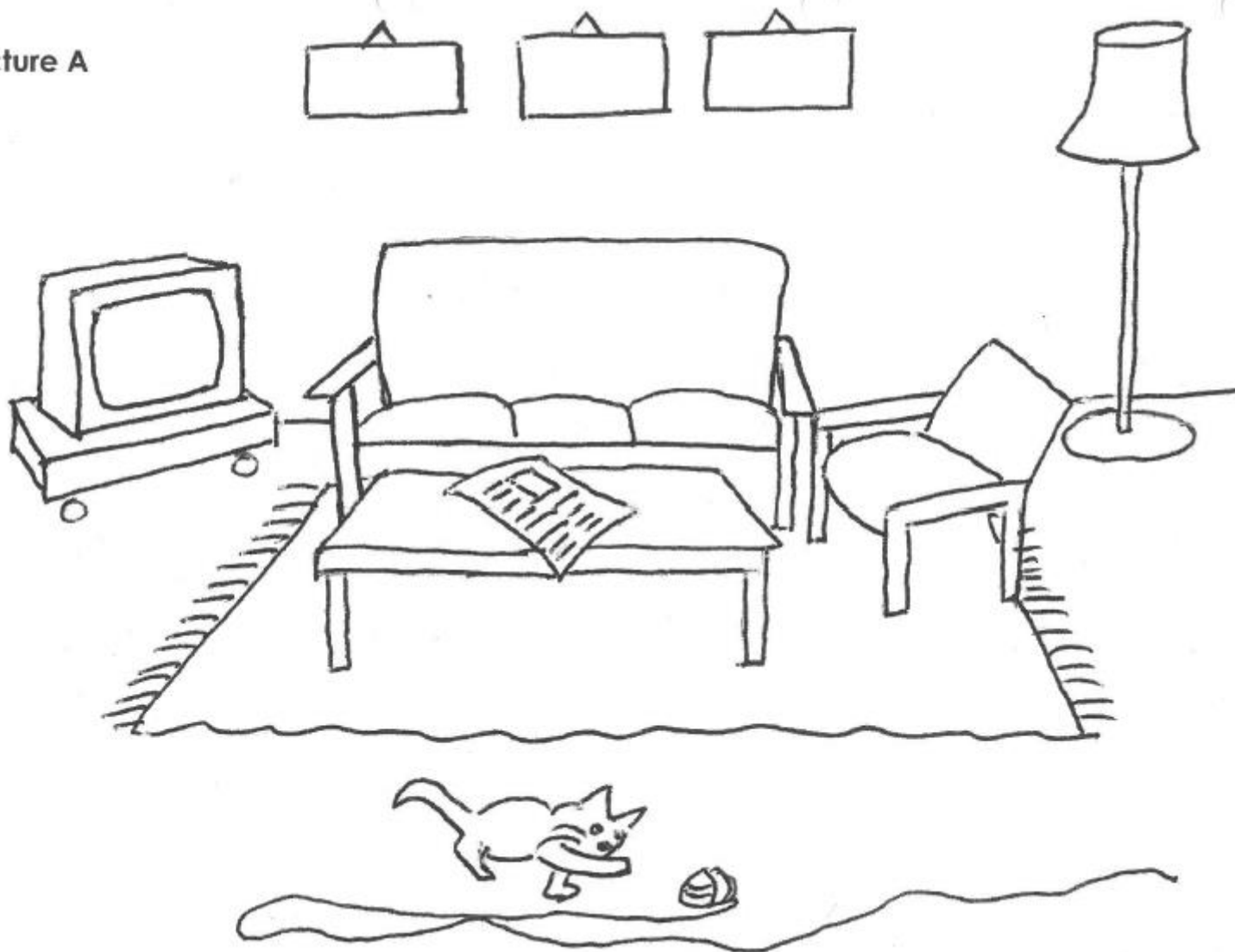




Picture A



How we Communicate



- How did you get your message across?
- How did it make you feel?



How we Communicate

- Facial expression
- Body Language
- Gesture/Mime
- Eye gaze/Eye Contact
- Pointing
- Encouragement
- Shared Knowledge and experience

- Feelings, e.g. frustration, loss of confidence, agitation

What is Makaton?

A Language Programme using

- Speech
- Signs
- Symbols

A Language Programme which provides

- Basic communication
- Everyday vocabulary

A Language Programme which helps develop

- Language skills
- Literacy skills

Frequently Asked Questions about Makaton

Where do the signs used in Makaton come from?

- Come from British Sign Language - BSL
- Standardised across the country

Will using Makaton stop somebody from talking?

- No providing speech is always used
- Signing has been proven to stimulate early sounds and speech

What difficulties are helped by using Makaton Signs and Symbols?

- Profound, severe moderate or mild learning difficulties
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Physical impairment
- Sensory impairment
- Specific language difficulties
- EAL
- Acquired brain injury

What are the main aims of using Makaton?

- Basic communication for all ages
- To help understanding
- To develop language skills
- Aids comprehension
- Supports expressive language
- Build relationships
- Develop literacy skills
- Develop numeracy skills

Why does everyone need to know the signs?

- Provides a means of 2 way communication - Your signs need to be accurate to be a good communicative partner
- Help to build relationships

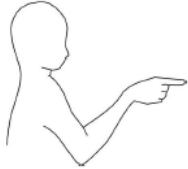
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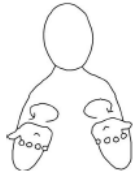
House



You



Home



Where?



Food



What?



Car



Hello



Music



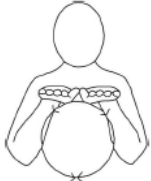


Book



Tip of middle finger makes contact with body and makes repeat movement

Toilet



Ball



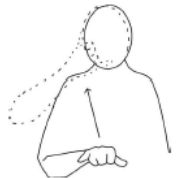
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Telephone



Good



To telephone

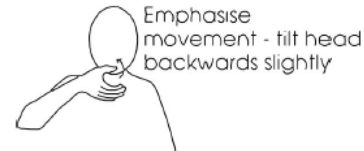


Small movement

A drink



Mobile phone



To drink

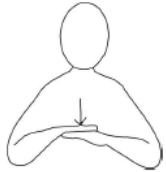




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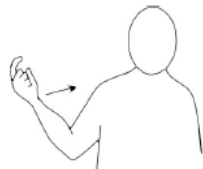
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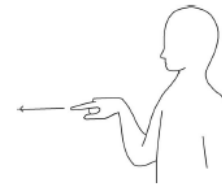
To sit



To look



To come



To go



Key Word Sentences

Hello how are you?

Where is your car?

Where is the food?

Are you going home?

I will give you a book.

Come and sit down.

I will phone you at home.

What are you looking at?