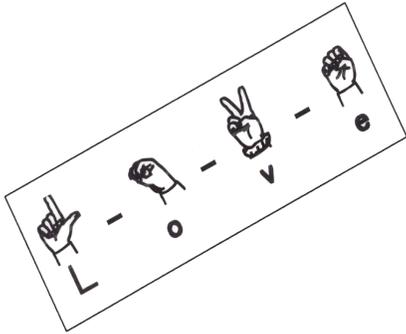


Build Fluency and Accelerate Literacy: Sing, Sign and Spell L-O-V-E

L-O-V-E Spells Love

by Nellie Edge



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ABC fluency practice.

Love: Cross hands (closed in fists) at wrist and place over heart.

Spells: Fingers of one hand make a motion of pushing keys on a typewriter/keyboard, starting with index finger and going to little finger. Hand moves from center, outward as you do this.

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Sing with a full voice (forté). Sing with a soft voice (pianissimo). **Sing with no voice at all:** mouth the words and use ASL.

This simple melody and rhythm also works for spelling the important friendship word "like"!

L-i-k-e

Like: The thumb and forefinger pinch together by the chest and move outward as if drawing the heart towards something to show an interest (liking) in something.

See ASL Browser: **Michigan State University ASL (American Sign Language) Browser**
<http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm>

Make your own language chart of this song and teach it to the children early in the year. Practice writing "love" efficiently. **Watch the children's joy as they sing, sign, spell and write "love" over and over again.** Soon they will be able to read "love" in any context.

Available on *Music is Magic* CD with Nellie Edge and Tom Hunter.

See video clip at www.nellieedge.com from **The Magic of Signing Songs** seminar literacy manual and DVD II.