



## American Sign Language (ASL)

- Developed in the 1800s; shares elements of French Sign Language and local sign languages
- Uses fingerspelling of words as well as facial movements
- Complete, natural language
- Unique grammar, pronunciation, and sentence structure separate from English



## Signing Exact English (SEE)

- Developed in the 1970s; 1:1 visual representation of spoken English
- Uses fingerspelling of words
- Not a language
- Follows English sentence structure; uses some ASL as well as unique signs