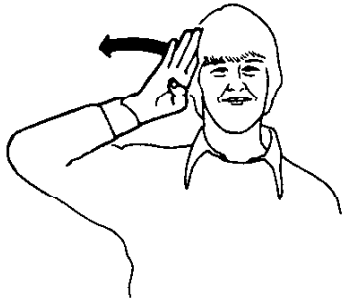


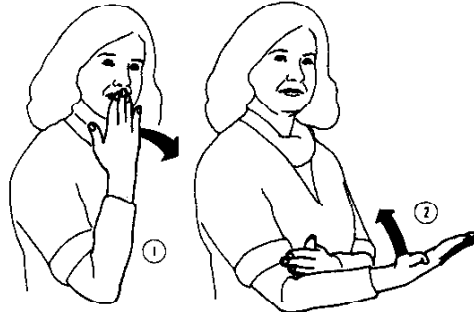
Common Phrases



HELLO, HI

Beginning with the index finger of the right "b" hand at the right side of the head, palm facing forward and fingers pointing up, move the hand to the right with a deliberate movement.

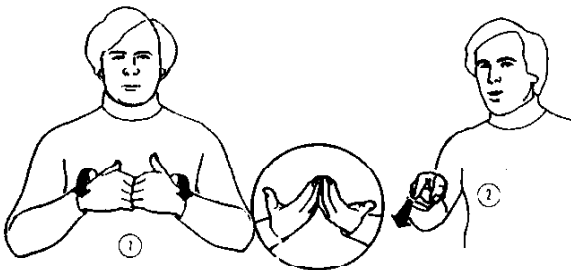
Hint: Saluting a greeting.



GOOD MORNING.

Move the fingers of the open right hand from the chin forward a short distance. Then, with the open left hand in the crook of the extended right arm, bring the right palm upward toward the face.

Hint: "Good" plus "morning."



HOW ARE YOU?

With the knuckles of both bent hands touching each other and the fingers touching the chest, move the fingers up, ending with the palms facing up. Then point the extended right finger forward.

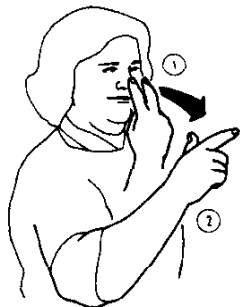
Hint: "How" plus "you." It is not necessary to sign "are."



I'M FINE.

Beginning with the thumb of the right "5" hand touching the chest, palm facing left, move the hand forward. Note: You may leave the thumb in place in the middle of the chest and wiggle all of the fingers to mean "super fine."

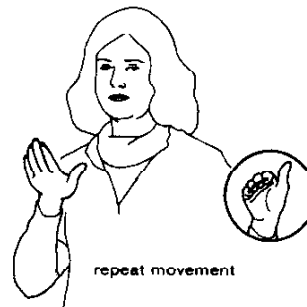
Hint: This sign is for "fine." It is not necessary to sign "I'm."



SEE YOU LATER.

Beginning with the fingers of the right "v" hand pointing toward the eyes, move the hand forward by twisting the wrist while changing to an "I" hand, ending with the extended index finger pointing forward.

Hint: "See" plus a modified form of "later." "You" is not necessary.



GOOD-BYE.

Holding the open right hand in front of the right shoulder, palm facing forward, bend the fingers up and down with a repeated movement.

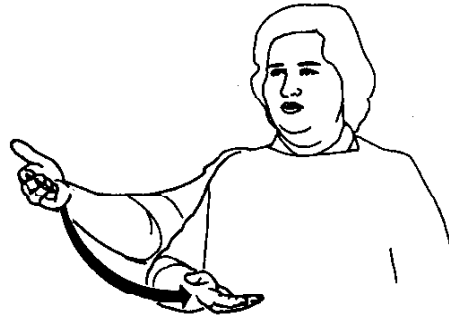
Hint: Mime waving good-bye.



THANK YOU. YOU'RE WELCOME.

Bring the fingers of the open right hand forward from the mouth.

Hint: When meaning "You're welcome," it is almost like saying "Thank you for thanking me."



YOU'RE WELCOME.

Bring the curved right hand from in front of the right side of the body downward and in toward the waist, palm facing up.

