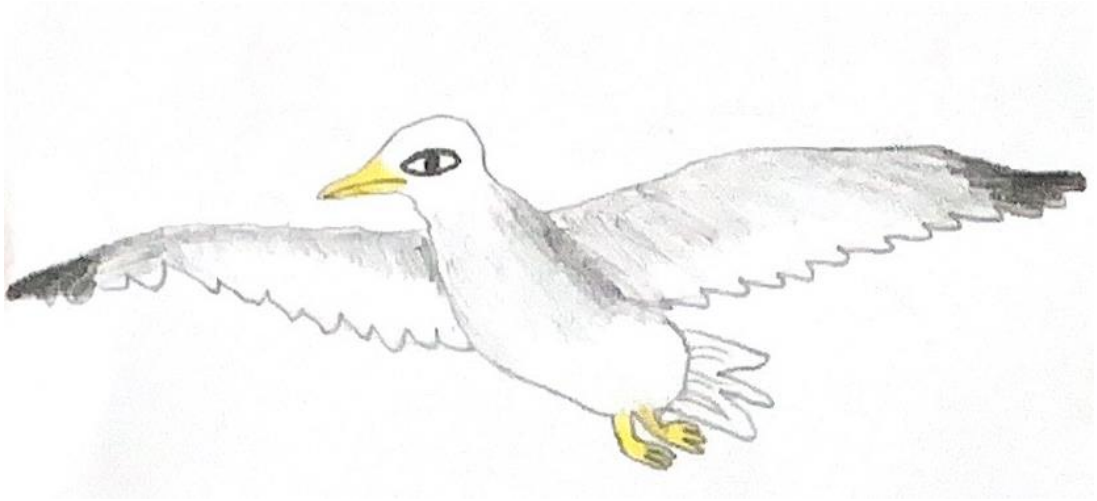
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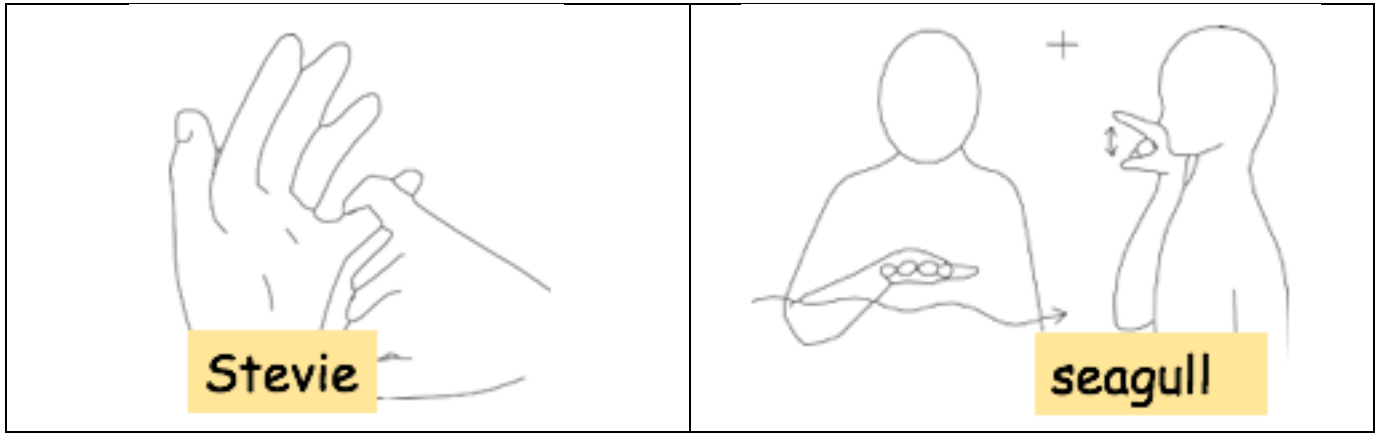


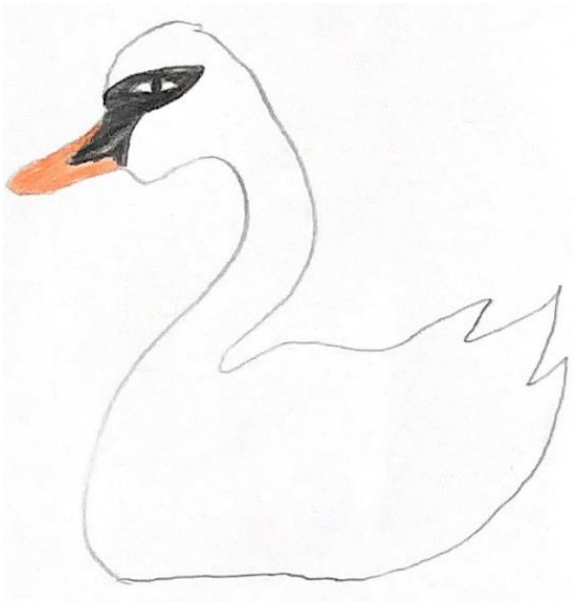
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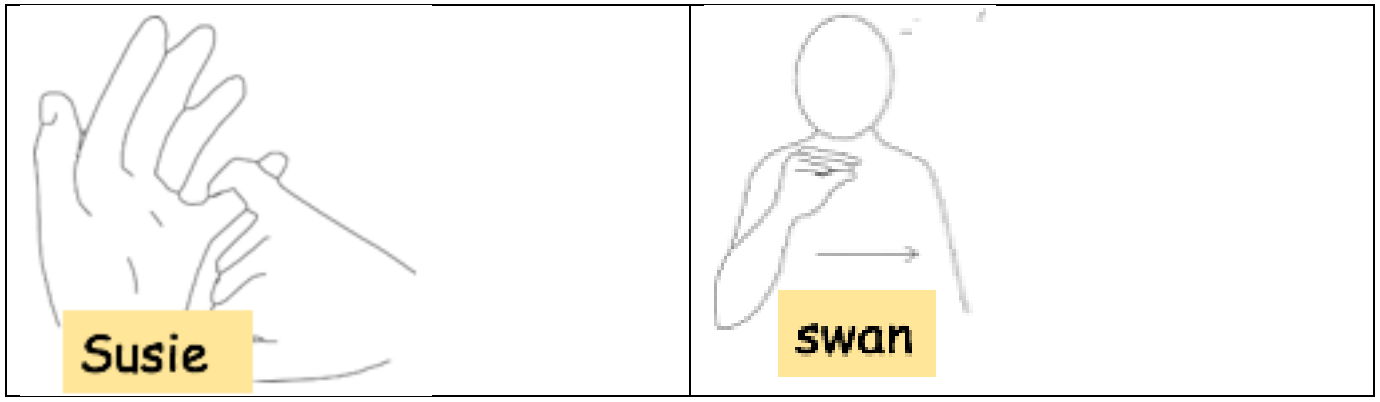


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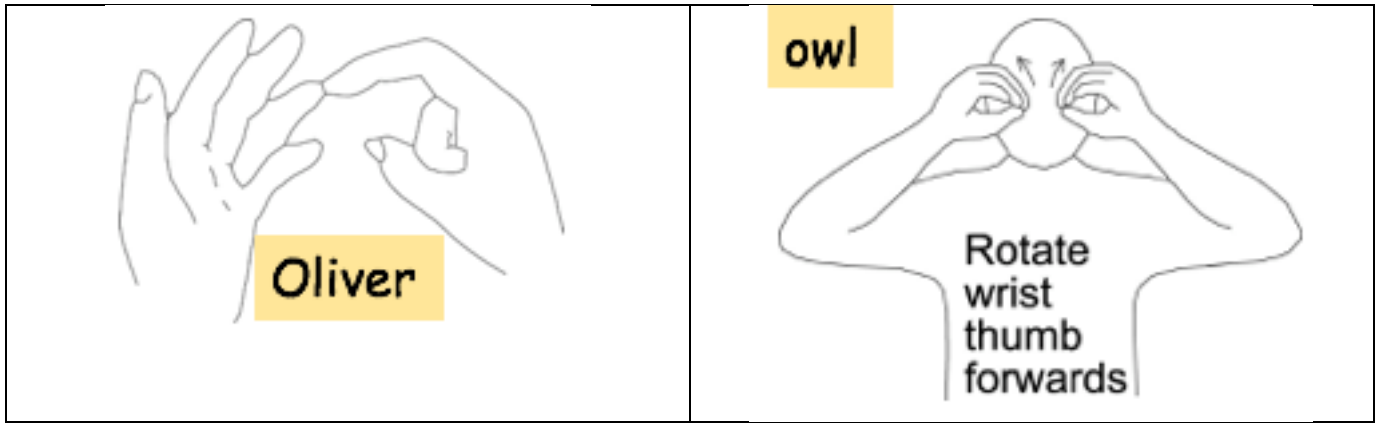


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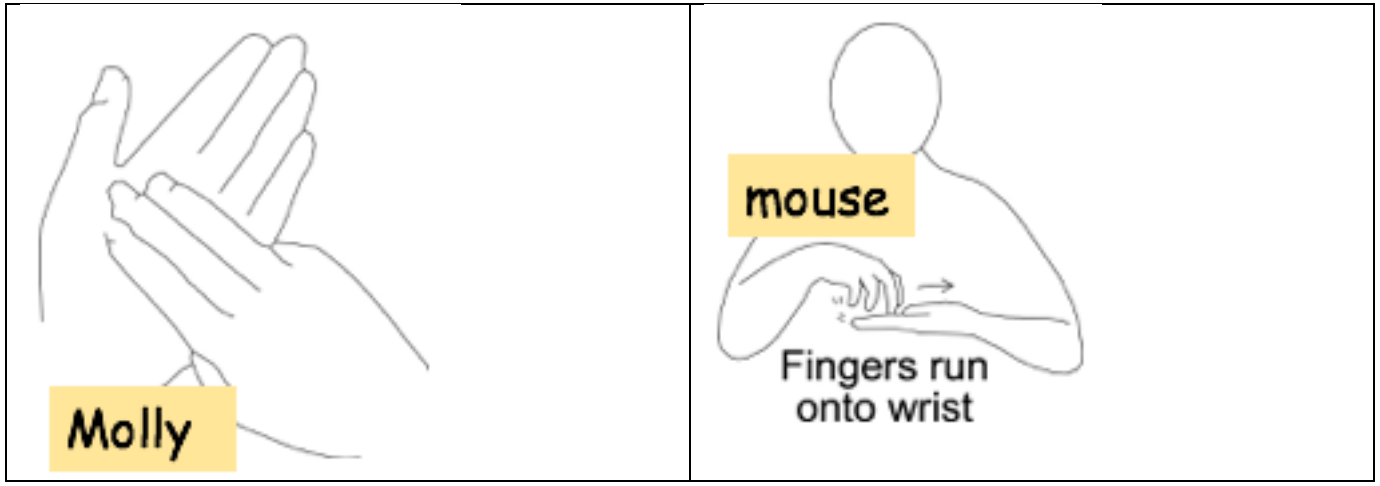


