

# THE MAKATON VOCABULARY

Stage One	Stage Two	Stage Three	Stage Four	Stage Five	Stage Six	Stage Seven	Stage Eight	Additional	
Mummy/Mother/Mum	Man	Chocolate	Teacher	Nurse	Country/	Numbers (1-10)	To choose	Deaf/Hearing	Potato
Daddy/Father/Dad	Lady/Woman	Sweet	Boss	Doctor	Countryside	How?	To win	impaired	Salad
Brother (1) & (2)	Boy	Crisps	Friend	Milkman/Woman	Town	How much?	To dance	Blind/Visually	Sandwich
Sister (1) & (2)	Girl	Cigarette	Children	Postman/Woman	Sea	How many?	To find	impaired	Sausages
A Drink	Baby	Apple	Name	Policeman (1) & (2)	Cinema	How old?	To understand	Communication	Soup
Water (2) (drink of)	Bread	Orange (1)	School	Policewoman	Disco/Nightclub	Many	To remember	problem/Difficulty	Tomato
Biscuit	Butter	Barana	Work (1) & (2) (Place)	Police Officer	Holiday	A lot	Birthdays	Medicine	Vegetables
Dinner (1) & (2)	Egg	Fish (1)	Outside	Firefighter	To begin/To start	Some	Party	Injection	Wire
Food (1) & (2)	Butter	Rabbit	Cupboard	Postbox	To finish/To end	Few	Parcel/Present	Operation	At Salam Alikoom
Telcel	Dal/Dihal	Chicken (1)	Pan	Ambulanceman/	To bring	Time (2)	Balloon	Sick/Vomit	Namasie
Chair	Rice	Horse	Pencil	Woman	To ask	Hour	Photograph	Ill	Bedroom
Table	Yoghurt	Cow	Paper	Shop	To speak/To talk	Tomorrow	Camera	Pain	Bedroom
Washbasin	Noodles	Pig	Scissors	Supermarket	To listen	Today	Mirror	Dead	Bedroom
Bath, A	Milk (1) & (2)	Sheep	Picture	Garden	To hear	Yesterday	Radio	Hearing Aid (1) & (2)	Dining Room
Shower	Tea (1) & (2)	Butterfly	Sand (1) & (2)	Fire (2) (blaze)	To be able/Can	Next week	Newspaper	Glasses/Spectacles	Sitting Room/Lounge
House	Coffee (1) & (2)	Boat	Water (1)	Postbox	To forget	Last year	Video Camera	Wheelchair	Kitchen
Home	Juice	Train	String	Money	To grow	Next year	Video Cassette/Tape	How are you?	A
Car	Sugar	Aeroplane	Thread	Bag	Same	Last year	Video Recorder	People	The
Bus	Cake	Bicycle	Paint	Stamp	Different	Long time ago	Music	Airman/Woman	This
I	Jam	To have	Key	Stamp	New	Saturday	Hi-Fi/Stereo (1) & (2)	Soldier	That
Me	Ice-Cream	To walk	Box (1) & (2)	Stamp	Old	Sunday	Personal Stereo	Sailor	You (2) (3) (4) (5) & (6)
You (1)	To walk	To run	To put	Watch	Beautiful	Night	(1) & (2)	King	Your (2) & (3)
What?	To cut with knife	To dig	To make/To create/	To carry	Smart	Day	Audio Cassette/Tape	Queen	Yours (2) & (3)
What?	Fork	To ride (horse)	To do	To throw	Nice	When? (1) & (2)	Audio Cassette Player/	Prince	Open
What?	To ride (bicycle)	To ride (general)	To sew (1) & (2)	To catch	Kind	Always	Tape Recorder	Princess	Closed
What?	To ride (general)	To swim	To cook (1), (2) & (3)	To stop	Our (1) & (2)	Again	CD	Farmer	To Open (1) (generic)