Hint: This is the sign "welcome"; "you're" is not necessary.

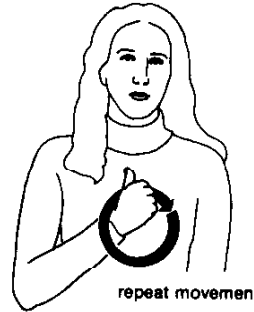


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EXCUSE ME. FORGIVE ME.

Brush the fingertips of the bent right hand from the heel to the fingers of the left palm with a repeated movement.

Hint: Brushing the mistake aside.

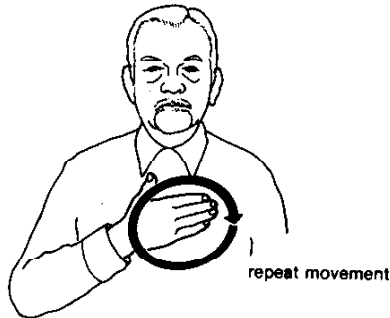


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I'M SORRY.

Rub the palm side of the right "a" hand in a repeated circular movement on the chest.

Hint: Beating the heart in sorrow.

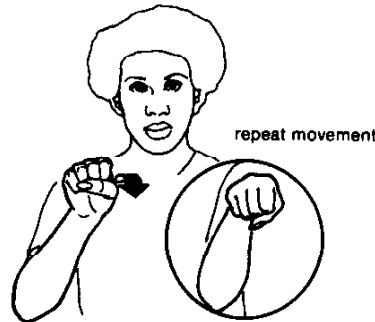


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PLEASE

Rub the palm of the open right hand in a repeated circular movement on the chest.

Hint: Rubbing the heart with pleasure.

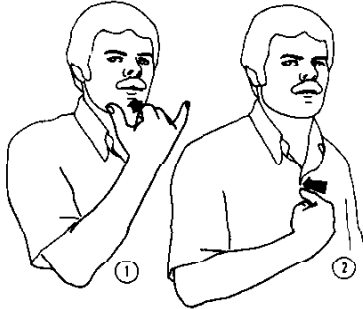


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YES

Move the right "s" hand, palm facing forward, up and down by bending the wrist with a small repeated movement.

Hint: Nodding the head affirmatively.



I MADE A MISTAKE.

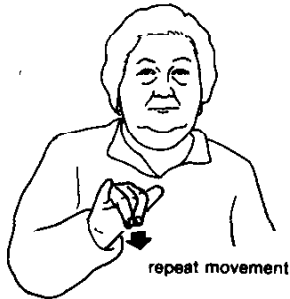
Tap the knuckles of the right "y" hand on the chin. Then point the extended right index finger to the middle of the chest.

Hint: "Wrong" plus "me." This sign is used almost as an apology for making a mistake.



THAT'S TRUE. REALLY.

Move the extended index finger, palm facing left and finger pointing up, from the lips forward in an arc with a deliberate movement. **Note:** This sign is often used for emphasis after a sentence.



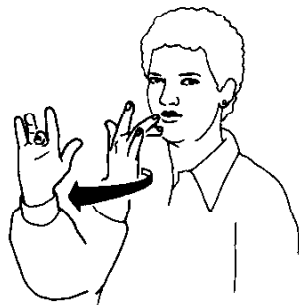
I SEE. I UNDERSTAND.

Gently shake the right "y" hand, palm facing down, up and down with a small movement by bending the wrist. **Note:** This sign is often used as an indication of agreement with what the other person is saying.



ME, TOO. I AGREE WITH YOU.

Move the right "y" hand, palm left, forward and back with a repeated movement from the chest by bending the elbow. **Hint:** Move the sign for "same" between yourself and the person with whom you have the same opinion.




GOOD LUCK.

Move the thumb of the right "10" hand, palm facing left, forward with a short deliberate movement. **Note:** This sign is sometimes used as a good-bye greeting.



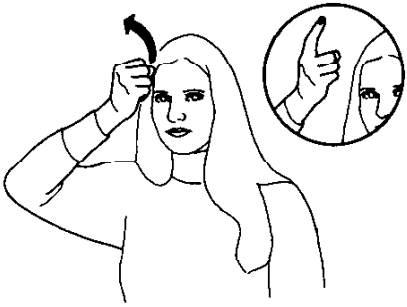
BE CAREFUL. TAKE CARE.

