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Caring for people acts of kindness

Hearing Hands

In 2015, a whole town in Turkey learned sign language so that they could surprise their deaf neighbour, Muharrem.

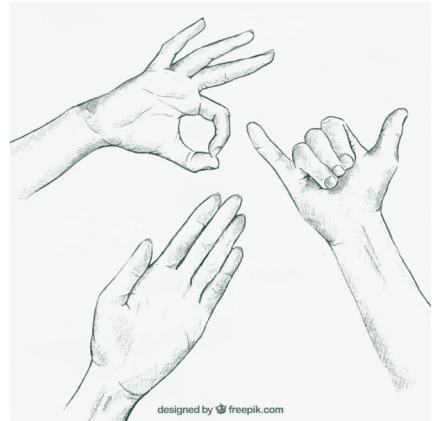
A team of people from Samsung, in Istanbul, Turkey, was developing an advert to inform people about a new video calling centre that they had developed to help people who are hearing-impaired to communicate more easily. Over the period

of about a month, cameras were rigged up and everyone in whole town took sign language lessons. Then, on December 28, 2015, Muharrem's neighbours worked together to give him a big surprise.

In the advert, Muharrem is seen going about his normal day with his sister, Ozlem. Soon he realises that it is not a normal day. First of all, a passer-by signs hello at him. Then the salesman at the local bagel shop serves him using sign language, as does the man at the fruit stall.

Then someone bumps into him and signs an apology. By the time the taxi driver starts using sign language to communicate with him, Muharrem is feeling quite stunned and asks his sister what is going on. When he arrives at the town square, all of his neighbours are gathered and greet him in sign language and Muharrem is overwhelmed at their kindness and shares a few tears and hugs with them. How wonderful it was for him to experience one day without the usual communication barriers that he usually faces, and to know the genuine generosity and loving kindness of a town full of people, most of whom did not even know him.

If you want to watch the advert, it can be seen here [Hearing Hands advert](#)



Activity

Here are some common, basic signs for you to practise in pair.



HELLO



GOODBYE



PLEASE



THANK YOU



YES



NO

Questions

1. What does "hearing-impaired" mean? (1)

2. How would you feel if you were Muharrem and most people did not know how to talk to you, and you could not talk to them? (1)

3. Look up the word kindness in the dictionary and write it down. (1)

4. What is the kindest thing that someone has ever done for you? (2)

5. How have you been kind to someone recently? (2)

Total marks:___/ 7