What?	To jump	To climb	To sing	To help (1) & (2)	Ours (1) & (2)	Late	Computer	Clothes (male)	To Open (2) (book)
What?	To jump	To climb	To play	To like	Their (1) & (2)	Early	First	Clothes (female)	To Open (2) (book)
What?	To jump	To climb	To know	To want	Theirs (1) & (2)	Before	Last	To dress	To Open (3) (bottle)
What?	To jump	To climb	To think	To love	Another	After	Next	To undress	To Close (3) (bottle)
What?	To jump	To climb	To work (1) & (2)	To quarrel	Who?	Wages	Over	Hairbrush	To Close (4) (box 1)
What?	To jump	To climb	To read	Quick	Which?	To buy	Through	Comb	To Close (4) (box 1)
What?	To jump	To climb	To write	Fast	Colour	To save	Near/Close	Shaver	To Open (5) (box 2)
What?	To jump	To climb	To draw	Happy/Pleased	Blue	Careful	Between	To shave	To Close (5) (box 2)
What?	To jump	To climb	To paint	Sad/Miserable	Brown	Expensive	Lucky	Shower	To Open (6) (bus door)
What?	To jump	To climb	To colour	Difficult	Green	Sun	Hungry	Toothbrush	To Close (6) (bus door)
What?	To jump	To climb	To cut with scissors	Easy	Orange (2)	Fain	Thirsty	Toothbrush	To Open (7) (car door)
What?	To jump	To climb	To teach	Hard	Red	Wind	Worried	Soap	To Close (7) (car door)
What?	To jump	To climb	To build (1)	Strong	White	Snow	Really/True	Towel	To Open (8) (carton)
What?	To jump	To climb	To build (2)/	Heavy	Yellow	Stars	Why?	Bacon	To Close (8) (carton)
What?	To jump	To climb	To construct	Clever		Moon	Because	Bagel	To Open (9) (cupboard)
What?	To jump	To climb	To break	Angry		Sky		Beer	To Close (9) (cupboard)
What?	To jump	To climb	Us (1) & (2)	Frightened		Snowman		Burger	To Open (10) (door)
What?	To jump	To climb	They (1) & (2)	Patent (to be)/Calm				Canned Drink/Cola/	To Open (10) (door)
What?	To jump	To climb	Them (1) & (2)	Trouble/The Matter				Drink (2)	To Open (11) (newspaper)
What?	To jump	To climb	In	Mistake				Cereal (breakfast)	To Close (11) (newspaper)
What?	To jump	To climb	On					Cheese	To Open (12) (purse)
What?	To jump	To climb	Under					Chicken (2)	To Close (12) (purse)
What?	To jump	To climb						Chips	To Open (13) (train door 1)
What?	To jump	To climb						Curry	To Close (13) (train door 1)
What?	To jump	To climb						Fish (2)	To Open (14) (train door 2)
What?	To jump	To climb						Fruit	To Close (14) (train door 2)
What?	To jump	To climb						Meat	To Open (15) (window 1)
What?	To jump	To climb						Naan	To Close (15) (window 1)
What?	To jump	To climb						Pasta	To Open (16) (window 2)
What?	To jump	To climb						Pie	To Close (16) (window 2)
What?	To jump	To climb						Pitta	To Open (17) (letter)
What?	To jump	To climb						Pizza	To Open (17) (letter)