With a double movement, tap the little-finger side of the right "k" hand, palm left, on the index-finger side of the left "k" hand, palm right.

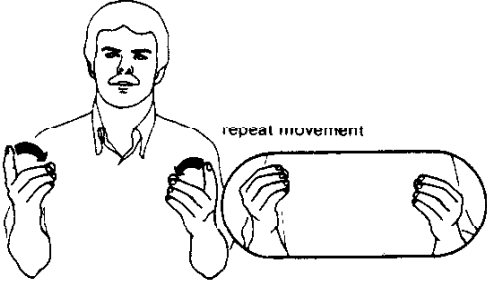


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WHAT TIME IS IT?
 With an inquisitive expression, tap the curved extended right index finger, palm facing down, to the back of the left wrist held in front of the chest.
Hint: This is a natural gesture for inquiring about the time.




UNDERSTAND
 Beginning with the right "s" hand near the right side of the forehead, palm facing in, flick the index finger upward.
Hint: A light goes on in the hear.

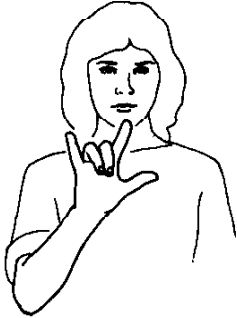


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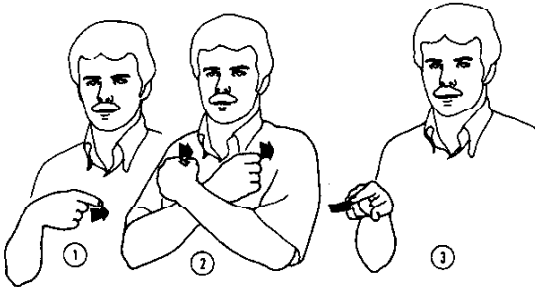
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT SHALL I DO?
 Bring the extended index fingers of both "d" hands up and down with a repeated motion, palms facing the chest.
Hint: Rapidly fingerspell "d" "o." This can be translated as "do-do."



WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHAT'S UP?
 Beginning with the bent middle fingers of both "5" hands touching the chest near each other, move the hands upward and outward toward the shoulders with a quick movement.



I LOVE YOU.
 With the little finger, index finger, and thumb of the right hand extended, hold the right hand up in front of the chest, palm facing forward.
Hint: Informal sign made of the initials "i," "l," and "y."



I LOVE YOU.
 Point the extended right index finger to the center of the chest, palm facing in. Cross the arms of both "a" hands at the wrists and lay them on the chest. Then point the extended right index finger forward.
Hint: "I" plus "love" plus "you."

MY NAME IS ...
 Place the palm of the open right hand on the center of the chest. Then with a double movement tap the middle-finger side of the right "h" fingers, palm facing left, on the index-finger side of the left "h" fingers, palm facing right.
Hint: "My" plus "name"; it is not necessary to sign "is." Follow by fingerspelling your name.

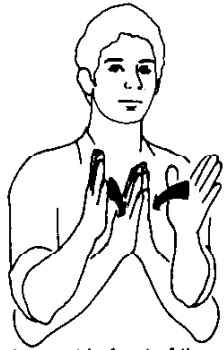
I DOUBT IT.
 Beginning with the right "v" fingers pointing to the eyes, palm facing in, move the hand forward, bending the fingers as the hand moves.
Hint: Similar to "blind"; shows you are blind to the idea.

THAT'S DUMB.
 Tap the palm side of the right "a" hand against the center of the forehead.
Hint: This sign should be used as a self-accusation when making a mistake.

IT DOESN'T MATTER
 With both open hands in front of the chest, palms facing in and fingers pointing toward each other and overlapping slightly, brush the fingers back and forward past each other in opposite directions bending the fingers out of the way as the hands move.
Hint: Shows that your opinion can be swayed either way.

POOR THING.
 With the bent middle finger of the right "5" hand stroke the air toward the person or object being pitied with a double movement.
Hint: Sign "feel" in the air in sympathy for another person or thing.

