

## Verbs and Directional verbs

There are hundreds of verbs in its basic forms e.g.

|          |       |         |      |       |        |
|----------|-------|---------|------|-------|--------|
| Walk     | Go    | Talk    | Sign | Run   | Come   |
| Stand    | Slip  | Fall    | See  | Drink | Eat    |
| Play     | Sing  | Laugh   | Work | Dance | Throw  |
| Practice | Visit | Imagine | Grow | Paint | Search |

(too many others to list here)

There are many 'directional verbs' in BSL. Note these and make use of them whenever the sign lends itself in this manner. Practice the signs and sentences below:

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Can I help?                     | Yes you can help me.           |
| You visit me next Wednesday     | I visit you next Tuesday       |
| You come to my house tonight    | I come to your house tomorrow  |
| You phone me this evening       | I phone you this afternoon     |
| Give to me the hand-outs        | Give to you the hand-outs      |
| Give to them the hand-outs      | Give to him/her the hand-outs  |
| I give them all a pen each      | He gives her a sheet of paper  |
| Ask me what is the time?        | Ask you what is the time?      |
| Ask him/her what is the time?   | Ask them what is the time?     |
| Ask her what he wants           |                                |
| Lots of people ask me questions | I ask lots of people questions |
| Tell me the directions          | Tell you the directions        |
| Tell him/her the directions     | Tell them the directions       |
| She told him to get out!        |                                |

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|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Pay me by cash                         | Pay you by cash                   |
| Pay him/her by cash                    | Pay them by cash                  |
| Look at me                             | Look at you                       |
| Look up there                          | Look at this                      |
| Look around                            |                                   |
| Email me the information               | Email you the information         |
| Email them the information             |                                   |
| Explain to me how to sign t            | Explain to you how to sign that   |
| He explained it to her                 |                                   |
| Pass on to me                          | Pass on to you                    |
| Pass on to him/her                     | Pass on to them                   |
| Pass it on from one person to the next | Pass it on through the generation |
| Pass me the salt                       | Pass to them the salt             |
| Take me to the library                 | Take you to the library           |
| Take him/her to the library            |                                   |
| Take it away from me                   | Take it away from you             |
| Contact me later                       | I will contact you soon           |
| Tease me                               | Tease you                         |
| Inform me                              | Inform you                        |

**Note:**

'Walk' and 'Look' and some other similar verbs have many variants on the basic sign depending on the intended motions and expressions. Look out for these and make good use of them.