## **The Makaton Vocabulary**

**Makaton** is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people communicate. It is designed to support spoken language and the signs and symbols are used with speech in spoken word order.

**Makaton** helps adults and children with learning difficulties and communication problems. For example, people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear. The vocabulary is highly flexible as it can be personalised to the individual's needs and used at a level suitable to them.

**Makaton** offers a core vocabulary of 450 concepts and an additional resource vocabulary arranged in topics such as 'Food and Drink.'

**Makaton** allows children and adults to communicate using the signs and symbols that are of interest to them. Many people then drop the signs and symbols naturally at their own pace, as they develop speech. Others use Makaton throughout their lives.

## **The Makaton Charity**

The Makaton Charity offers training to parents, carers and professionals via a nationwide network of licensed tutors.

Information and resources are available from the charity's website at [www.makaton.org](http://www.makaton.org)

The Makaton Charity offers a wide range of printed and electronic resources such as vocabulary books, DVDs and computer based collections of signs and symbols.

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## Phrases for Identifying Key Words

Underline the key words in each sentence.

Come here and have a shower.

Here is your brother's drink of water.

Mum is sitting down on that chair.

Look, there is my dad.

The wash-basin is over there.

The bath is here.

I'm eating my dinner. It's good, thank you.

Good morning, did you sleep ok?

I'm going home. Where are you going?

Go and wipe the table.

Hi, are you coming in the car?

That biscuit is very nice.

What are you eating?

My sister gave me some more to drink.

Thank you for coming to see me.

## Essential Words

Toilet/Nappy

House/Home/School/Nursery

Mum/Dad/Brother/Sister

Food/Eat/Drink

## Fun Motivational Words

Biscuit/Fruit/Juice

Book

Teddy

Baby/Doll

Bricks

Car/Bus

Sand/Water/Play

Dog/Cat/Bird

Hairbrush/Toothbrush

## Key Phrases

It's STORY time

LOOK at the BOOK

Do you want a DRINK?

GIVE ME the BALL

WHERE'S the TEDDY?

The TOILET'S over THERE

Do you want to PLAY with the SAND or the WATER?

## Consider

Facial expression

Play with signs e.g. Move them...

Appropriate placement/direction

Use mime and natural gestures

Have fun!

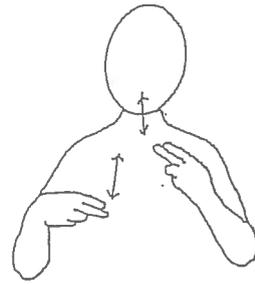
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MUMMY /  
MOTHER/MUM

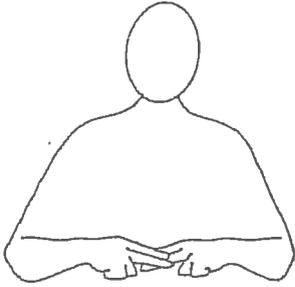


Tap twice

DINNER (1)

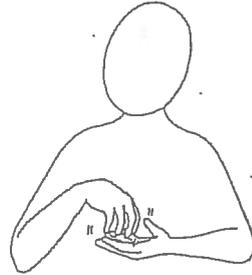


DADDY/  
FATHER/  
DAD



Tap twice

DINNER (2)



Make small  
circular  
movement  
with upper  
hand and  
simultaneously  
flutter fingers

BROTHER



Rub knuckles

FOOD



Tap once

SISTER



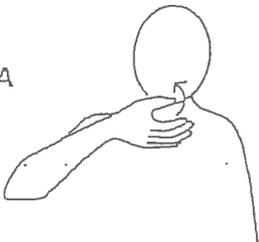
Tap middle of  
nose twice

WATER (2)  
(Drink Of)



Tilt head  
slightly  
backwards

DRINK (1), A



Small  
movement

TOILET



BISCUIT



Tap twice

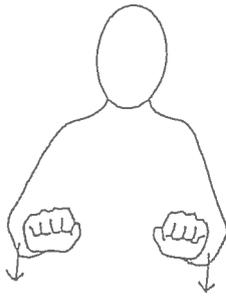
BED



Eyes open

# STAGE 1

CHAIR

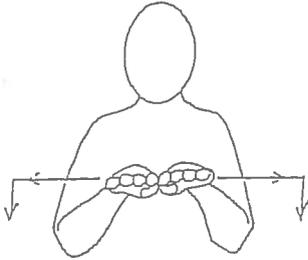


HOME  
(see note on "HOUSE")