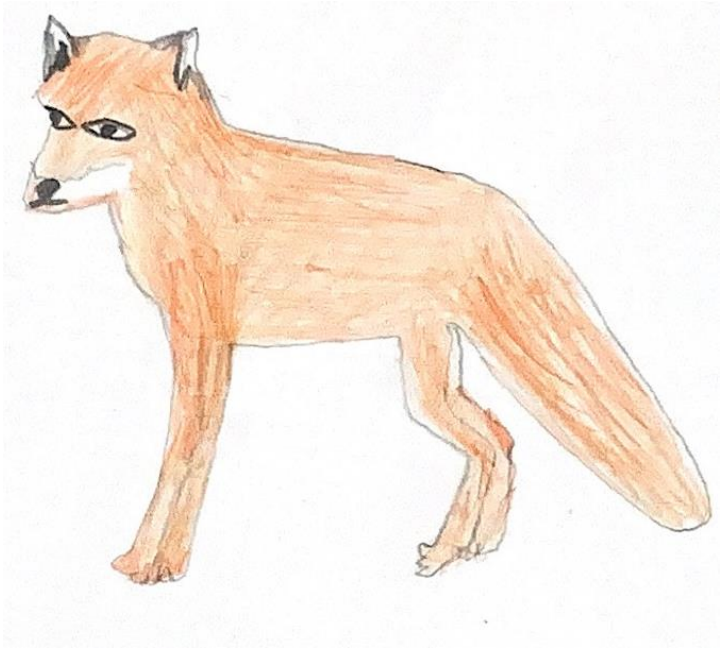
Oliver Owl


Oliver
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Rotate
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Molly Mouse



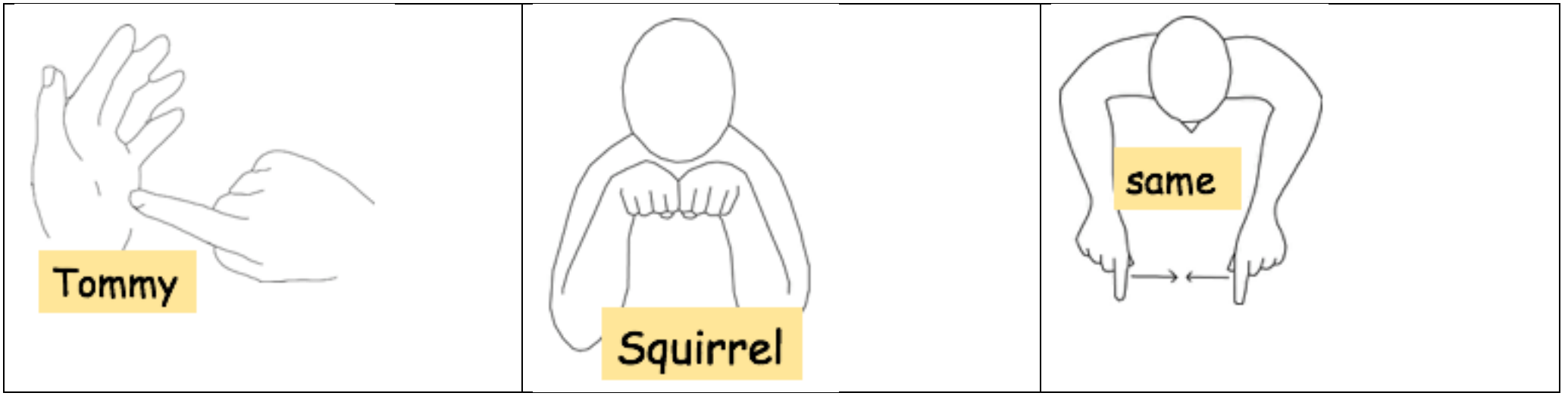


Felix Fox


Felix
Hand moves down
Index and middle fingers
close sharply onto thumb
fox

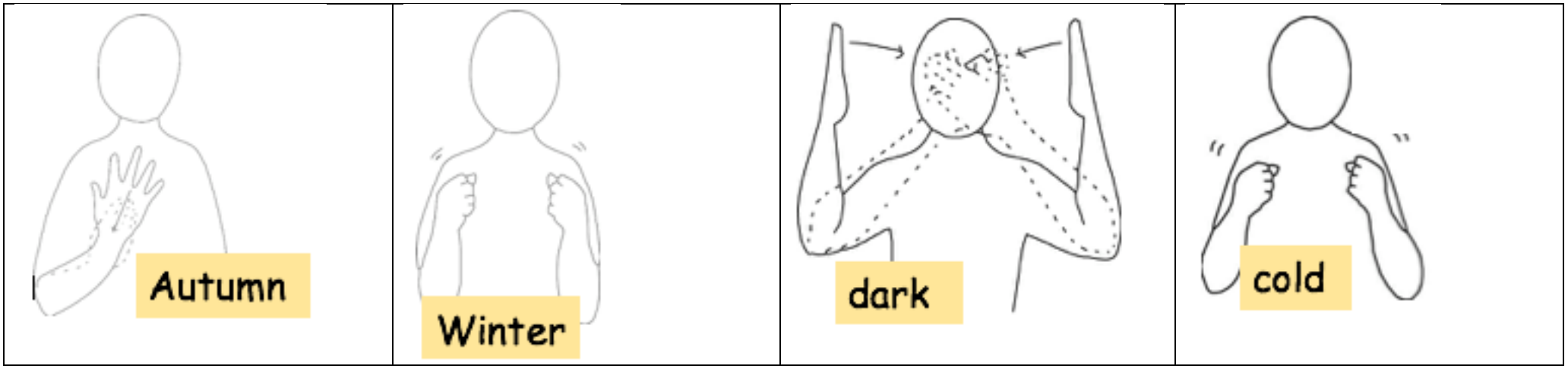


And Tommy who is a squirrel too





As Autumn turned to Winter the nights were getting dark and cold.

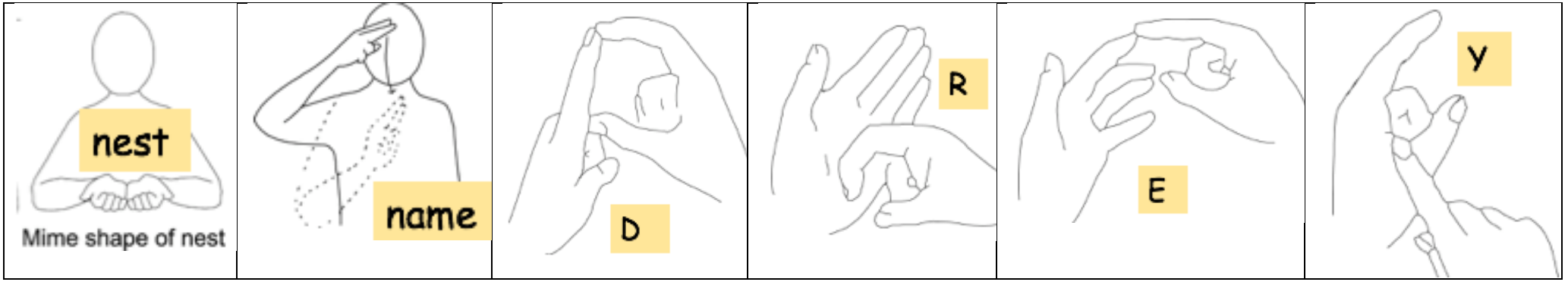




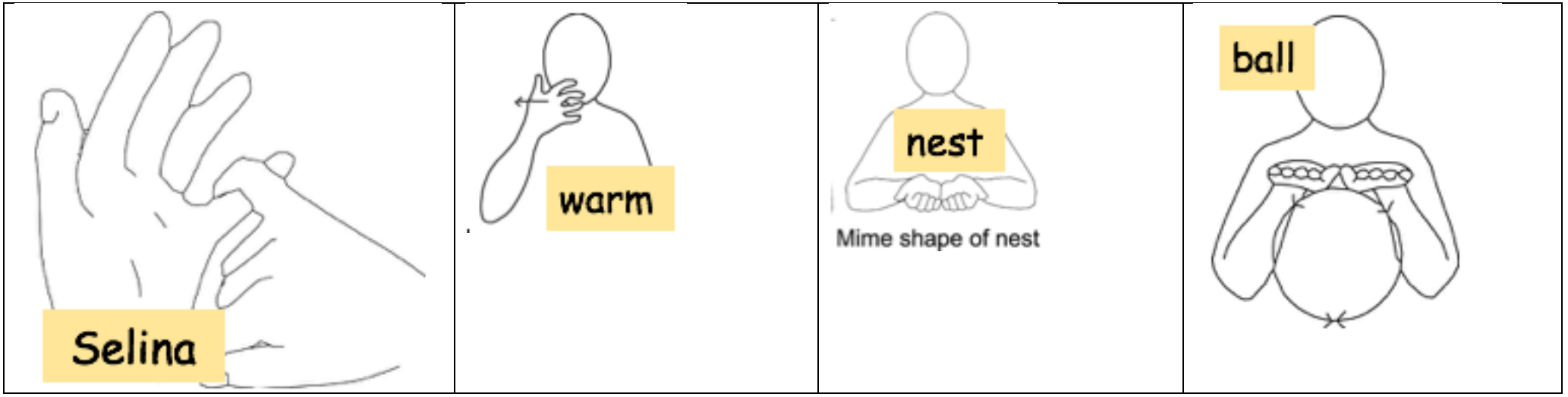
Selina had been busy collecting moss, leaves, grass and fir to make …

her winter nest called a 'drey' nice and warm



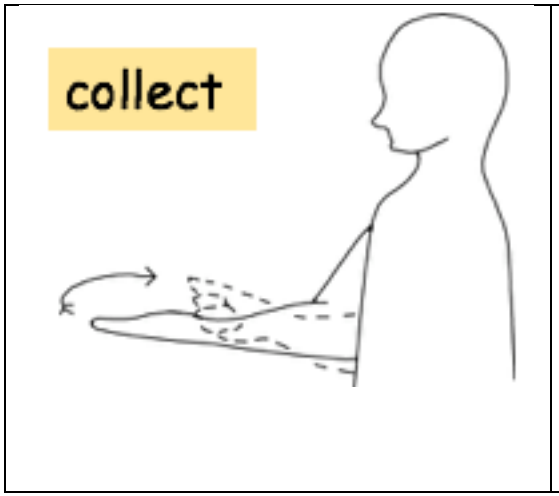
Selina's nest was the size of a football

