



<p>CL-1</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Long, skinny objects: most commonly, a singular person * Small cylindrical objects: sticks, pencils * Delineating 2 dimensional objects: poster board, plot of land, circle, diamond (any shape) * Trajectory paths and or connections: one way street, two way street, intersection, ball flying midair, a snake moving across a surface, tears * The way certain animals move: (modification CL-1>CL-X) caterpillar crawling, worm tunneling, snail crawling <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: CATERPILLAR, WORM, MEET, MEET-him/her, BOARD, SIGN-display. [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]
<p>CL-3</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Motorized vehicles: car, tractor, helicopter, bus, motorcycle * Vehicle related events: parking a car, driving erratically, parallel parking, types of car accidents * Vehicle locations: "A car was here." "There was a car in this location facing or moving in this direction." * Groups of 3: 3 people crossing the road * Feet: duck feet, hiking, walking, position of feet as a person walks * Liquid spray over large surfaces: spray painting a car or house * (upright) sails on a boat <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: car-ACCIDENT, GARAGE, SHIP-(old_sailing_ship), HIKE, PARKING-LOT, PARKED [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]
<p>CL-3-(bent/claw/curved)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Small objects gripped by the index, thumb and middle finger: computer mouse, baseball, bowling ball * Large beak: commonly used to represent birds of prey, eagle, falcon (if placed in front of mouth) * Hands: (modification of CL-5-claw) particularly for scaling or climbing large object, wall, boulder * Hands that are stashing: stocking shelves, investing in stocks * Containers held by index and thumb, requiring ejection of contents (using thumb): needle, vaccinations



CL-4



CL-5

- * *Parallel lines: stripes, bars, fence, upright boundaries*
- * *People standing in line. The movement of lines of people.*
- * *Objects that flow or leak: bleeding, drool, running water, draining (ear, sink, pipes)*
- * *Objects that stream or extend: curtains, hair, streamers, rainbows*
- * *Group of 4: 4 people standing or walking together*
- * *Traffic: (also "CL-5"), certain types of traffic movement, multi-lane freeways*
- * *bandwidth, streaming (video, audio)*

* *Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: RAINBOW, CURTAINS, IMMIGRATION/admittance, PLAID / Scotland, BLOOD, "LINE-of-people," SCHEDULE. [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]*

Example of a sentence mixing a regular sign and a classifier: I went to stand in line and then noticed that the line was extremely long!

- * *Stiff and straight: hairs or fur that stand on end, Mohawk*
- * *Objects that are extremely porous: filters, screens*
- * *The movement of air, wind, breezes*
- * *Group of 5: 5 people standing or walking together*
- * *Large flat object: a serving platter, flat lid*
- * *Flowing porous objects (using a modified 5) CL-5 > CL-O or CL-O > CL- 5: headlights, flashing lights, sunlight, shower*
- * *Objects that have projectile movements: vomit, diarrhea, flash flood, copious tears*
- * *Delineate height or movement of water: ocean, flood, rising water, waterfalls, rivers*
- * *Traffic: (using a modified 4 or 5 handshape) traffic jam, multi-lane freeways*



- * Upright objects viewed while traveling very fast: commonly used to describe blurred scenery while driving very fast.
- * The movement of a fan (blowing air)
- * Batting of eyelashes (related to the sign FLIRT)
- * The position or movement of a leaf
- * Flame

* Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: LEAF, TRAFFIC, PORCUPINE [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]

CL-5-(bent)

- * Light waves or rays, x-rays, microwaves
- * The movement of an octopus or jellyfish
- * Transitory handshape involved with spreading outward.
- * Transitory handshape used in signs involving lights or power turning on or off
- * Video recording, video conferencing
- * Webcam usage

* Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: WEBCAM, MICROWAVE [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]

CL-5-(claw)



- * Scads of (too many to count): stars in the sky, freckles, audiences or crowds
- * Large piles (used to show curved top of large piles)
- * Objects that are rough or jagged: rakes, an animal growling, an animal biting
- * Objects that are withered or curled up: withered plants
- * Curly hair, wavy hair
- * The process of freezing or the state of being frozen
- * Representing groups of people sitting together: carpools, a group of people packing into a car, people in a raft
- * clouds, smoke, airborne dust
- * Balls: holding a ball, throwing a ball
- * Hands: (modification of CL-5-claw) particularly for scaling or climbing large object, wall, boulder
- * Gnarled: to freeze, wither up, knobby tires

* Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: SHOCKED-(brain-freeze), FREEZE, RAKE, SCADS, AUDIENCE, RICH, PLENTY, BITE [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]

CL-A-(open)



- * *An object in a specified location: a house on a street, a statue or vase on a table, a lamp on a desk.*
- * *Positioning in relation to other people or objects: ahead, behind, fall behind, chase, catch up, accompany, spaced apart, above, beneath, facing each other*
- * *An object or person that commutes: A person going to the bathroom repeatedly, a person going to work repeatedly, a ski-lift, a ferry.*

* *Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: COMMUTE, DROWN, WITH, "go steady" (couples romance), BACKUP, CHALLENGE, BASEMENT [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]*

CL-B-(flat)
"flat hand"



- * *Smooth, flat surfaces: road or runway; wall, hallway, ceiling, floor, shelf*
- * *Flat mobile surfaces: surfboard, skateboard, snowboard, people mover (moving sidewalk)*
- * *Inanimate objects in specified locations: pictures on a wall, books on a table, racecar on a road*
- * *Inanimate objects in specified positions: books lined upright on a shelf, papers facing down*
- * *Height and width: a person's height (see CL-B-bent), the width of a box, a stack of books*
- * *Delineating 3 dimensional objects: house, box*
- * *A non-motorized riding device: horse, bicycle*
- * *Combine with CL-1, CL-3, or CL-ILY to show movement over surface*
- * *sea-turtle (using both hands and wiggling thumbs)*

* *Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: horse-RIDE, PAPER [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]*

CL-B-(curved)
"curved hand"

Curved objects: bowl, sink, basin or a digging device

* *Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: a-BOWL, DIG [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]*



CL-B-(bent)
"bent hand"



CL-C



- * *Smooth, flat surfaces: a long stretch of desert or road*
- * *Describing a object with sharp corners: the top of an area, such as a shelf or refrigerator*
- * *A trailer (such as might be pulled behind a truck)*
- * *Amounts: less of*

* *Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: ROOM/box, SHELF-(variation), EQUAL, LESS, too-MUCH [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]*

- * *Long cylindrical objects: pipe, cave, tunnel, pole, small tree trunk, large branch*
- * *Short cylindrical objects: cup or glass, bottle*
- * *Thick objects and/or the thickness or depth of an object: a book, pizza, blanket, stack of papers, biceps, snow fall*

* *Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: CUP, BINOCULARS, [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]*

CL-C-(claw)
"claw hand"



- * Clusters of objects in specified location: a group of students in the back room, a bouquet of flowers
- * Sections: location of a room in a house, sections of a city, an article or column in a newspaper
- * Large objects in a specified location: a house out in the middle of nowhere, a camper on the back of truck
- * Medium, round, squat objects: cookie, badge, small cap (yarmulke), a large dial, over-ear-headphones
- * Small spherical objects (with fingers closer together): clown nose, bulging eyes
- * Large spherical objects (two hands): ball
- * Teeth: baring teeth, full set of teeth

* Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: CLOWN, RADIO
[Those are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]

Example of a sentence mixing a regular sign and a classifier: The clown had a really big nose.

CL-C-(index_&_thumb)



- * Small round flat objects: a disc, a piece of food, the moon in the sky
- * Height and/or width of small objects (similar to CL- G): a small bottle of perfume, a short pencil, a long screw or nail
- * Pincers, curved beaks
- * Used to show the holding of small objects between the thumb and index finger

* Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: PARROT [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.]

Example of a sentence mixing a regular sign and a classifier: My friend was walking past my parrot and my parrot bit him on the shoulder!

CL-C-(flat)

- * Handling or location of a book
- * Indication of volume: going flat, on sale, discount
- * shape of the mouth: smiles or frowns
- * derogatory portrayal of talking

* Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: FROWN, SMILE

CL-F

- * The use, movement, or placement of small, thin, round objects: button, coin, polka dots, pepperoni, pepper shaker, chain links, rings: ear, nose etc., a single drop of rain, a single snowflake.