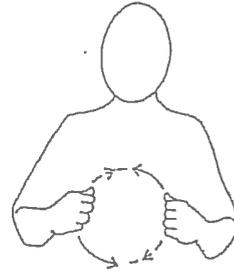


Small arced movement - direction can be varied to suit context

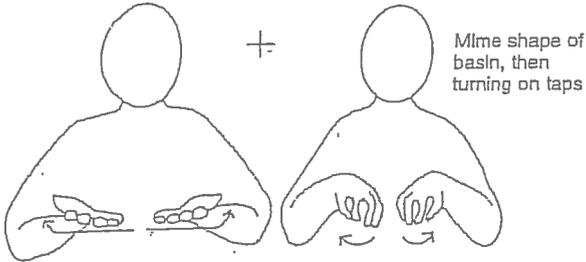
TABLE



CAR

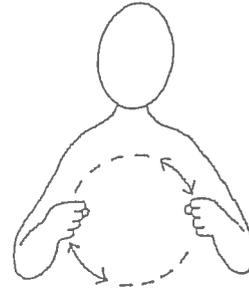


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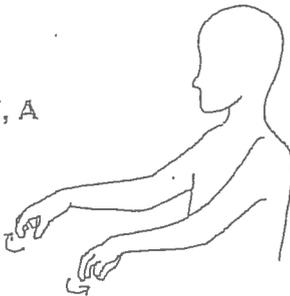


Mime shape of basin, then turning on taps

BUS

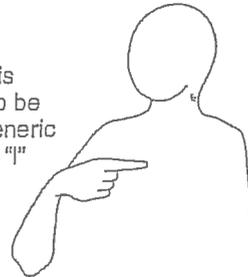


BATH, A



Mime turning on taps

I  
(subjective pronoun - this sign can also be used as a generic sign for both "I" and "ME")



SHOWER



Only one movement

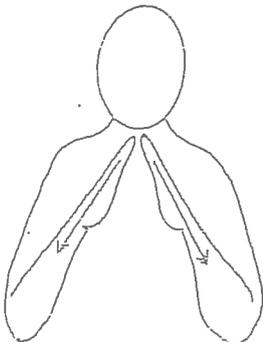
ME  
(objective pronoun - see note on "I")



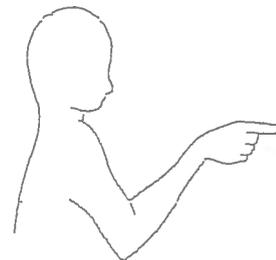
'M' hand touches chest

HOUSE

(this sign can be used for both "HOUSE" & "HOME", if a more iconic version is required for "HOME")

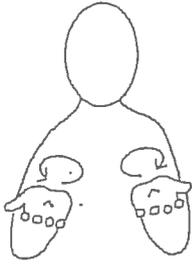


\*YOU (1)  
(subjective pronoun - see video for examples of use)



# STAGE 1

**WHERE?**  
(see video for examples of use)

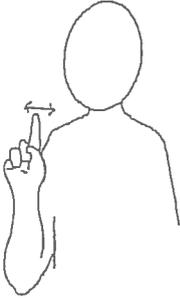


**TO EAT (1)**

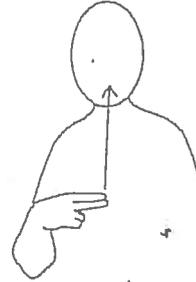


Tap lips twice with emphasis

**WHAT?**  
(see video for examples of use)



**TO EAT (2)**



**HERE**  
(see video for examples of use)

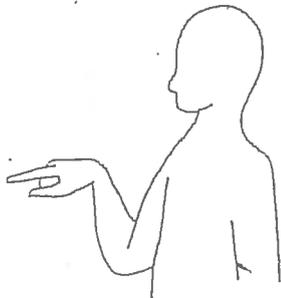


**TO LOOK**  
(see video for examples of use)



Two fingers are slightly apart

**THERE**  
(see video for examples of use)



**TO SEE**  
(may be used for both "TO LOOK" and "TO SEE" if simpler version is required - see video for examples of use)