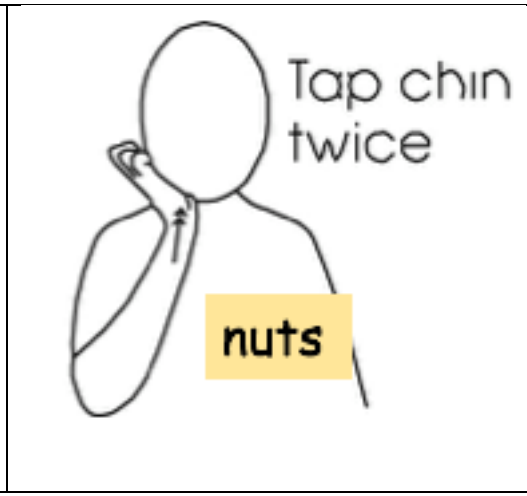




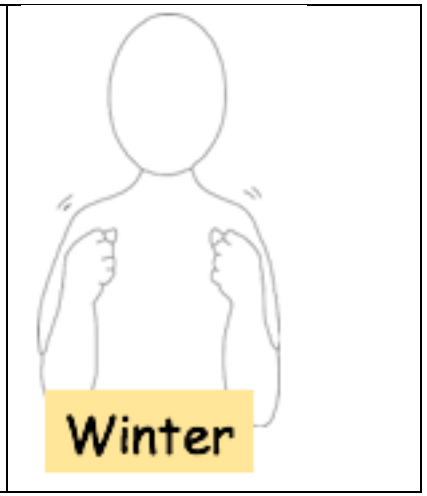


She had also been collecting nuts and food to get ready for winter



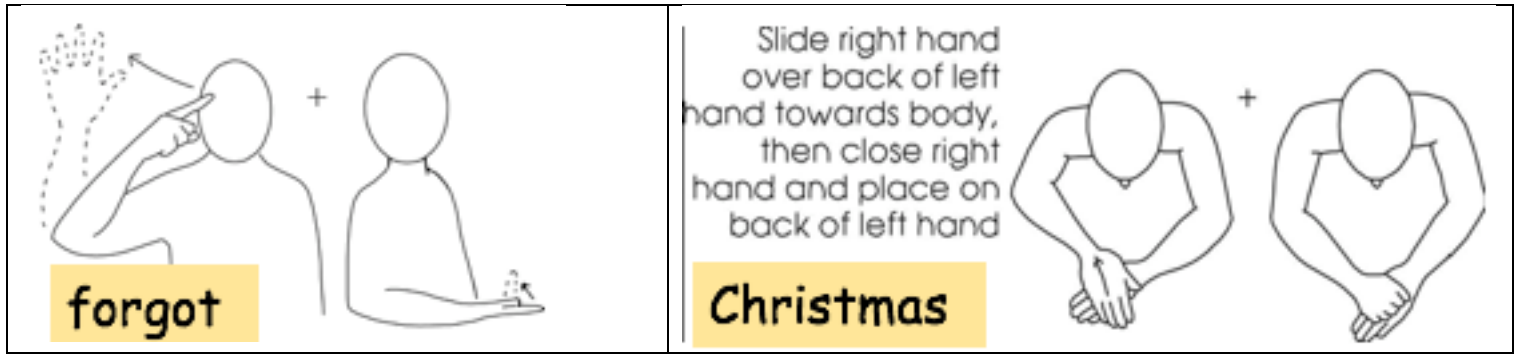




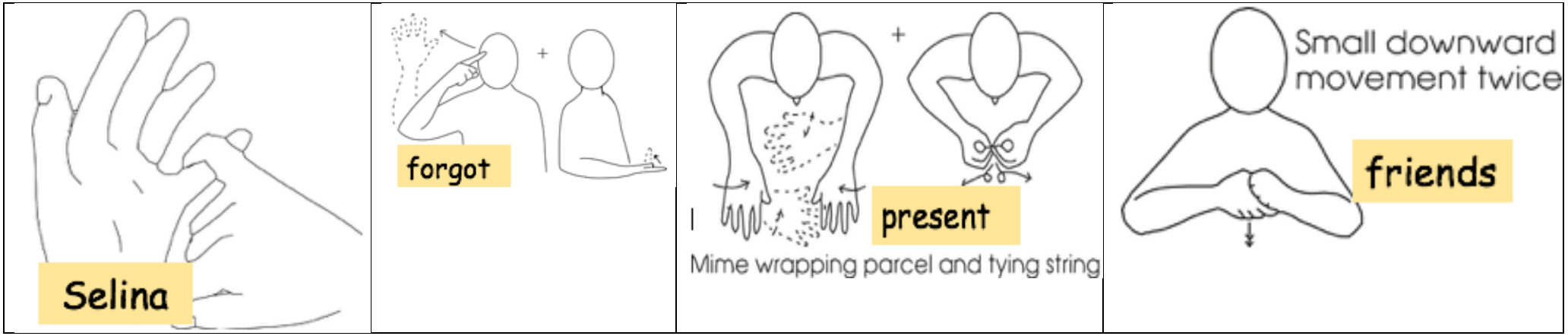




She had been so busy that she forgot that Christmas was coming soon



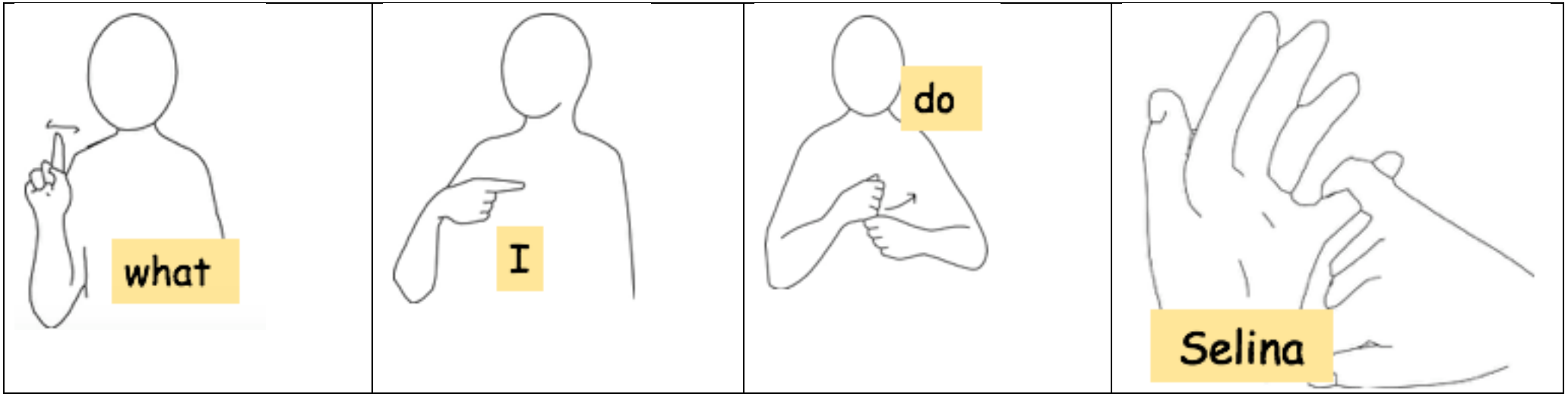
Selina had forgotten to get presents for her friends



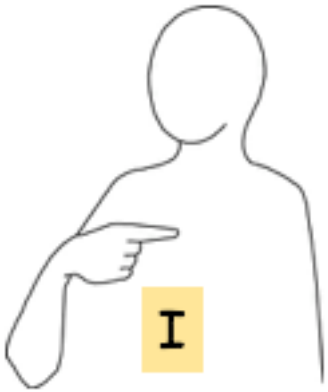


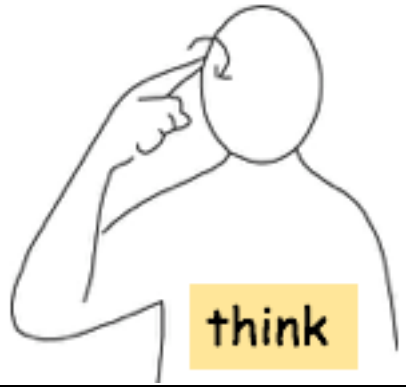


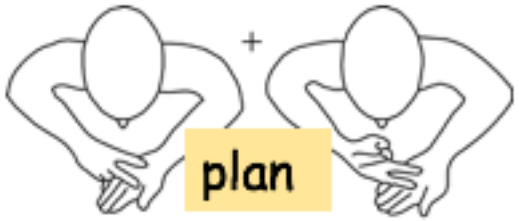
"Oh dear! What will I do?" said Selina



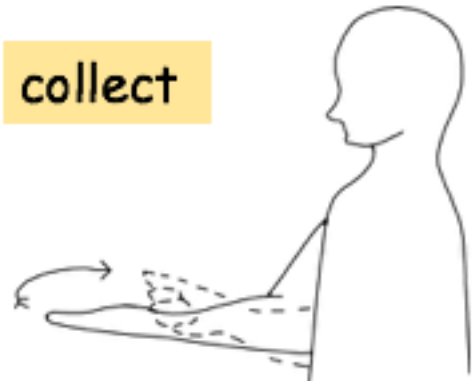
"I need to think of a plan"





