

**DIALOGUE
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HomeTalk

thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Let's talk about...

Hands

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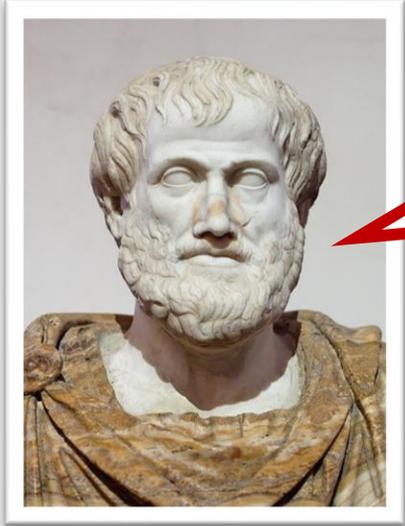
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Quotes about hands



Aristotle
philosopher

The hand is the
tool of tools.

What the hand
does the mind
remembers.



Maria Montessori
teacher

With 34 muscles, 27 bones, 48
named nerves and at least 123
ligaments in each hand, the
human hand is known for its
ability to carry the entire weight
of a human body on just a few
finger tips.

Desiree Ho
music science blogger

Thinking about hands

Caring thinking

How can we use our hands to show that we care about others?

Collaborative thinking

Can we use our hands to think together with others?



Creative thinking

What can you tell from looking at other peoples' hands?
Can you list all the words that have 'hand' in them?

Critical thinking

Can you think with your hands?

How can you use your hands more to help you learn?

How many times did you use your hands today, and what were the reasons?

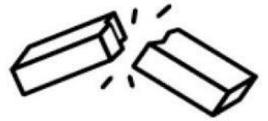
How is your hand connected to the rest of your body?



Think **AHEAD**

Think **BACK**

CONNECT



DIVIDE

LISTEN/LOOK

ZOOM (in/out)

Can you list all the different ways you use your hands?

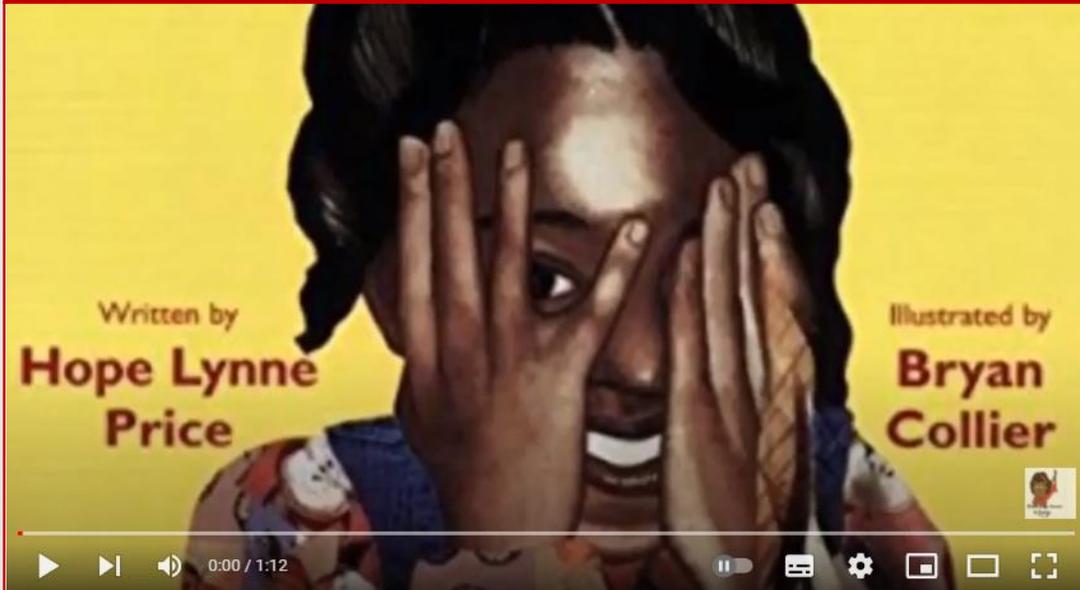
What do you notice about your hands? Use a magnifying glass.

Do robots use hands in the same way as humans?

How is your hand the same and different from other animals?

Discussion suggestions (age 3 - 5)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/qw5HtvxAmr4>

These Hands by Hope Lynne Price

In this book, the little girl describes all the different things her hands can do.

Talking Points

- How many things can your hands do?
- What kind of things can you feel with your hands?
- What do you think it means that *hands can talk and read*?

Activities

- Notice the different things you do with your hands during the day.
- Use paint to make handprints and notice the patterns on your hand.
- Use your fingers to feel the textures of as many different things as you can find.

Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)

Stimulus

The British Sign Language (BSL) alphabet

BSL is a communication tool for people who are Deaf or have hearing impairments.

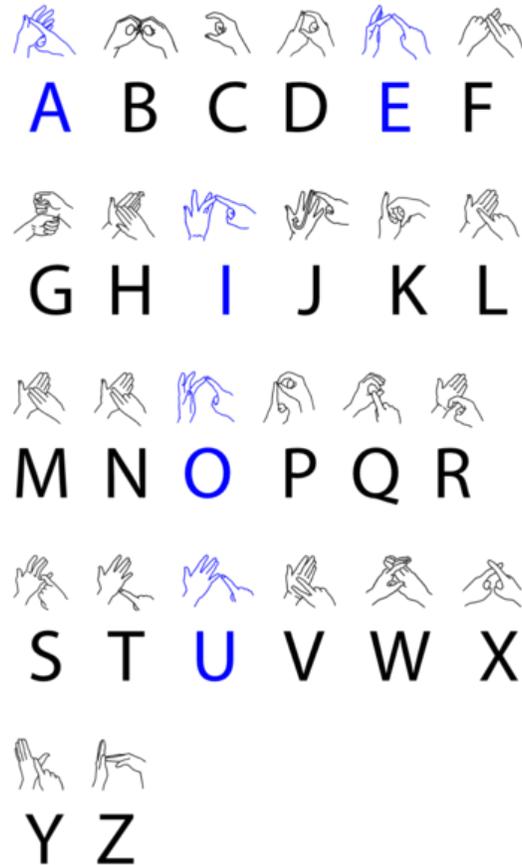


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Talking Points

- What do you think it would be like to talk with your hands?
- What do you notice about the hand gestures?
- Do you think everyone should learn sign language? (Try to give reasons.)

Activities

- Learn some of the sign language letters.
- Can you use the BSL alphabet to spell your name?
- Compare sign language and verbal language – what are the advantages and disadvantages of each?

Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

Stimulus



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Haptic gloves make objects, scenery or people on computer screens feel like they are real life experiences.

Scientists hope that haptic gloves can be used in online games, online shopping and online communication with loved ones.

Talking Points

- How does the idea of being able to sense things through haptic gloves make you feel?
- Do you think that 'holding' a virtual object with haptic gloves can ever be the same as holding a real object with your own hands?

Activities

- Write down some of the advantages and disadvantages of haptic gloves. Discuss your ideas with friends.
- Do some research to find out some of the scientific ideas behind haptic gloves.
- Find out what the words *bionics*, *cybernetics*, and *robotic* mean.

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