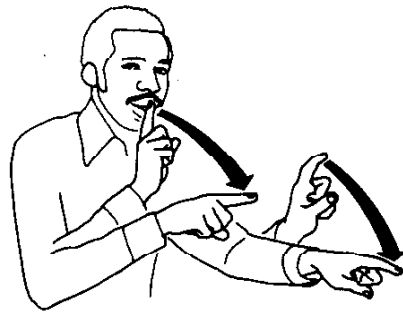
LET ME KNOW. KEEP ME INFORMED.
 Beginning with the fingers of the right flattened "o" hand near the forehead and the left flattened "o" hand somewhat forward, move both hands down and in toward the chest while opening into "5" hands.
Hint: Shows a vagueness.



ASK

Beginning the hands apart in front of the chest, palms facing each other and fingers pointing up, bring the palms together while moving the hands in toward the chest.

Hint: Mime asking a question.



ANSWER, REPLY

Beginning with the right extended index finger pointing up in front of the lips and the left extended index finger pointing up somewhat forward, bring both hands forward simultaneously by bending the wrists, ending with the fingers pointing forward.

Hint: Words coming straight out of the mouth in reply.

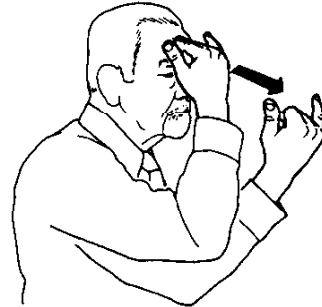


QUESTION ASK

Move the extended right index finger from pointing up in front of the right shoulder, palm facing forward, down with a curved movement ending with the finger pointing forward.

Note: This sign is used before or after a question.

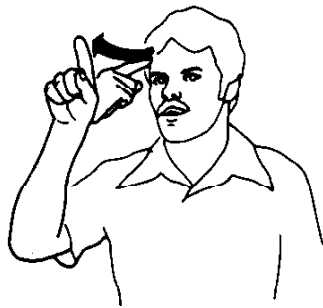
Hint: Traces the shape of a question mark in the air.



WHY?

Beginning with the fingers of the bent right hand touching the forehead, move the hand forward while changing to a "y" hand.

Hint: Taking a thought from the brain and presenting it for investigation.



FOR

Beginning the extended right index finger pointing to the right side of the forehead, twist the hand quickly outward, ending with the finger pointing forward.



BECAUSE

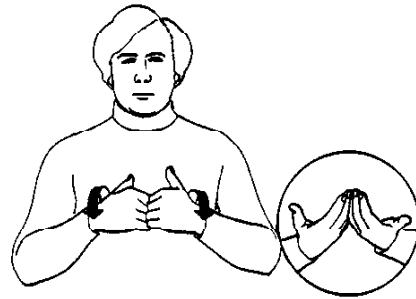
Beginning with the index finger of the right "I" hand touching the forehead, palm facing back, move the hand outward to the right while changing to a "10" hand.



WHO?

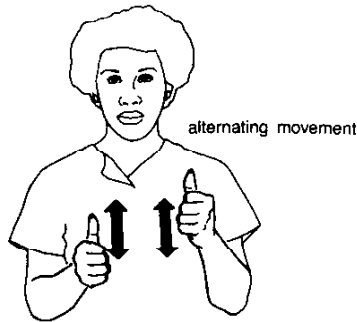
With the extended right index finger make a small circle around the mouth.

Hint: The finger traces the shape of the mouth when saying "who."



HOW?

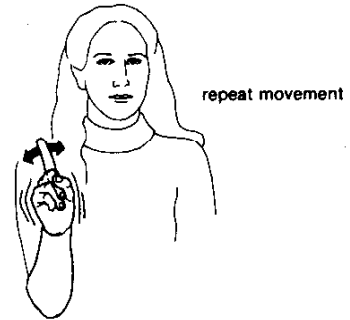
With the knuckles of both bent hands touching each other and the fingers touching the chest, move the fingers up, ending with the palms facing up.



WHICH?

Move both "10" hands, palms facing each other and thumbs pointing up, up and down in front of the chest with alternating movements.