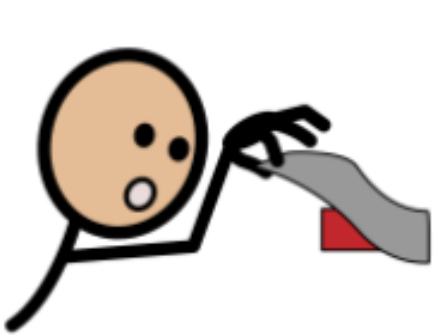


She collected some pine cones, leaves, twigs and nuts





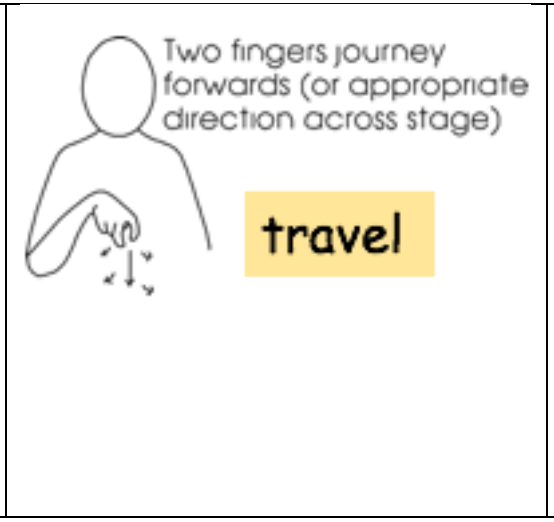


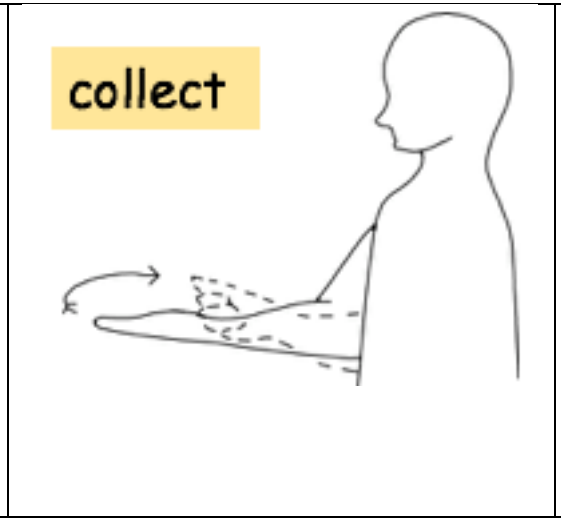





Selina had to go from one end of the park to the other and took her a long time to collect what she needed

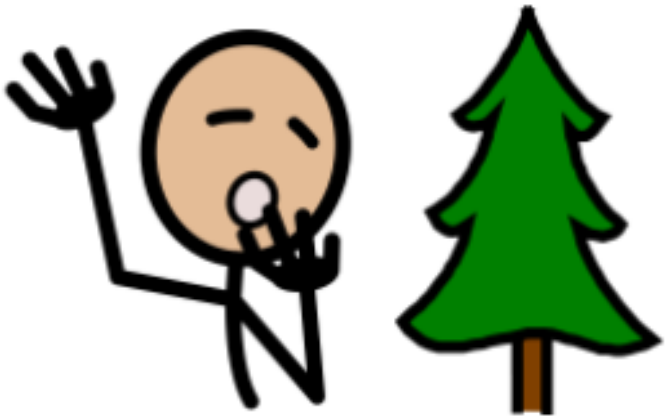






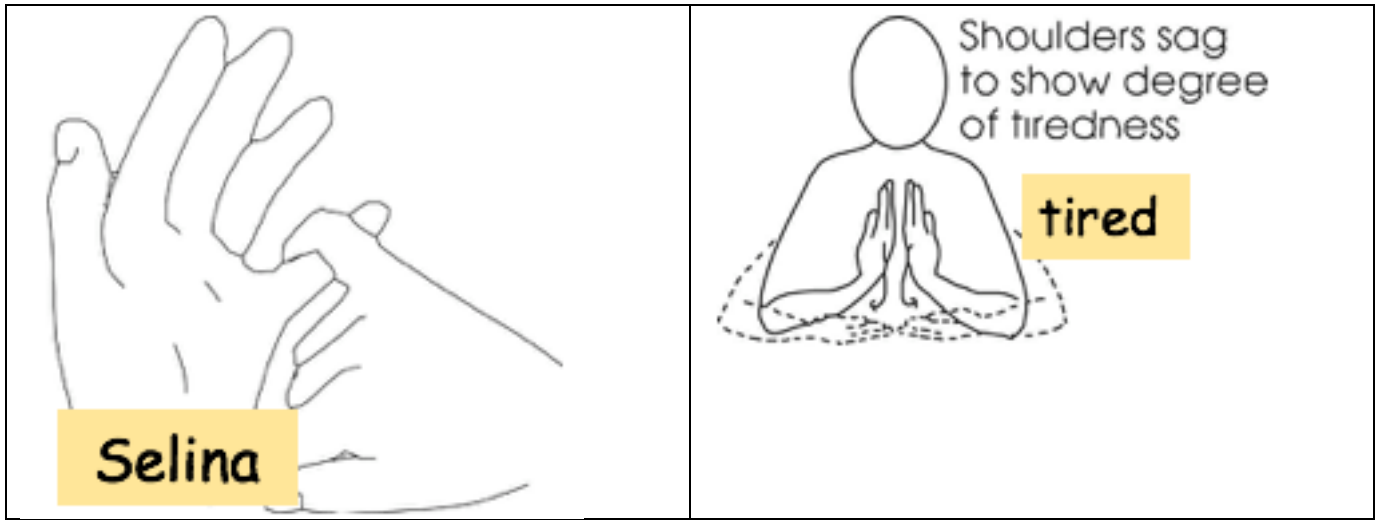


She jumped from tree to tree, branch to branch, up and down





Selina felt very tired



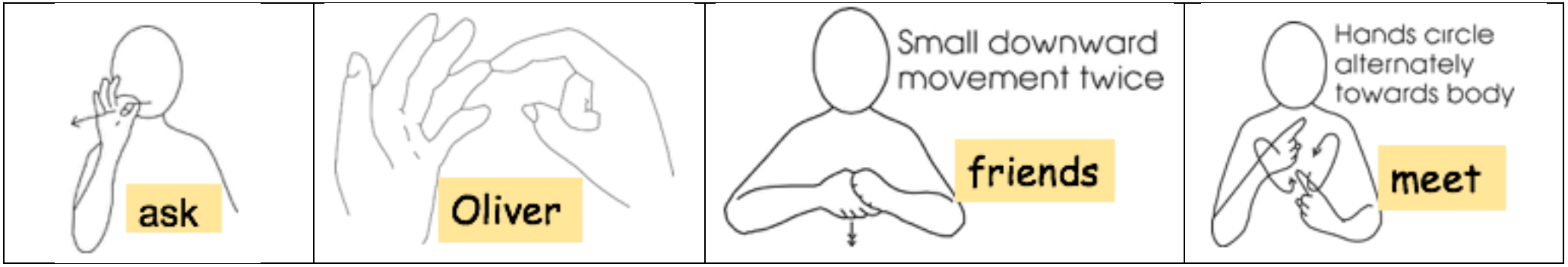
She brought it down to their favourite meeting place by the big fir tree near the pond

