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Sign language is not a natural language and hence it is not reliable

Sign language has been used for over centuries. The language capabilities of deaf children who use sign language are better.

Signing will lead to the language delay

There is no advantage to delaying exposure to sign language, and research on the development of language has found that early exposure reduces the risks of language deprivation.

Sign Language cannot be a medium of instruction in schools

Earlier the schools focused on the oral education. However, now the educators and policy makers have gradually started bilingual schooling which is considered ideal for the deaf children as they acquire sign language as first language and are taught other spoken language through first language. This helps their literacy skills.

Sign Languages have limited expressions

A child can express anything through sign language because it is a natural language.

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND DEAFNESS

Deaf children cannot succeed in school and career

Each deaf child is different therefore one type of education may not be fit for all.

Sign language is the same over the world

No one form of sign language is universal. Different sign languages are used in different countries or regions. For example, British Sign Language (BSL) is a different language from ASL, and Americans who know ASL may not understand BSL.

Teaching sign language to the deaf child can wait till the time there is no option left

The longer you wait, the more your child's brain has to deal with the harmful effects of language loss.

Sign languages are dependent upon spoken languages.

Sign languages are complex grammatical languages just like the spoken ones. They have their own grammar and vocabulary.

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