# The Indian Sign Language (Expanded Annotated)

Indian Sign Language (ISL) is a visual language used by the deaf community in India. It is a rich and expressive language, with a wide range of signs, gestures, and facial expressions. ISL is used for communication in all aspects of life, from everyday conversation to education and employment.

This article provides an expanded and annotated overview of ISL. We will explore the history, structure, and usage of ISL, and provide a comprehensive dictionary of ISL signs.

#### **History of ISL**

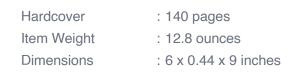
The origins of ISL can be traced back to the early 19th century. In 1823, a school for the deaf was established in Bombay (now Mumbai). This school introduced a system of signs that was based on British Sign Language (BSL). Over time, this system of signs evolved into ISL, which is now recognized as a distinct language.



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ISL has undergone significant development in recent years. In 2005, the Indian government recognized ISL as the official language of the deaf community in India. This recognition has led to increased awareness and use of ISL, and has helped to promote the rights of deaf people.

#### Structure of ISL

ISL is a highly visual language. Signs are produced with the hands, arms, and body. The meaning of a sign can be modified by the use of facial expressions, gestures, and other body movements.

ISL has a complex grammar. The order of signs in a sentence is determined by the subject, verb, and object. ISL also uses a system of classifiers, which are used to represent different types of objects and actions.

#### Usage of ISL

ISL is used for communication in all aspects of life. It is used in homes, schools, workplaces, and social gatherings. ISL is also used in the media, including television, film, and print.

ISL is an important part of the deaf community in India. It allows deaf people to communicate with each other, and to participate fully in society.

#### **Dictionary of ISL Signs**

The following is a comprehensive dictionary of ISL signs. The signs are organized by category, and each sign is accompanied by a description and an image.

#### Category 1: Basic Signs

- Hello
- Goodbye
- Thank you
- Please
- Yes
- No

#### **Category 2: Numbers**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

- **9**
- **10**

#### Category 3: Family

- Mother
- Father
- Brother
- Sister
- Husband
- Wife
- Son
- Daughter

#### **Category 4: Animals**

- Dog
- Cat
- Bird
- Fish
- Elephant
- Tiger
- Lion

## Category 5: Food

- Rice
- Dal
- Roti
- Sabji
- Chicken
- Fish
- Fruit
- Vegetables

#### **Category 6: Clothing**

- Shirt
- Pants
- Dress
- Skirt
- Hat
- Shoes
- Jewelry

#### **Category 7: Education**

School

- Teacher
- Student
- Book
- Pen
- Paper

#### Category 8: Work

- Job
- Office
- Computer
- Phone
- Money

**Category 9: Social** 

- Friend
- Family
- Love
- Marriage
- Birth
- Death

Category 10: Other

- House
- Car
- Tree
- Flower
- Weather
- Time

ISL is a rich and expressive language that is used by the deaf community in India. It is a vital part of the deaf community, and it allows deaf people to communicate with each other and to participate fully in society.

We hope that this article has provided you with a comprehensive overview of ISL. If you are interested in learning more about ISL, there are a number of resources available online and in your local community.



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