 meet	 fir tree	 pond



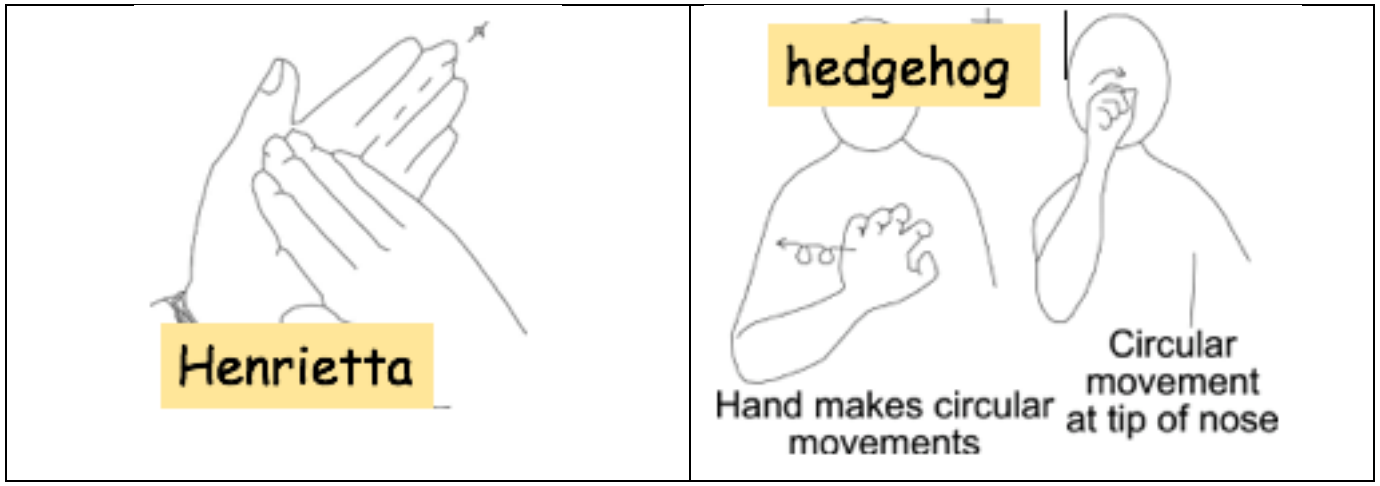


She spoke to Oliver to ask all her friends to come to their meeting place



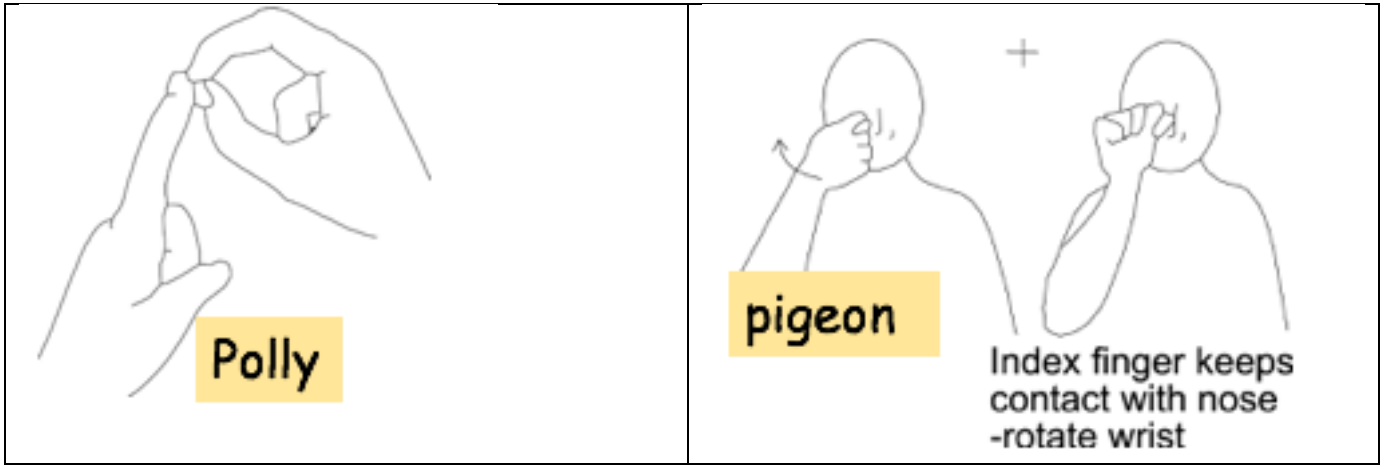


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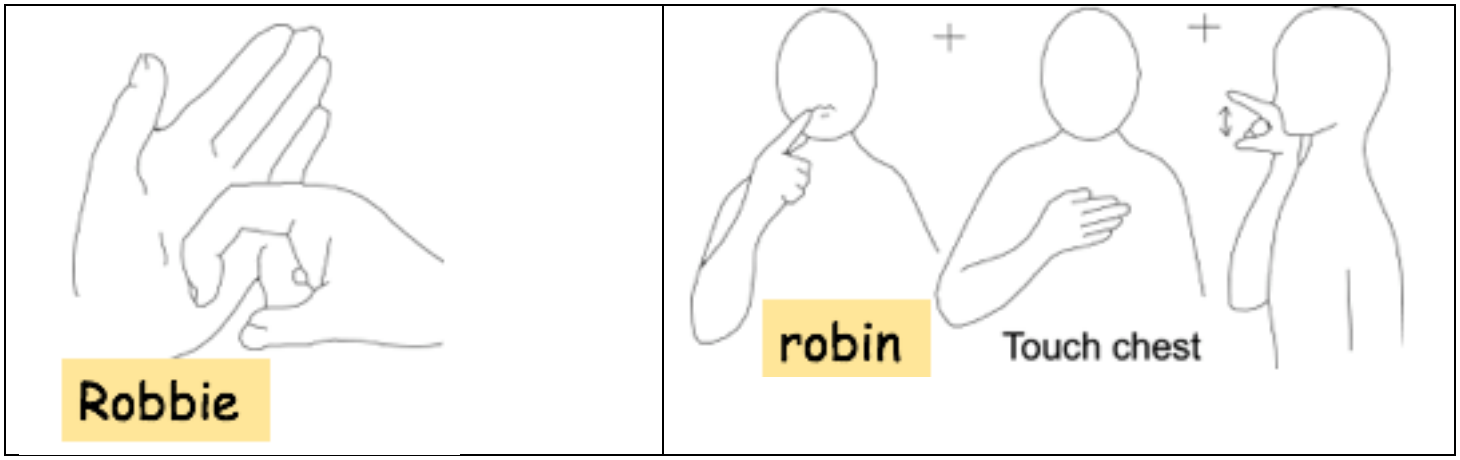


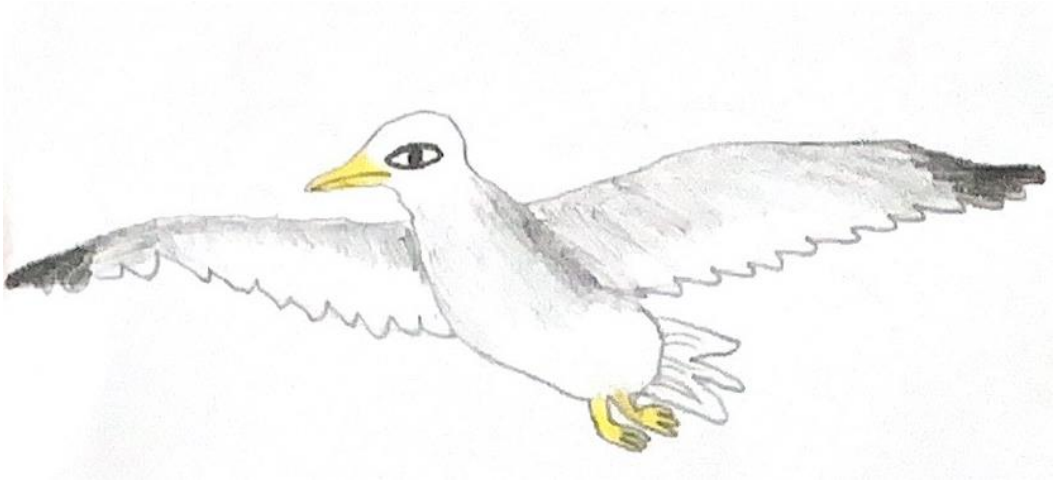
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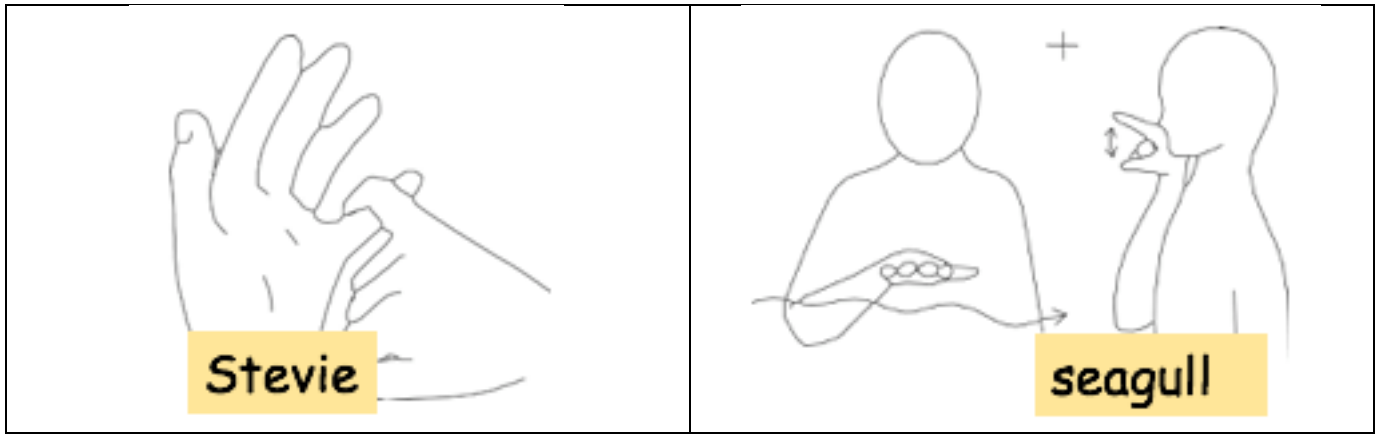


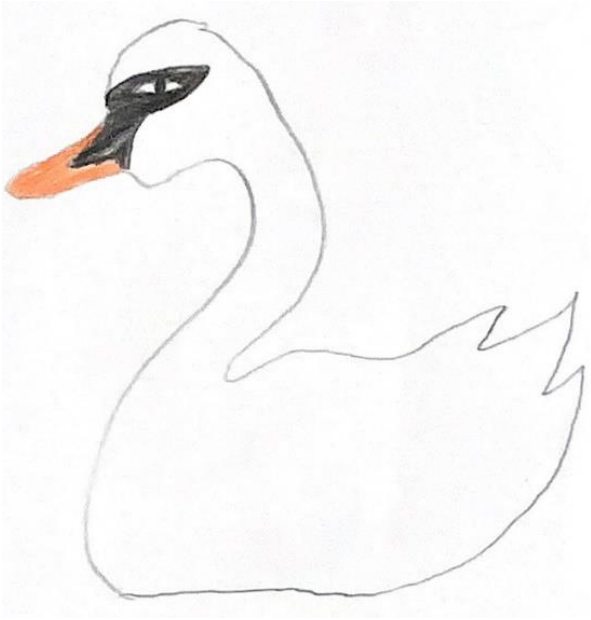
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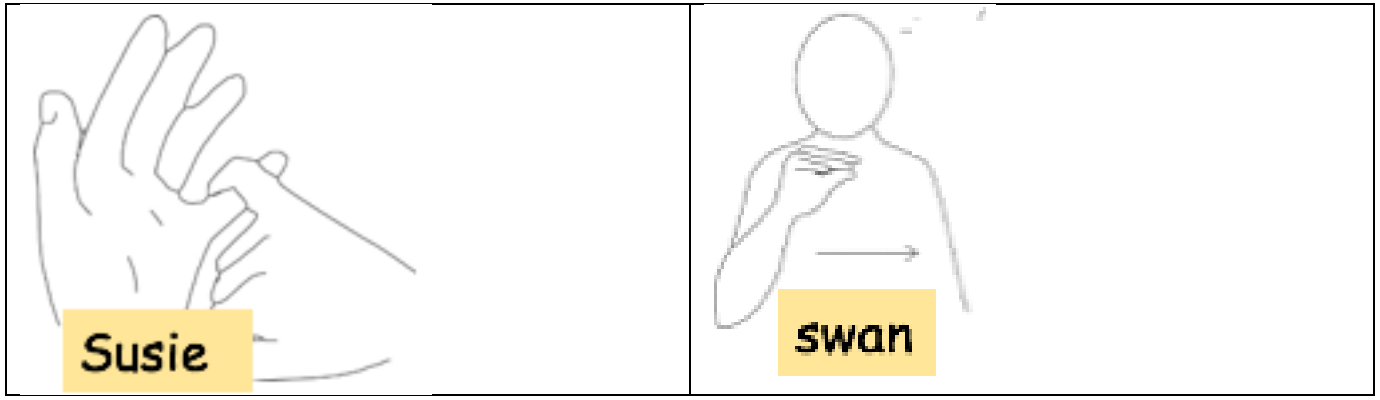


