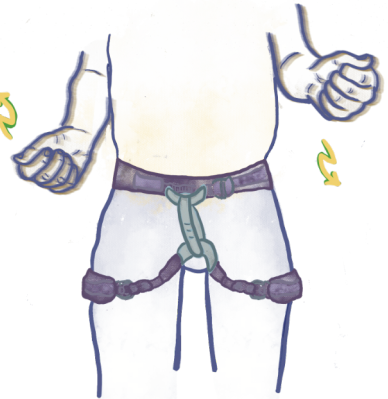


Belay Commands

with
American Sign Language



Before Climbing

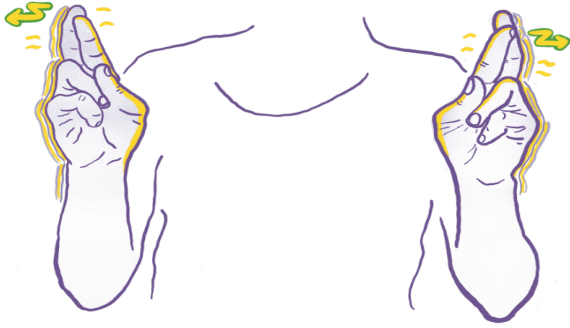


Climber

English: **ON BELAY?**

(Are you ready to belay me?)

ASL : **BELAY?***

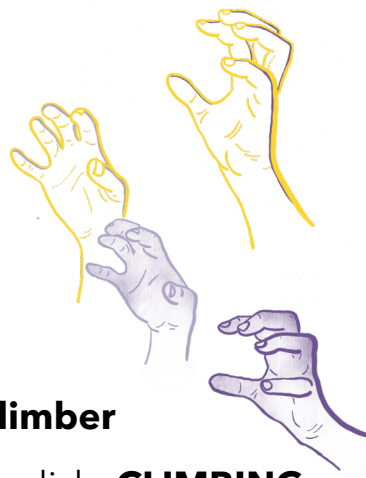


Belayer

English: **BELAY ON**

(I am ready to belay you)

ASL: **READY**

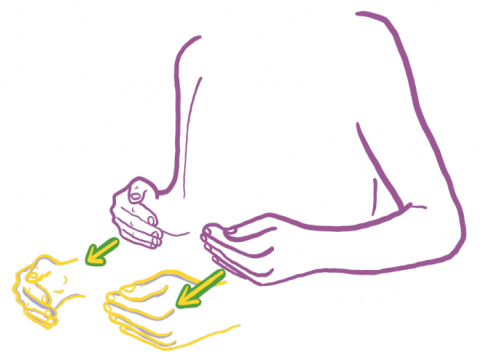


Climber

English: **CLIMBING**

(I am going to climb now)

ASL: **CLIMB**



Belayer

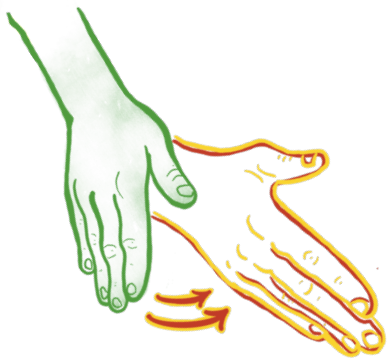
English: **CLIMB ON!**

(I am ready for you to climb)

ASL: **CLIMB GO-AHEAD**

*eyebrows up to denote Y/N question

During Climbing

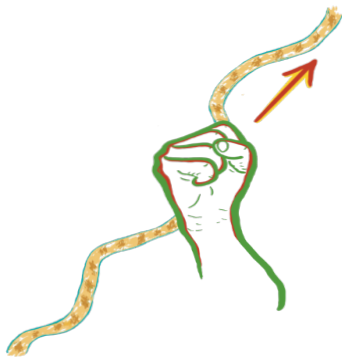


English: **SLACK**

(Pay out rope)

ASL : **LOOSE***

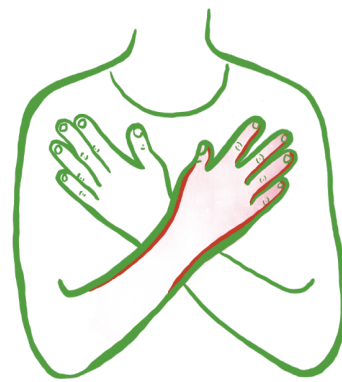
*This is a one-handed variant of the ASL sign LOOSE



English: **UP ROPE**

(Pull in the rope slack)

ASL : **PULL-UP**



English: **TENSION / TAKE**

(I want to rest by hanging on the rope)

ASL : **PULL-UP + REST**

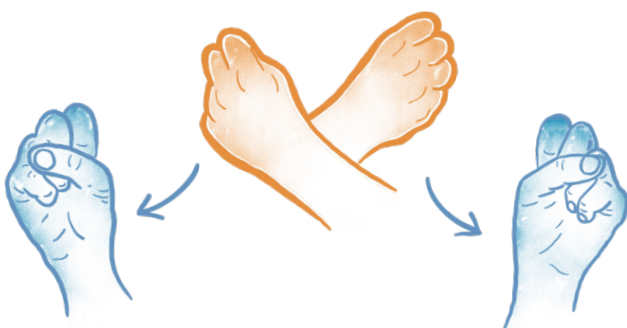


English: **READY TO LOWER**

(I'm done climbing, lower me)

ASL : **DOWN-DOWN**

After Climbing

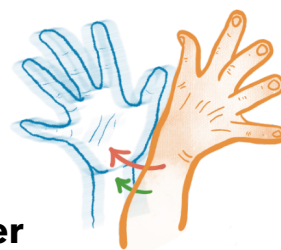


Climber

English: **OFF BELAY** or **SAFE**

(I am safe, take me off belay)

ASL : **SAFE**



Belayer

English: **BELAY OFF**

(I've stopped belaying you)

ASL: **FINISH/ ALL-done**



It is acceptable to sign any two-handed signs with only one hand for the purposes of safety and/or convenience.