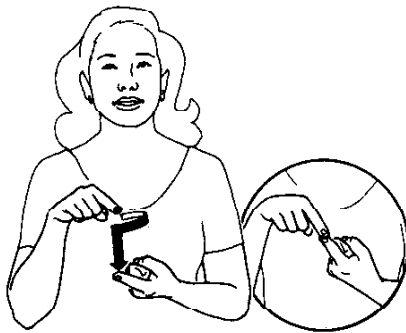
Hint: The alternating movement indicates a sense of doubt.



WHERE?

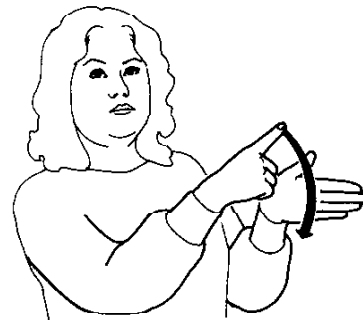
Shake the extended right index finger from side to side in front of the right shoulder, palm facing forward.

Hint: A natural sign when looking for something.



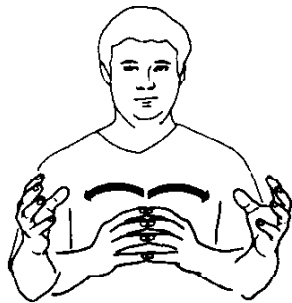
WHEN?

With the extended right index finger above the left extended index finger, palms facing each other, make a small circle with the right index finger and bring it straight down to touch the left index finger.



WHAT?

Brush the extended right index finger, palm facing left, downward across the open left palm held in front of the chest, palm facing right.



HOW MUCH?

Beginning with fingertips of both curved open hands touching in front of the chest, palms facing each other, move the hands outward to about shoulder width.

Hint: Hands encircle a vague quantity.



HOW MANY?

With the right "s" hand in front of the right side of the chest, palm facing up, flick the fingers upward with a quizzical look on the face. Note: This sign can be made with one hand or both hands.

Hint: Similar to the sign for "many," except made with a single movement.

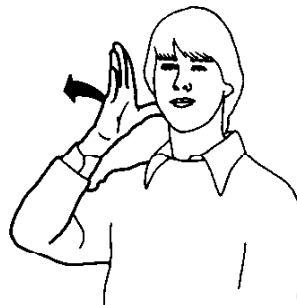
repeat movement



WHAT FOR?

Beginning the extended right index finger pointing to the right side of the forehead, twist the hand quickly outward with short double movement, turning the finger to point forward each time.

Hint: "For-for."



WILL? SHALL?

Bring the open right hand, palm facing left, forward from the right cheek.

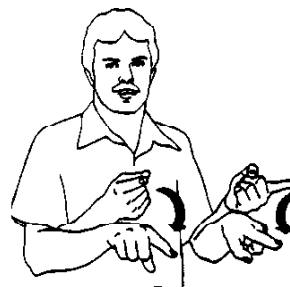
Hint: The movement forward indicates the future.



HAVE? DID? FINISH, COMPLETE

Bring both "5" hands from in front of the chest, palms facing up, downward with a twist of the wrists, ending with the palms facing down.

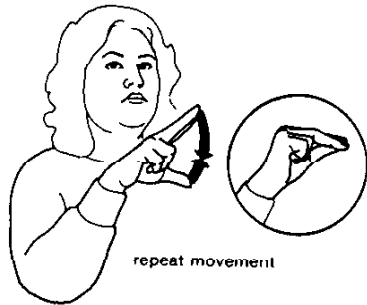
Hint: This sign is used at the beginning or end of a sentence to find out if an action is finished or complete.



WHAT HAPPENED?

Brush the extended right index finger downward across the open left palm. Then beginning with both extended index fingers pointing forward in front of the chest, palms up, twist the wrists to turn the palms down.

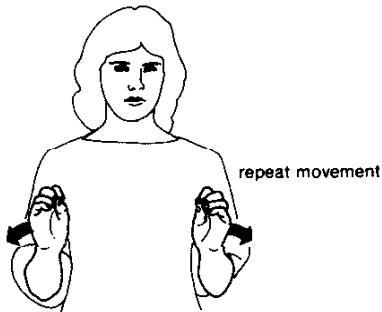
Hint: "What" plus "happen."