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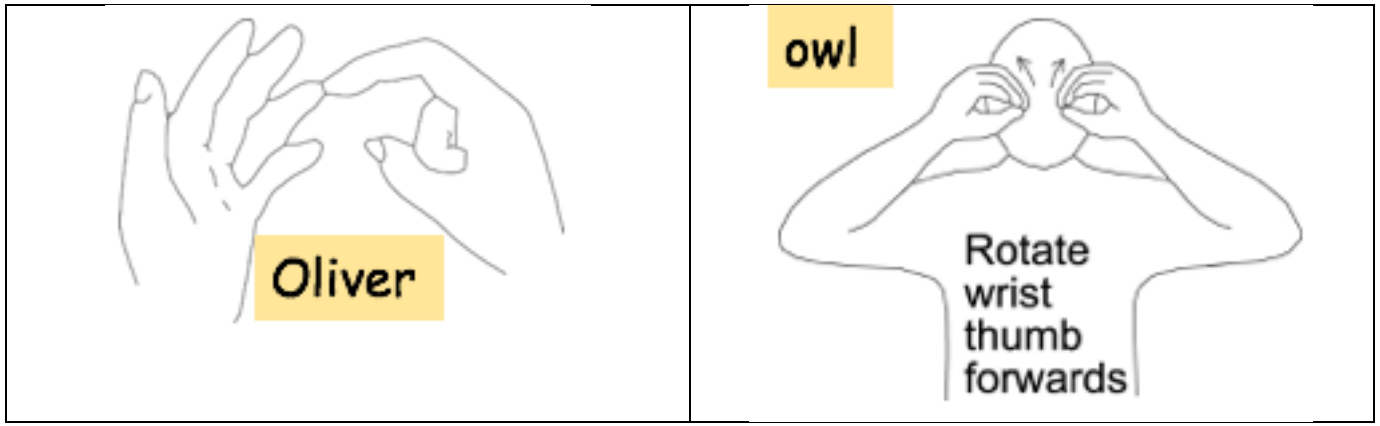


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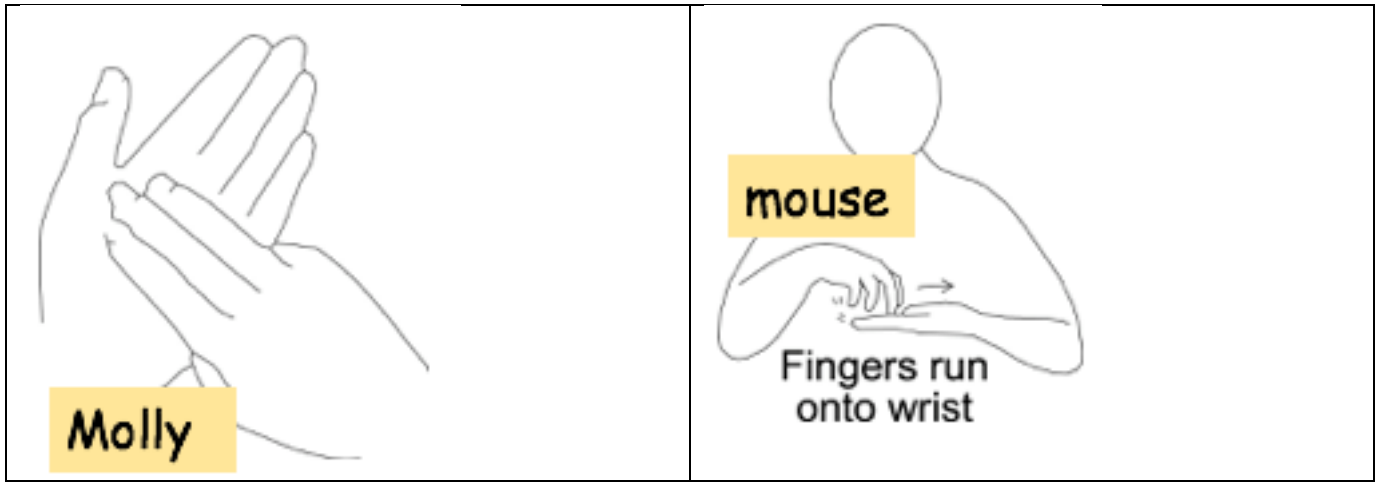