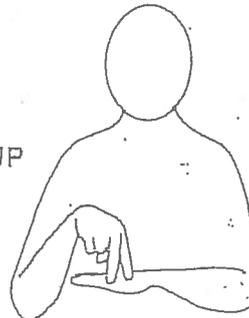


**TO SLEEP**



Eyes closed

**TO STAND/  
TO STAND UP**

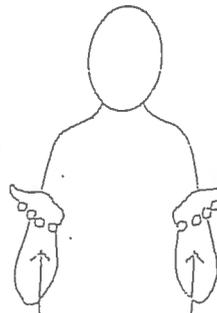


**TO DRINK**



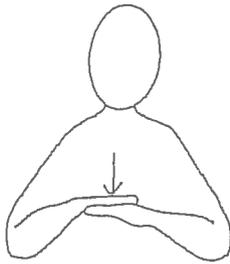
Emphasise movement - tilt head backwards slightly

**TO GET UP/  
TO STAND UP  
(From Sitting/  
Lying Down)**

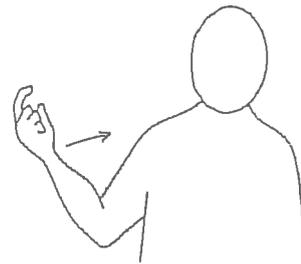


# STAGE 1

TO SIT



TO COME (1)  
(most frequently used - see video for examples of use)



TO WASH (1)  
(see video for examples of use)



Mime washing hands

TO COME (2)  
(alternative version)

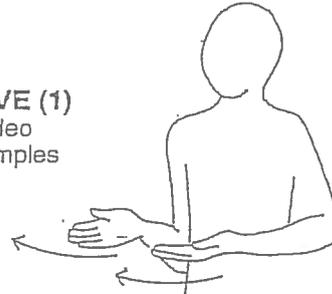


Hand closes and moves backwards slightly

TO WASH (2)  
(see video for examples of use)



TO GIVE (1)  
(see video for examples of use)



TO BATH



TO GIVE (2)  
(see video for examples of use)



TO SHOWER



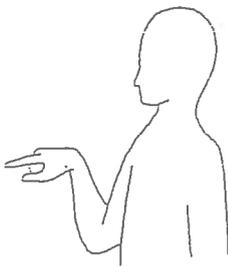
Repeat movement

MORE

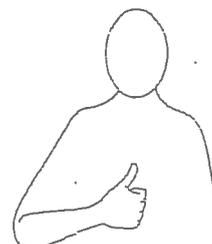


Flat hand, palm down, covers top of other fist

TO GO  
(see video for examples of use)



GOOD (1)



Use both hands for "VERY GOOD"

# STAGE 1

GOOD (2)  
(alternative version)



Small downward movement of arm

THANK YOU

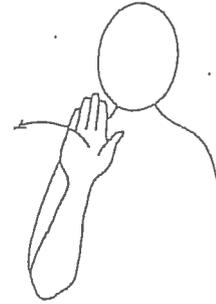


OK  
(can also be finger spelt)



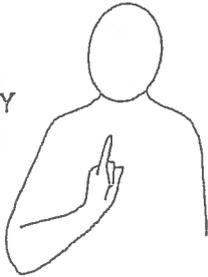
Very small movement

HELLO/HI



Make sign at shoulder height

BAD/NAUGHTY

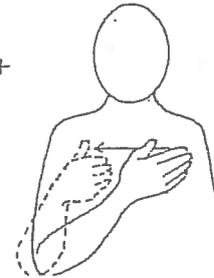


Use both hands for "VERY BAD". Make two small forward movements for "NAUGHTY"

GOOD MORNING



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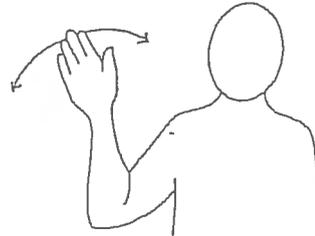
Touch chest with fingertips

