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INCORPORATING MAKATON SIGNS & SYMBOLS (STAGE 1)

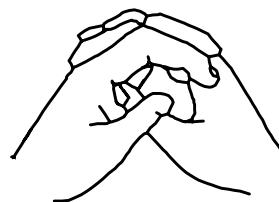


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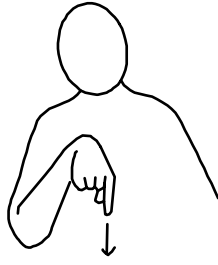


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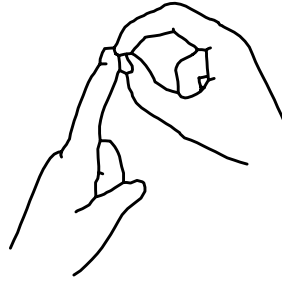


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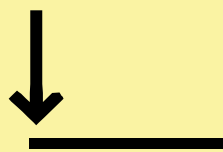


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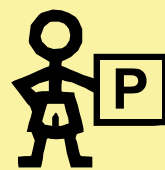
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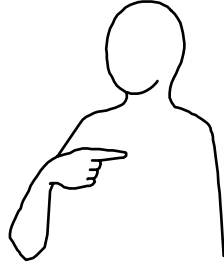
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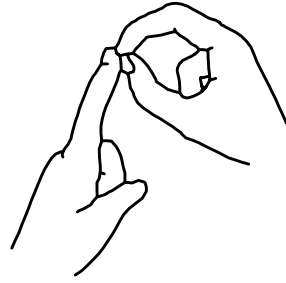


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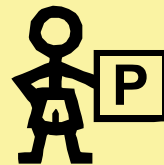


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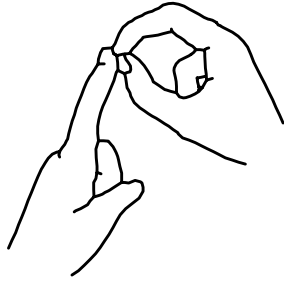
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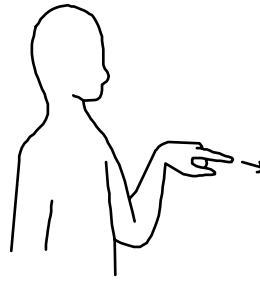
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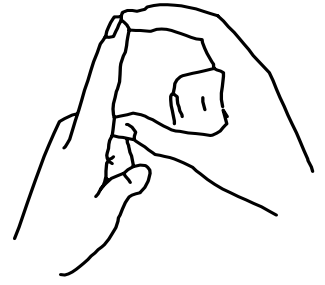