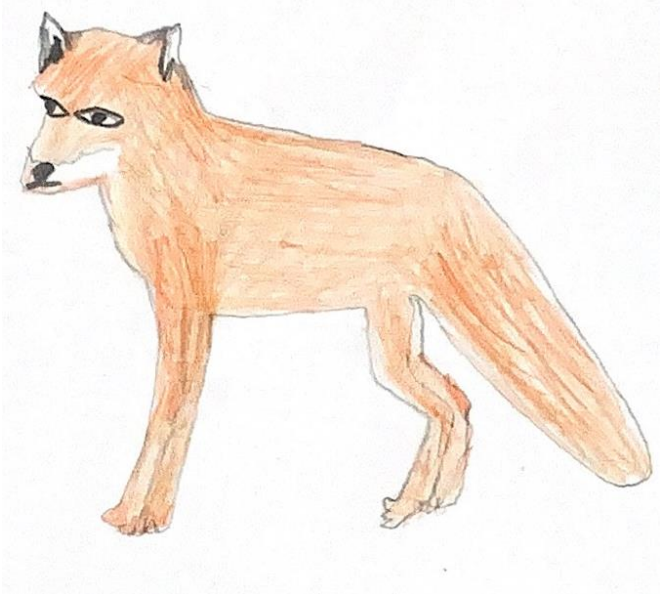
Oliver Owl





Molly Mouse



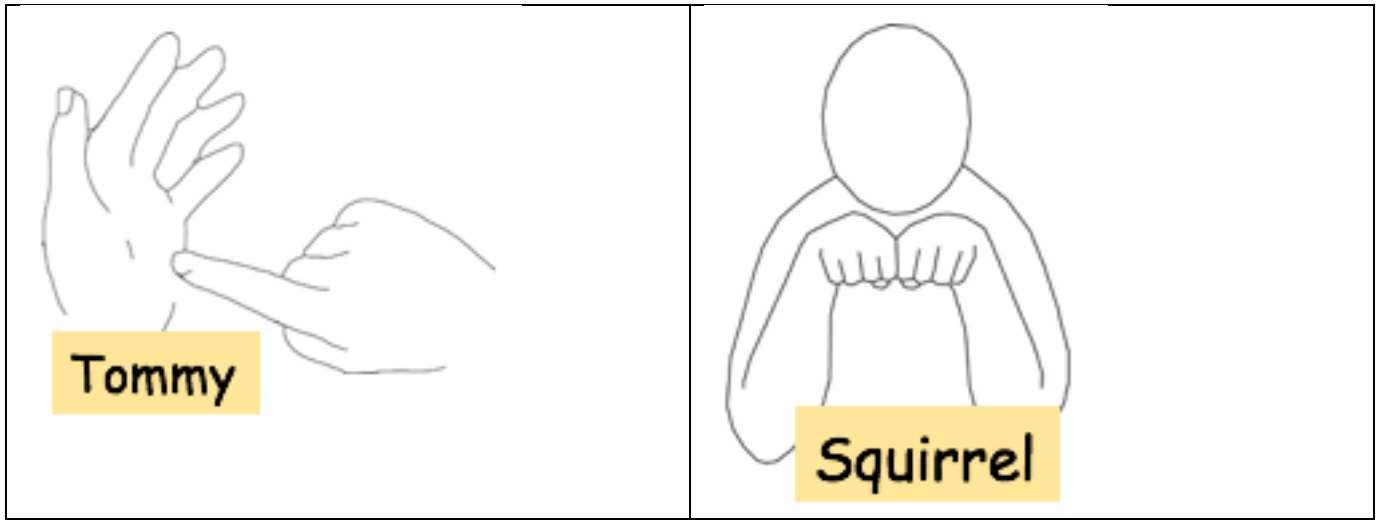


Felix Fox


Felix
Hand moves down
Index and middle fingers
close sharply onto thumb
fox



And Tommy squirrel



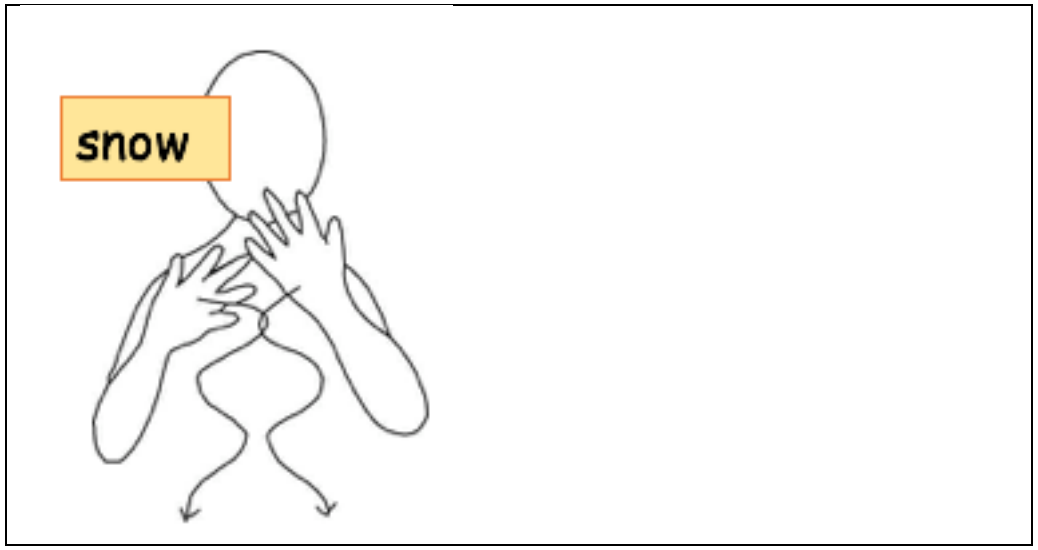
all came to meet at the big fir tree

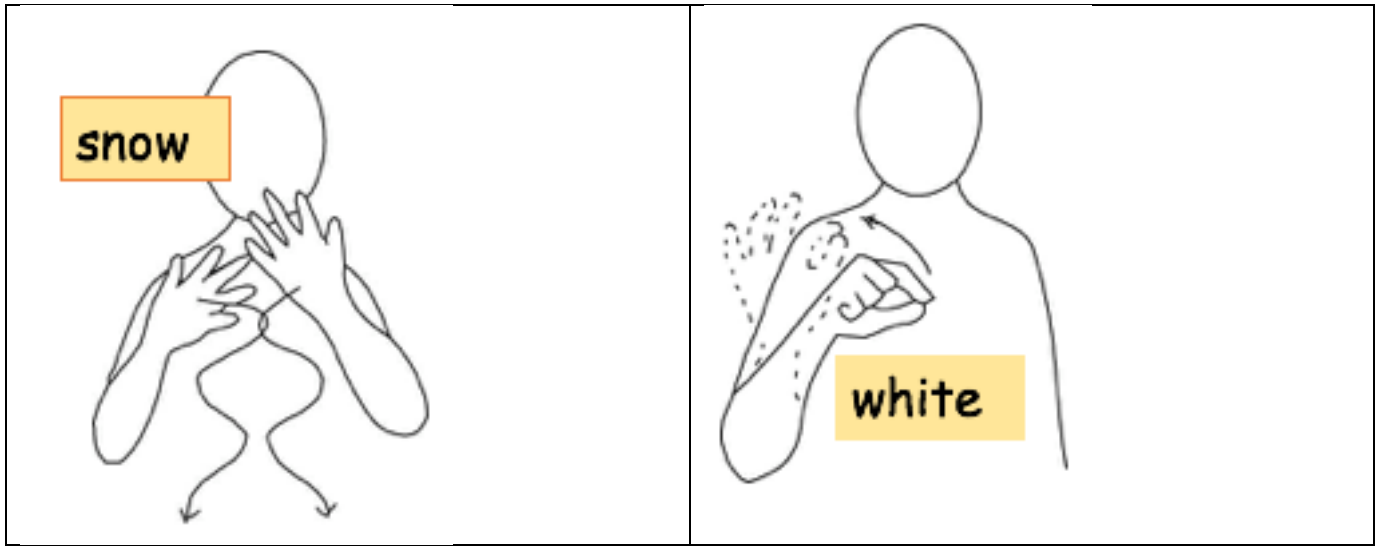


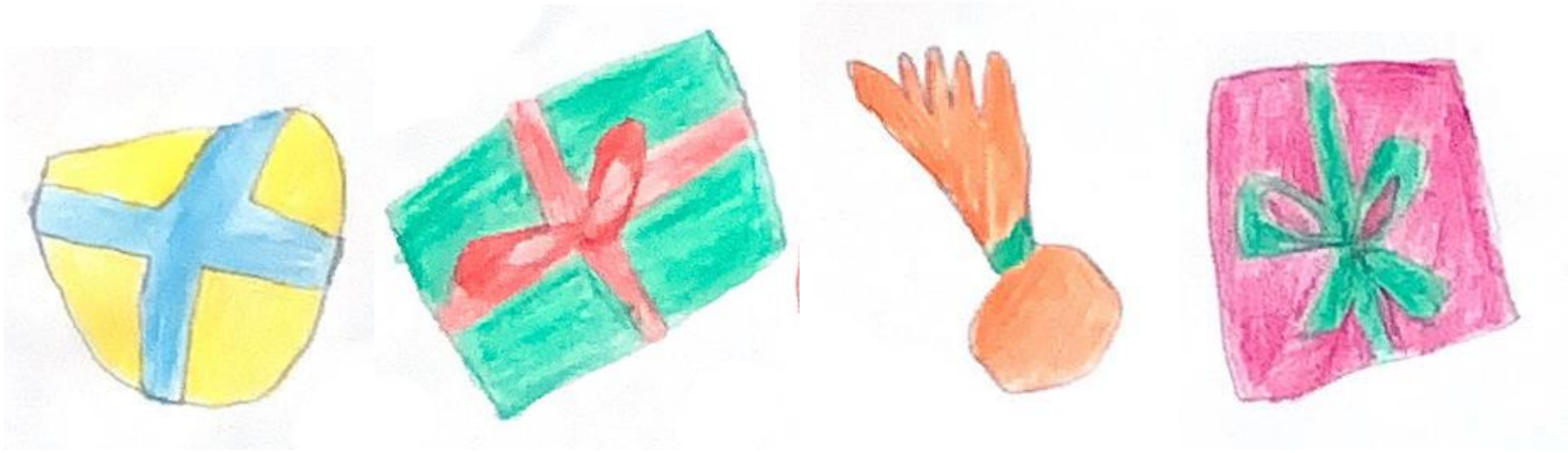


And just at that moment it started to snow

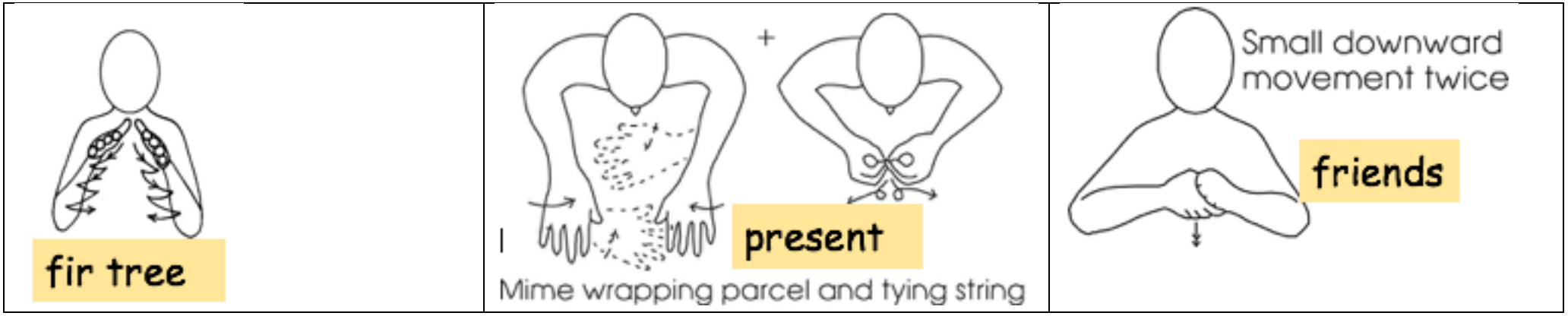


Tiny snowflakes fell until the whole park was covered in a blanket of white



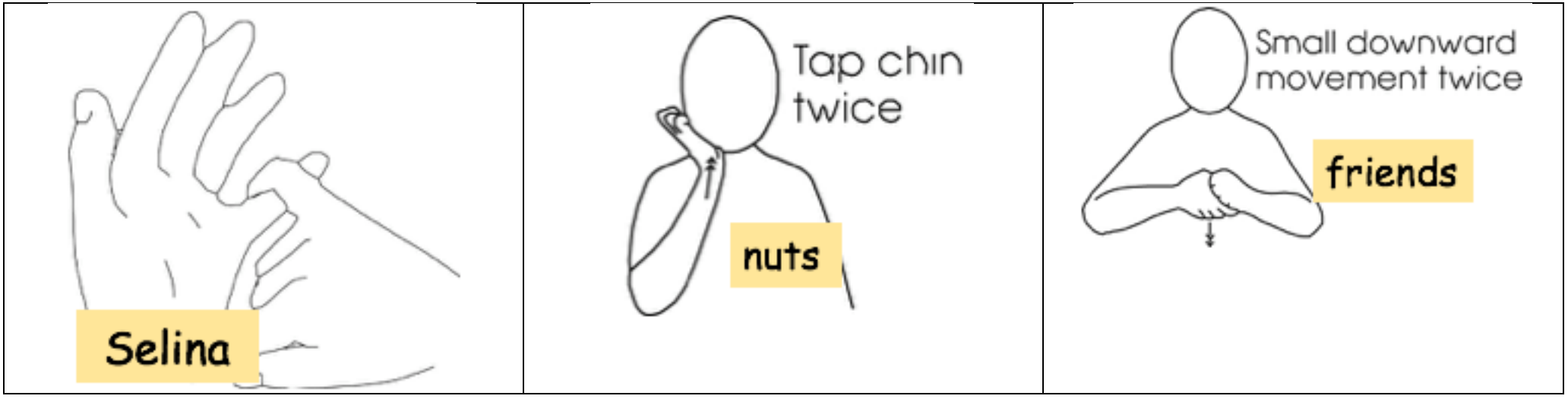


Underneath the tree were presents for all her friends wrapped in bright coloured paper





Selina had made a feast of pine cones, nuts and seeds for her friends





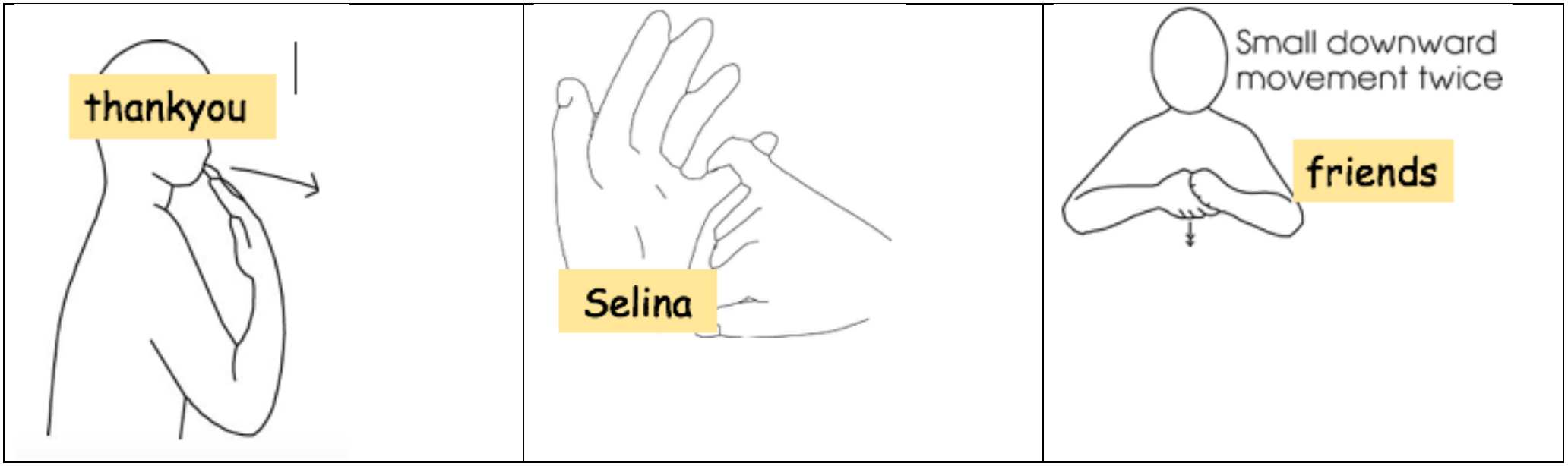


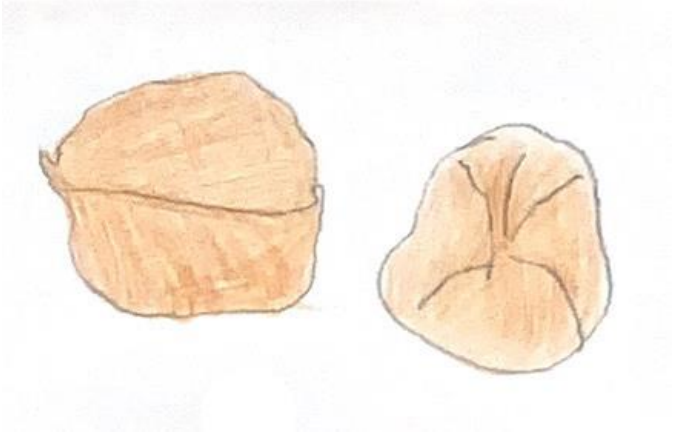
As they said "Merry Christmas" to each other and started to unwrap their presents