NO
 Tap the extended index and middle fingers of the right hand to the right thumb with two quick movements.
 Hint: The fingerspelled letters "n-o" produced quickly.



NOT, DON'T
 Bring the thumb of the right "a" hand, palm left, forward from under the chin.



NONE, NO, NOBODY, NOTHING
 Shake both "o" hands, palms facing forward, with a short repeated movement in front of each side of the chest.
 Hint: Shaking something to show that it contains nothing.



FORGET
 Beginning with the fingers of the open right hand on the forehead, palm facing in, bring the hand across the forehead to the right, closing into an "10" hand as the hand moves.
 Hint: Wiping a thought out the mind.



WON'T, REFUSE
 Move the thumb of the right "10" hand back over the right shoulder with a deliberate movement, palm facing left.
 Hint: Natural gesture for refusing something.

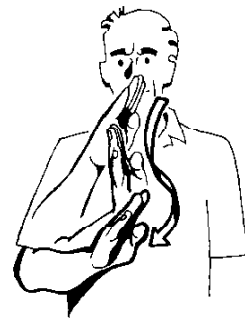


DON'T, DO NOT
 Beginning with both open hands crossed at the wrists in front of the body, palms facing down, move the hands apart to in front of each side of the body with a deliberate movement.
 Hint: Natural sign for "don't."



CAN'T, CANNOT, IMPOSSIBLE

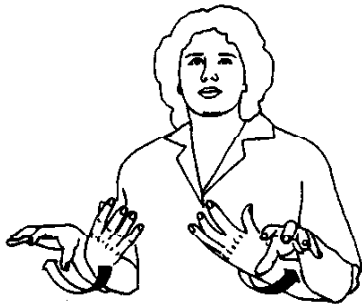
Bring the extended right index finger down in front of the chest striking the extended left index finger as it passes.



NEVER

Bring the right "b" hand, palm facing left, from near the right cheek downward in a wavy movement to the lower chest.

Hint: The hand seems to clear the slate.



DON'T WANT

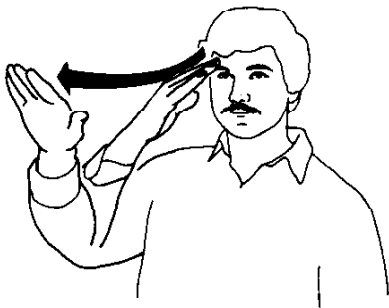
Beginning with both "claw" hands in front of the chest, palms facing up, twist the wrists sharply to turn the palms down.

Hint: "Want" plus the movement away that makes it become negative.



DO YOU MIND?

Move the extended right index finger forward from touching the nose, ending with the finger pointing forward.



DON'T KNOW

Bring the fingertips of the open right hand, palm down, from touching the right side of the forehead, outward in an arc, ending with the fingers pointing forward.

Hint: "Know" plus the movement away that makes it become negative.



DON'T LIKE, DISLIKE

Beginning with the fingertips of the right "8" hand touching the chest, twist the hand sharply forward while opening to a "5" hand, palm facing down.

Hint: "Like" plus the movement away that makes it become negative.

Chapter 4: Common Phrases

Hello, Hi	dumb, stupid, idiot	can't, impossible
Good Morning	doesn't matter, whatever, anyway	never
How are you ?	sympathy, pity, poor thing	don't want
Fine	inform, information, "let know"	do you mind ? do you care ?
See you later		don't know
Good-bye, Bye	ask, request (formal)	don't like, dislike
Thanks, You're Welcome	ask (informal)	
Welcome, Invite, Guest, Hire	answer, reply	
Excuse, Forgive, Pardon	why	
Sorry, Apologize, Regret	for	
Please	because, since	
Yes	who (2)	
No	how	
mistake, error, wrong	which, either	
true, very, so, sure, real	where	
Oh I see, I understand	when ?	
Me too, I agree	what	
Luck	how much ?	
Be careful, Take care	how many ?	
time	for-for (what for)	
understand	will, shall, future	
do-do (doing)	finish, already, complete	
What's up?	what happened ?	
I love you (informal)	not, don't	
I Love You (formal)	none, no, nobody, nothing	
My name is...	forget	
skeptical, atheist, don't believe	won't, refuse	
	DON'T! DO NOT! NOT!	