- * Long, thin, cylindrical shaped objects: stick, dowel, curtain rod, small roll of paper, water hose, faucet
- * Eye gaze: a person looking up or down, eyes moving back and forth, a person rolling his eyes
- * Person moving along: hiking, walking, wandering around
- * Small round holes or openings
- * manipulation or holding of very thin things or small things: flossing, threading a needle, turning a page, pulling out a hair.

* Related lexicalized classifiers that have become standardized signs: COINS, BUTTONS [These are not classifiers. They are signs that have evolved from classifiers. They are frozen forms. If you unfreeze them and change their movements they may become classifiers again.] DYE-(holding on to something and dunking it in dye.)

CL-F-(open)

Looks like an "F" handshape but the index and thumb are separated.

- * Good for small, round, flat things such as a cookie, or a gold coin (such as a "piece of 8" coin).

CL-G



- * Specifies small sizes, shapes, or amounts
- * The holding and manipulation or state of something relatively small: Ear phones, USB-thumb-drives-(version_1), eye-droppers, uppercase / lowercase (can start "expanded" and change to regular sized to show "lowercase") or can start closed and change to a wide-G or index-thumb-C to show "uppercase")
- * Short or shallow depths: thin layer of ice, shallow water, a small stack of papers
- * Flat and thin (or shallow) with squared edges: picture frame, ruler, strip of paper, rails-on-a-railroad
- * Thin shapes (in general): mustache, sideburns, collar
- * Small Pinchers: beak of a small bird, tweezers
- * The movement of eyelids: blinking, waking up, surprise, opening one eye, squinting
- * Diminishing into the distance / leaving: changes from a wide-G to a closed-G to show concept of "gone"
- * Come into view suddenly: An object that was far away comes closer (thus appearing larger) by using a closed-G and expanding it into an index-thumb-C.

CL-U

- * Thin flat objects: knives, bacon, some types of noodles, name tags or badges, labels, bandage strips
- * Spreading butter, frosting, or similar substances
- * Boards: railroad ties, beams-(wood/construction)
- * A variation of CL- V: legs together, standing on a sidewalk, Joke sign: "Standing Ovation," a person on a surfboard



CL-H



Can include versions of the "H" hand in which the thumb is slightly separated from the fingers and then closes onto them as if showing a clamping or attaching movement.

** Fastening small objects to something else (using a clamping movement): badges, clip-on earrings, hair barrettes, paper clips*

** Placement of an electrode onto the skin*

** A tongue (some variations of tongue movements)*

CL-H-(open)

Looks like an "H" hand but the thumb is sticking out to the side.

** Medium or small paint brushes, painting*

** a tongue: "a dog licking a person's face"*

CL-I

** Very thin and long objects: string, yard, wire, thread, cherry stem, thin-stringy noodles*

** Boundary lines, perimeters*

** Small or very small paint brushes*



CL-horns
"horns handshape"



- * *Animals with two horns: bull, ox, cow*
- * *Pronged items: goal posts, pitch fork, forklift, and the start of a gun (at the beginning of a race)*
- * *Objects with sharp borders for roofs and loose or open sides: tent, canopy, circus, castle, carport*
- * *Two long, skinny objects spaced apart from each other: "splits in bowling"*

CL-ILY or "ILY hand"



- * *Type of airplane: with slight finger modifications, airplane can become a supersonic jet (CL- RY), a space ship (CL- XY)*
- * *Movement: landing, take off, skidding on a runway, crashing in midair*

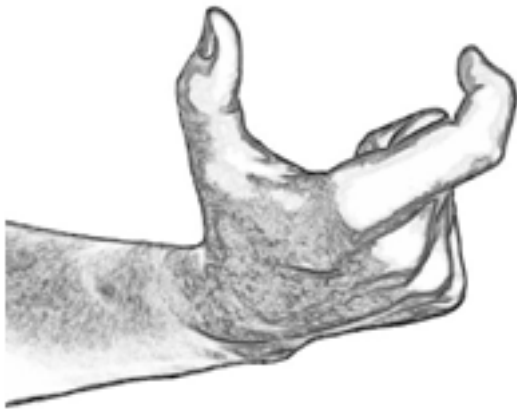
- * *Thin squared objects: placemat, driver's license, greeting card*

CL-L



- * *Thin squared objects in a specified location and or position: pictures on a wall, mirror, a window frame*
- * *Objects with a short barrel: drill, welding device, gun (pistol), laser*