YES



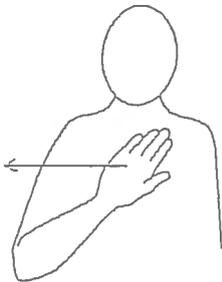
Bend wrist

GOODBYE



Wave hand

NO  
(see video for examples of use)

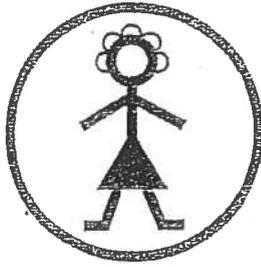


PLEASE

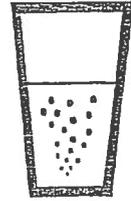


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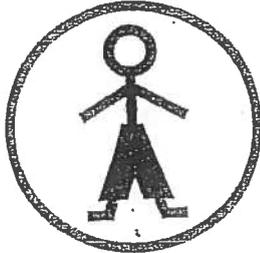
MUMMY /  
MOTHER/MUM



DRINK, A (1)



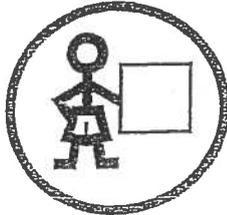
DADDY/FATHER/DAD



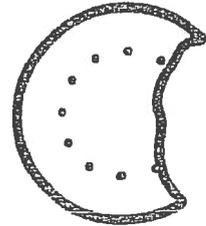
WATER (2)  
(drink of)



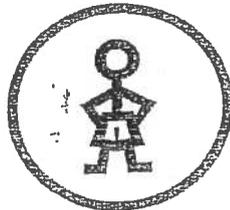
BROTHER (1)  
(put initial of  
name in square)



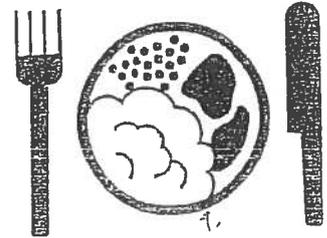
BISCUIT



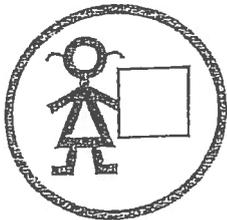
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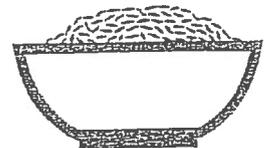
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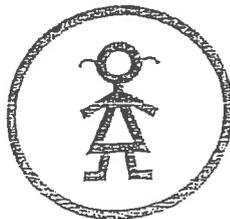
SISTER (1)  
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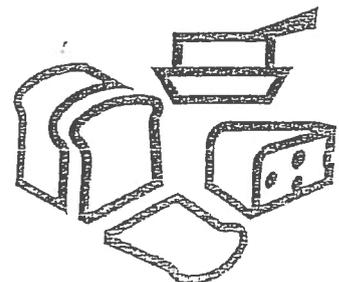
DINNER (2)



SISTER (2)

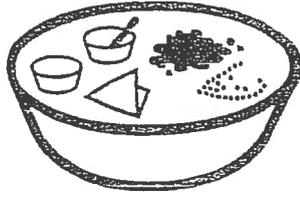


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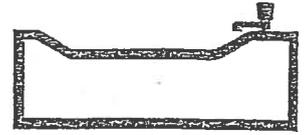


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FOOD (2)



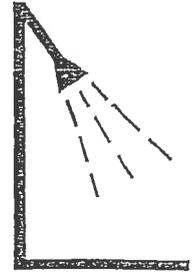
BATH, A



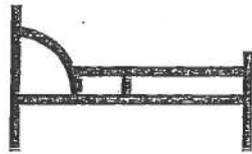
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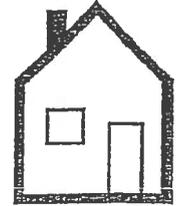
SHOWER