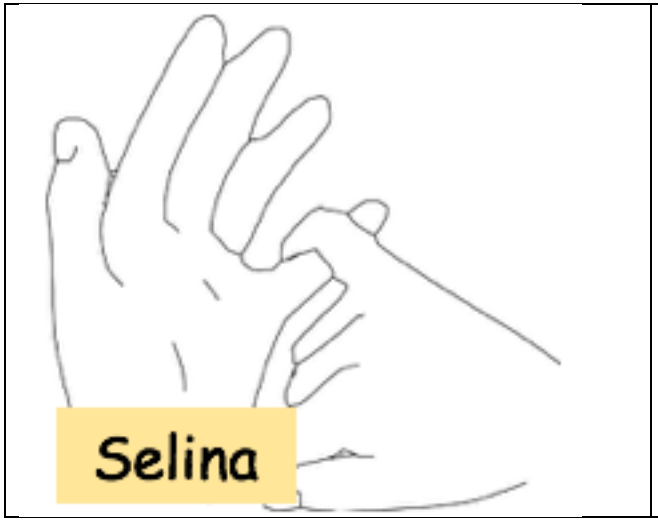


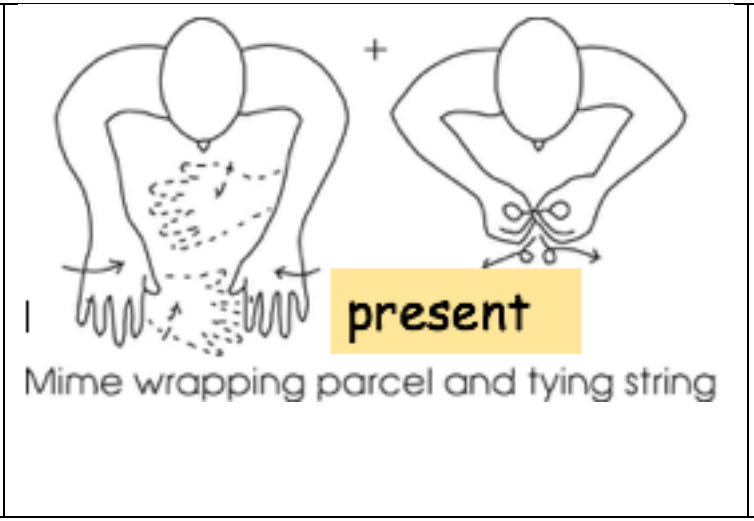
The presents from Selina to her friends were pom poms. “Thank you Selina” said her friends

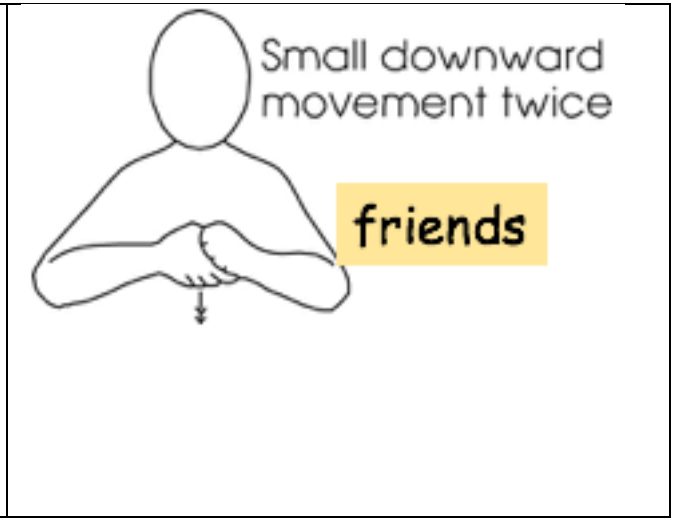




Selina unwrapped her presents from her friends

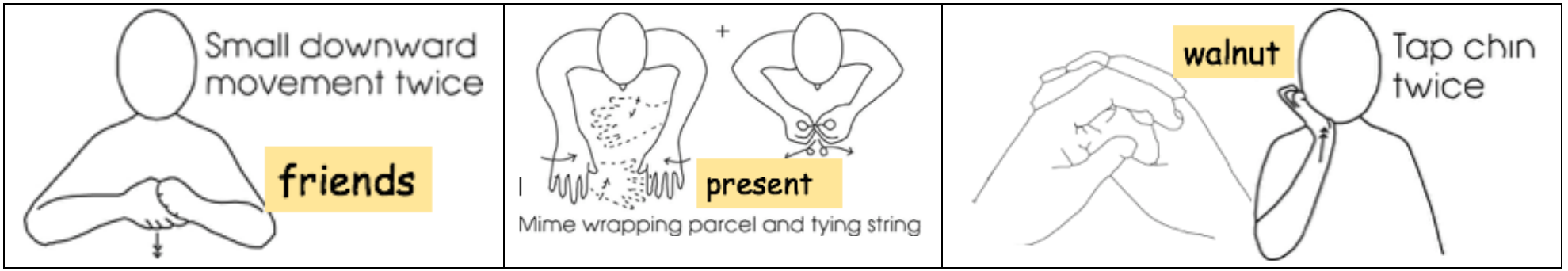






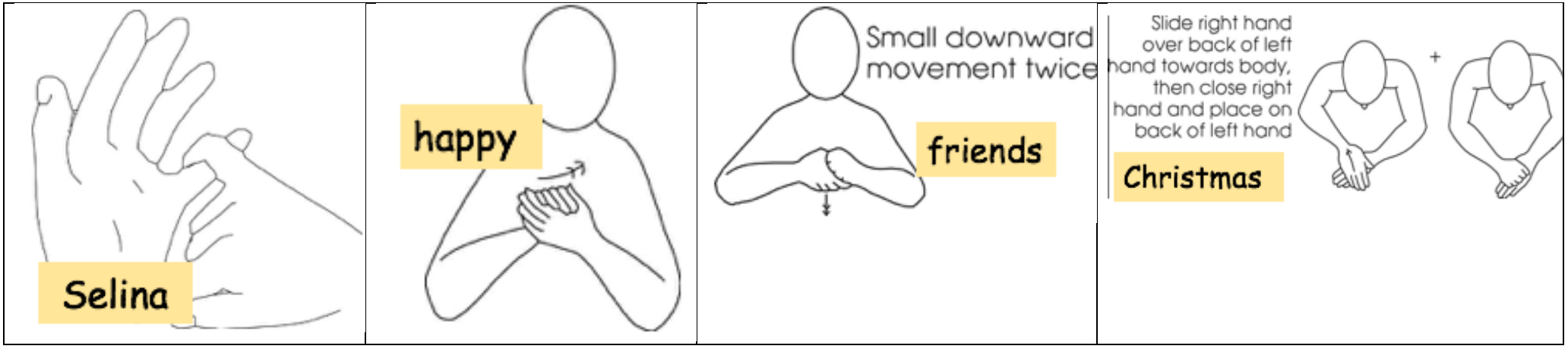
They had got her lots of nuts including walnuts.

Her favourite





Selina felt so happy to be with her friends at Christmas

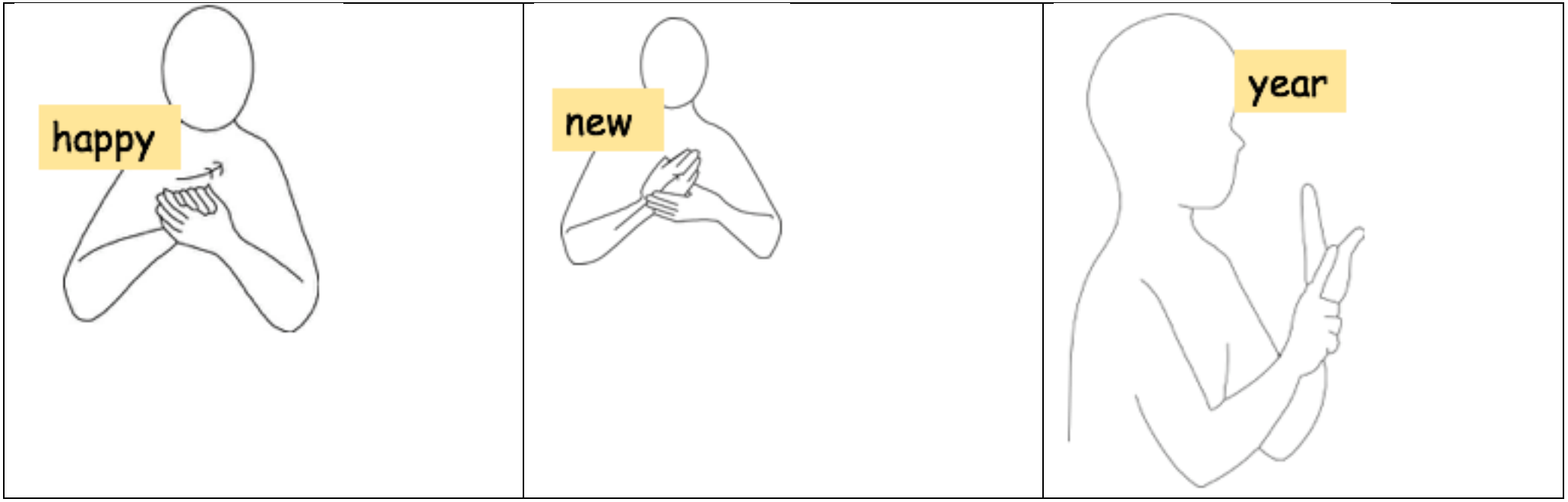




Merry Christmas!



and a Happy New Year!



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