

# Australian Baby Hands

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Do you ever wish you could understand your baby's attempts to communicate? It can be very frustrating if you just can't work out what the problem is. Now there is a book called *Australian Baby Hands* that could help you with this problem. The book is about teaching sign language to babies following the Australian Sign Language, AUSLAN, which is endorsed by Deaf Children Australia.

Baby Hands offers suggestions on how to introduce sign language to your child through daily routines, talking, songs etc. It is set out in an easy to read and easy to understand format that can be read in short bursts (allowing for interruptions!) or all at once. Once you have read about how to introduce the signs, you can get started on learning the actual signs.

The signs are presented as photographs. Each sign is explained and can be seen in use by the lady in the photo.

Baby Hands could be a very useful book if you are interested in signing with your baby - even just a few signs, (although once you get started you will probably find you become really enthusiastic and want to learn all the signs immediately!).

Studies have shown that the more time you spend communicating with your baby - in any way - the better off your baby will be. I found Baby Hands very interesting and am learning the signs even though my children are not babies anymore!!

Happy Signing



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