BED



HOUSE



CHAIR



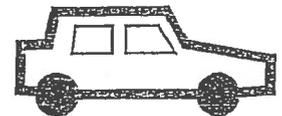
HOME



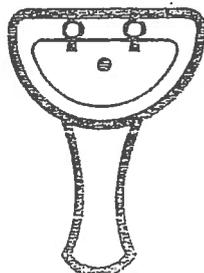
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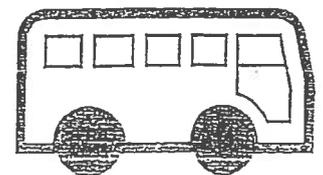
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WASHBASIN



BUS

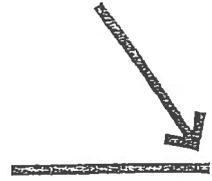


# STAGE 1

I  
(subjective pronoun)



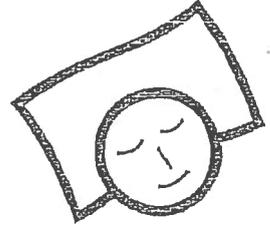
THERE



ME  
(objective pronoun)



TO SLEEP



\*YOU (1)  
(subjective pronoun)



TO DRINK



WHERE?



TO EAT (1)



WHAT?



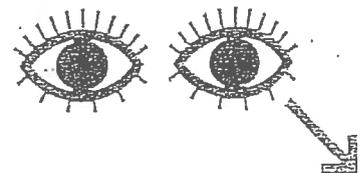
TO EAT (2)



HERE



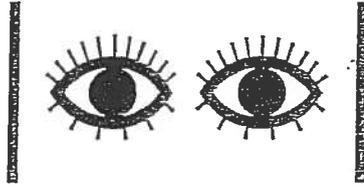
TO LOOK



\*For more pronouns and possessive adjectives relating to (YOU) see page 43 and 44.

# STAGE 1

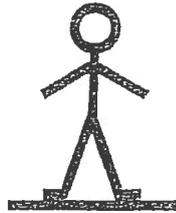
TO SEE



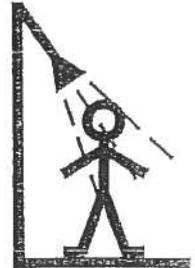
TO BATH



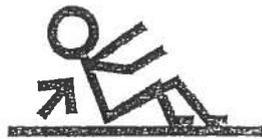
TO STAND/  
TO STAND UP



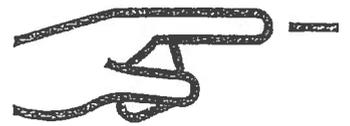
TO SHOWER



TO GET UP



TO GO



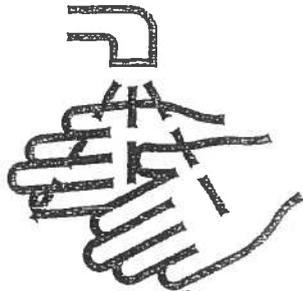
TO SIT



TO COME (1)



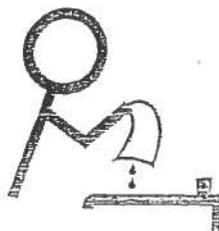
TO WASH (1)



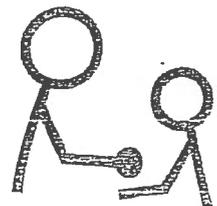
TO COME (2)



TO WASH (2)

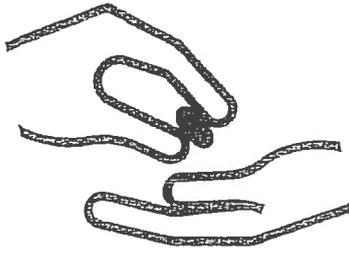


TO GIVE (1)



# STAGE 1

TO GIVE (2)



YES



MORE



NO



GOOD (1)



PLEASE



GOOD (2)



THANK YOU



OK



HELLO/HI/  
GOOD MORNING



BAD/NAUGHTY



GOODBYE

