

## Gesture-Phonemes

S---trace the letter 's' (like a snake) with your pointer finger in the air  
M--bring three fingers up to physically close your mouth to assist in producing the sound  
R--show arm muscles and big smile showing teeth  
N --bring two fingers up to lip area  
F--press index finger against lower lip to assist in producing the sound  
V--press index finger against lower lip to assist in producing the sound  
O--place index finger to lips to pucker around lips  
E--stretch lip corner to smile-like position  
P--tap index finger at the corner of the lips  
B--tap whole hand against cheek  
T--tap index finger on teeth  
D--tap index finger on teeth  
K--tap index finger near ear UNLESS they make a /t/, then put 2 fingers in mouth to prevent being able to make a /t/  
G--tap index finger near ear UNLESS they make a /d/, then put 2 fingers in mouth to prevent being able to make a /d/  
L--sweep hand in the air like tongue would be doing inside your mouth  
TH--place thumb between index & middle finger like the tongue between the teeth  
SH--place index finger in front of lips as you would to indicate 'shhhh, be quiet'  
CH--same as 'sh' except bounce your finger off your lips  
J--same as 'ch' except use fist instead of index finger  
Ny--touch your knee (as in 'bunny' )  
All Done--use 'sing song-like' stating while moving forearms back and forth  
More--use 'm' gesture and then go into 'more' sign language  
Only use 1 or 2 gestures per word. Example: for "Grandma" use the 'r' gesture and the 'm' gesture. "Water" use the 'w' and the 'r'.  
Use "sing-song" melodic intonation as you say the word so you hold it out instead of quickly saying the word without any visual/auditory information because you said it too fast.