

Makaton is used in over 40 different countries including...

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Australia  
Germany USA  
India USA  
Pakistan  
Saudi Arabia  
France Japan

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# Makaton



What this leaflet will include:

- What makaton is
- What it provides and how it helps

# What is Makaton?

A language programme which uses:

- Speech
- Signs
- Symbols

A language programme which provides:

- Basic communication
- Everyday vocabulary

... And helps develop:

- Language skills
- Literacy skills

Makaton is designed to help hearing people with learning and communication difficulties, it is an aid to communication not a language as such. British Sign Language “BSL” is a language with its own grammar and is used fluently by deaf people.

Makaton also uses speech alongside signing, it is not designed to replace speech.

Many people with learning difficulties can be helped to communicate by using signs.

Symbols are also used with Makaton. They can be combined with signs and speech or used on their own.

Makaton is a registered Charity. The Makaton Vocabulary Language Programme was devised by Margaret Walker MBE in 1972/3, and has proved an invaluable method of communicating for many people with learning disability and their interactors.



Here is an example of how makaton is used.