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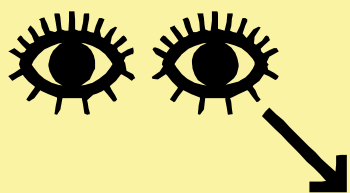
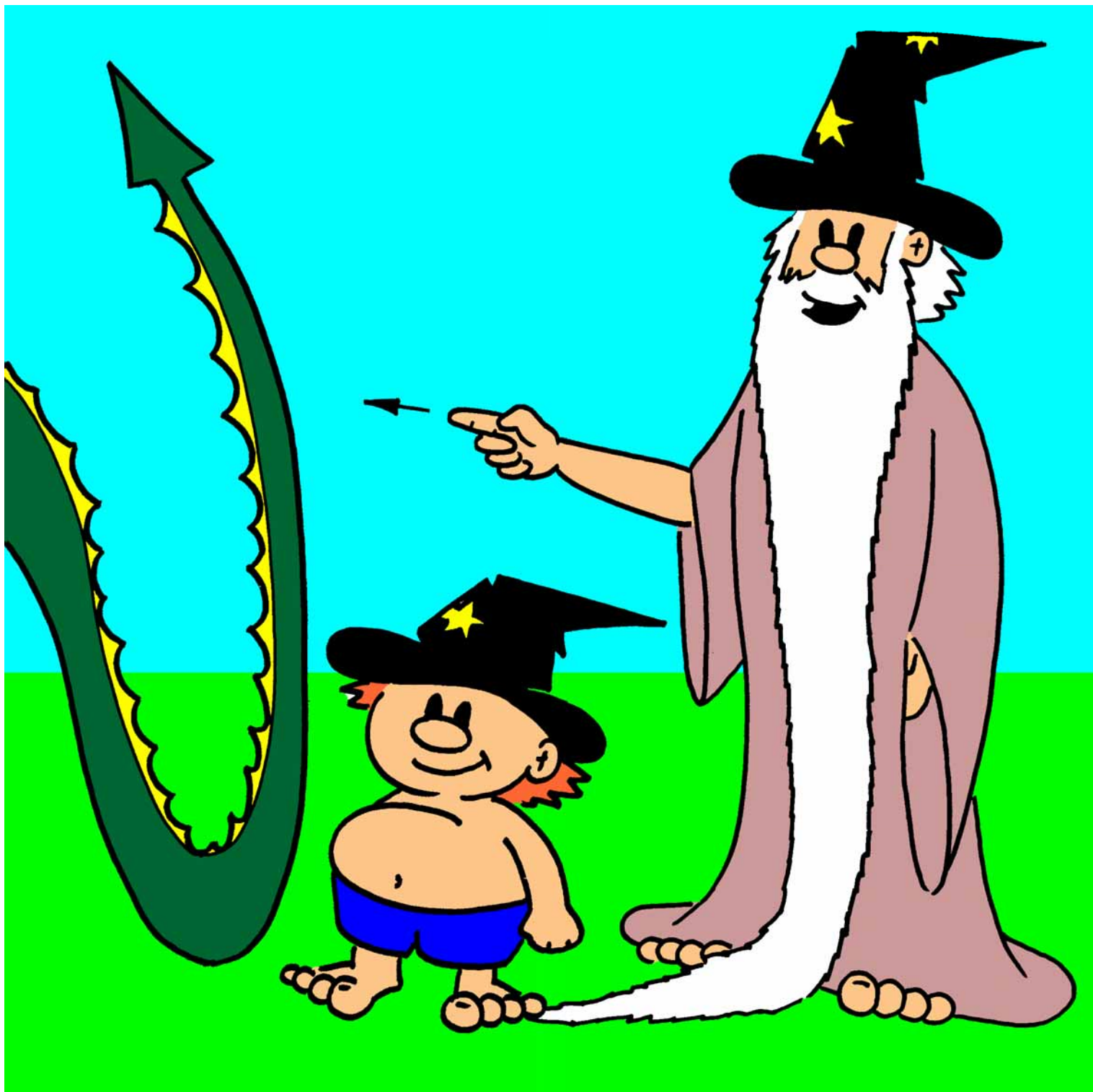


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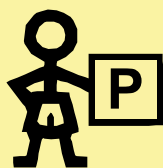
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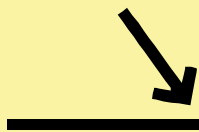
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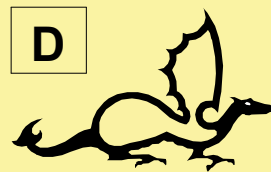
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The Wizodd, Pip and Drago characters were created by Ian a number of years ago for a comic strip. When his sister, Teresa, became a Regional Makaton Tutor, their two interests merged. The idea formed to create simple picture storybooks using the Makaton Core Vocabulary as a framework, progressing through Stages 1-8 & Additional.

The first book in this series, 'Hello' is based on Ian's very first Wizodd comic strip but now his characters have been drawn to include some signing (Note: the words signed by the characters are underlined). Teresa translated the text using key words from Stage 1 of the Makaton Core Vocabulary. Key words are **printed in bold** and provide the information required for understanding. These are visually represented by Makaton sign line drawings and symbols.

Visual information can be understood before speech develops, so is of great benefit to people with learning and/or communication difficulties.

- The Makaton sign line drawings are provided, initially, for the storyteller, enabling them to give visual clues *as they speak* - an essential principle of the MVDP language programme. The full grammatical text should be spoken whilst signing only the key words.
- The Makaton symbols provide a pictorial form of the text, encouraging a visual link with the spoken, signed and written words.

Further visual clues are represented by the facial expressions and body language Ian incorporates into his drawings - especially for Drago, who neither signs nor speaks. Highlighting and using these visual features will also help in providing a clearer understanding of the story.

The aim of the Wizodd books is to provide a stimulating and entertaining opportunity, for both the storyteller and listener, to enjoy a simple picture storybook, whilst at the same time learning Makaton signs and symbols, in a systematic approach, to aid communication.

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