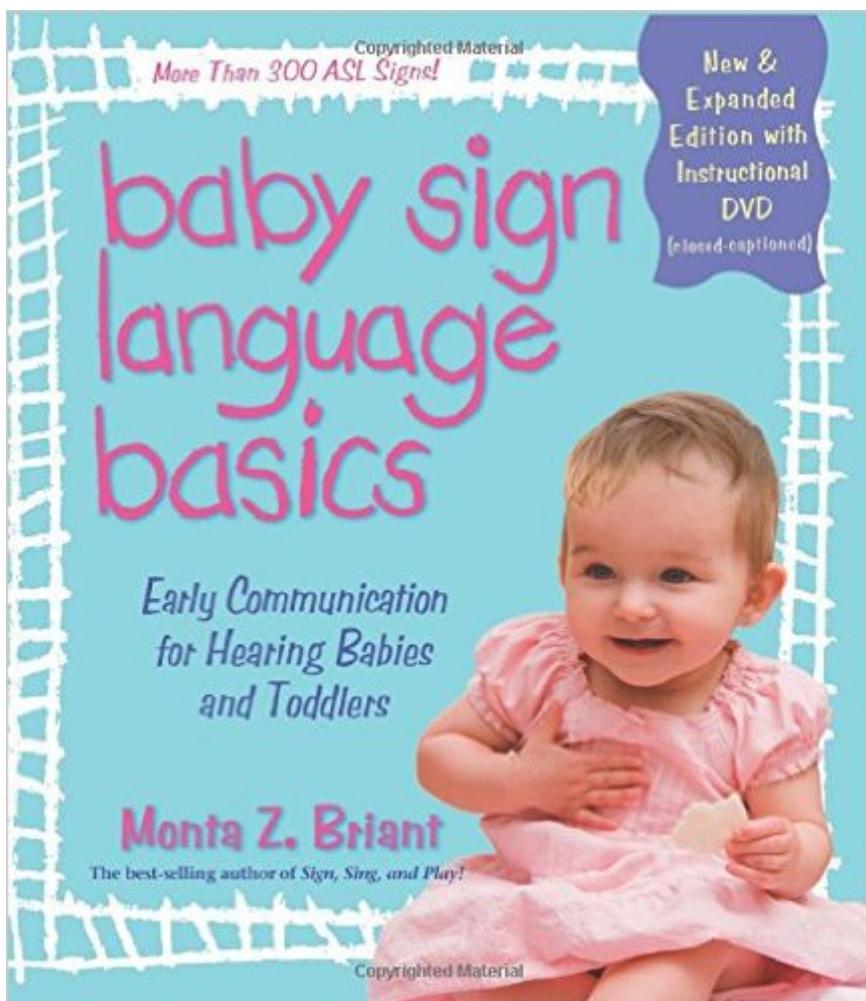


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Baby Sign Language Basics: Early Communication For Hearing Babies And Toddlers, New & Expanded Edition PLUS DVD!



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Since 2004, Baby Sign Language Basics has introduced hundreds of thousands of parents and caregivers around the globe to the miracle of signing with their babies and left them wanting more! Now, in this new bigger edition, Monta Briant provides more than 300 American Sign Language (ASL) signs, illustrated with the same clear, easy-to-understand photos and descriptions. Baby-specific signing techniques, songs, and games are also included to make learning fun and open up two way communication quickly. In this special DVD edition, parents will meet real signing families and learn how to make sign language a part of their every day interactions with their children. Also included on the DVD is a video signing dictionary featuring all the signs from the book. Just point and click and see the sign you want to learn come alive! This book/DVD set is a must-have for all parents, grandparents, anyone else who spends time with preverbal children. After all, what parent or caregiver doesn't want to know what their baby is trying to tell them?

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OUR EXPERIENCE WITH SIGNING: I'd read about baby signing a little before my son was born and decided it was something I wanted to try. I bought the Baby Sign Language Basics DVD when I did not receive it as a shower gift. I wasn't sure how it would go, especially as my husband wasn't as enthusiastic as I was about it. Around six months, I started signing "more" with my son a little, then kinda gave up because he just looked like he was too young to really be taking it in. Then, out

of the blue one day, he signed "more" to me while I was feeding him! I couldn't believe it! I hadn't even been consistently using the sign, yet he had still picked up on it. This made me realize that you don't have to be religious with the signing for it to work. After that, it was much less intimidating. So we started adding a few more easy signs. Eat, milk, mommy, daddy, cookie, cracker, fruit. He picked up on it so quickly! I cannot explain how amazing it is to be able to communicate with your child before they can form words. Even after my son began "talking," we wouldn't have known what he was trying to say most of the time without the signs to go along with it. Some people worry that signing can slow speech development, but if I'm not mistaken, there's research to the contrary. In our experience, I think maybe our son was slower to begin speaking out loud, but he could still sign more words than his peers could say and in the long run I think this gave him an advantage. While "speaking" was a slower concept for him to develop, he had a head start on the concept of "communicating." I think him being able to tell us what he wanted helped us avoid some tantrums and fussing. Talking was kinda like a light bulb to him.

I was excited when I found this book and what I really liked is how the author shares her own experience with her children. However, I found many of the pictures showing the signs to be confusing. What I'm trying to say is that some signs require more than simply putting fingers in this or that other way or near this or that other part of your face or body. They also require you to move your fingers, hands, etc., in certain ways, changing positions, angles, and so on. Therefore, a series of pictures showing the initial position of hands, in-between or transitional position of the hands, and final position of the hands would have been more useful and effective in teaching the complete sign. For other signs, I couldn't tell whether the fingers were supposed to flap, swing, open and close, and so forth. I had to do research over the Internet until I found videos. Said research also showed differences in the way the author performs the signs than from American Sign Language. I will give her the benefit of the doubt since, like with any other language be it spoken or not, there are variations in words, etc. Sign language is not the exception and signs could vary from one community to another one. To get you started and to have all signs in one small book, this is a good option. With that said, I recommend Baby Sign Language (www.babysignlanguage.com) resources and tools. They are much better (they provide initial, transition, and final positions for most of their signs,) they are easier to understand for someone who has never been exposed to sign language in general, and they have a lot more resources you can use. Furthermore, the Baby Sign Language Basics includes about 300 signs, whereas the Baby Sign Language dictionary from BabySignLanguage.com includes 600 signs.

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