CL-L-(curved)



- * *Circular or oval shaped objects: (similar to CL-C-(modified) but larger) dish, rug, platter*
- * *Thin round surface: lake, round table, paint spill, round mirror, puddle of water*
- * *Spraying device (with index wiggle): window cleaner, water gun*

CL-O



- * *Thick medium sized, cylindrical objects: rod, tree branch, pipe, large cable, firehouse, salt shaker*
- * *Viewing devices: goggles, telescope, binoculars*

CL-O-(flat)



- * *The state of being flat*
- * *Having drank a bottle empty, having read a book*
- * *Small squat objects (with rounded end): very fast race car*
- * *Objects that are round at the bottom and a slight opening at the top: tulips, closed flower bud*
- * *Animals with long necks: giraffe, llama, goose, swan, dinosaur, cobra*
- * *Thick Claws: (slight modification of CL-O-flat>CL-5) lobster or pinchers*
- * *Shutting up (not talking)*

Related Lexicalized classifiers:
SHUT-UP!, FLAT, LOBSTER, flattened-SELF-ESTEEM

CL-R



- * *Braided or twisted material: rope, cable, braids, curled strands (hair or ribbon)*
- * *Short, round, somewhat thick with narrowed tips: cigars*

CL-S



- * *Solid, spherical objects: head (of a person or animal); head bobbing, head retreating (into shell)*
- * *Ramming device: pistons of a car engine, fist (or anything solid that can be jammed in or packed in tight) Cranking handle: window crank, old fashion ice cream machine*
- * *Long thin round hand-held objects: spear, large stirring spoon, rake handle*

- * *People (or rather legs of people): laying down, standing up, legs*

CL-V



together, kicking

- * *Two long thin things, parallel to one another: train tracks*
- * *Two pronged device: fork, forklift*
- * *Groups of 2: 2 people walking together or standing*
- * *Scissoring object: scissors, claws of a crab or lobster*

V-bent





- * *Seated (person or animal: crouching, squatting, hunched down, perched)*
- * *Bending knees: climbing stairs or mountains, jumping, sitting, 2-hands-galloping*
- * *Arrangement of chairs: chairs in a semi-circle; circle or semi circle; multiple rows*
- * *Thin pulling object: bow string, pulling wire (to signal the bus to stop)*
- * *Sliding device: sled, roller skates*
- * *Raking device: parallel scratch marks or paint streaks*
- * *Sets of teeth: chattering teeth*
- * *Head of an animal with floppy ears: rabbit*
- * *Two pronged teeth: most commonly, snake, vampire, squirrel or chipmunk*
- * *Long objects with a connective ending: bones, joints*

X



- * *A person or animal that is crouched or hunched over (using a modified version of CL- 1): a person who skulks, slinks, shrinks or slouches.*
- * *A scratching or digging device: scratch or scar, a digging or chipping apparatus (such a pick ax or mining tool)*
- * *Anything with a hook: boat anchor, door latch, fishing hook, talons, tow, bat (animal), beaked nose, scorpion's tail, clothes hangers*
- * *Long curved sliding device: ice skates, skis*
- * *The movement of bent legs: running furiously, cross-legged, kicked-back-(relax), a bull pawing at the ground before charging, (etc.)*
- * *The movement of a convertible car's top*

<p>CL-X-(cocked)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>A plant ready to sprout</i> * <i>Small bulbous objects: onion, garlic</i> * <i>A snake or frog tongue just before flicking outward from the mouth.</i> * <i>A piece of popcorn prior to popping</i> * <i>The beginning handshape used in spitting or spewing of small amounts of liquid</i>
<p>CL-X-(modified)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>Small objects commonly held between fingers: key or winding device</i>
<p>CL-X-(closed)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>The holding and manipulation of something very small, very fine, or very thin such as a needle or a razor blade.</i>
<p>CL-Y</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>Wide or long objects: hippopotamus' mouth, long word, high heels (stilettos)</i> * <i>Objects with handles: beer mug, pitcher, and in some instances, suitcase, luggage, or briefcase</i> * <i>Long curved object: cow horn, smoking pipe, telephone</i> * <i>Spanning the width or breadth of an object: ruler</i> * <i>Certain types of precision knives: "straight-edge razor" usage</i>