

Philosophy of Signalong

1) Based on British Sign Language adapted for the needs and abilities of children and adults with verbal communication difficulties. Uses one sign per concept, one concept per sign.

2) Sign-supporting system used in spoken word order, references link between sign and word.

3) Total communication uses speech, sign, body language, facial expression and voice tone.

4) Key-word signing system only the essential word in any sentence. Sign at partner's level and moderate language to ensure that the message is understood.

5) Start with real objects and real experiences, generalise concepts before moving on to more abstract representations.

6) Needs led users determine which vocabulary is chosen, feedback from users helps SIGNALONG to decide on vocabulary research.