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Directions: Watch the video clips and compare two sign languages.

Person 1 (Plains Indian Sign Language or PISL)

Person 2 (American Sign Language or ASL)

Focus on the following things:

Hand location, movement, shape, and orientation (ex. palm up, down, etc.)

\*If one sign makes sense to you more than the other, be ready to explain.

Word	More Alike or Different?	Which sign makes the most sense to you?
1. girl	__ Alike __ Different	__ Person 1 __ Person 2
2. dog	__ Alike __ Different	__ Person 1 __ Person 2
3. Native American	__ Alike __ Different	__ Person 1 __ Person 2
4. elder	__ Alike __ Different	__ Person 1 __ Person 2
5. moon	__ Alike __ Different	__ Person 1 __ Person 2
6. hunger	__ Alike __ Different	__ Person 1 __ Person 2
7. love	__ Alike __ Different	__ Person 1 __ Person 2
8. people	__ Alike __ Different	__ Person 1 __ Person 2

Signs demonstrated: (girl, dog, Native American, elder (old), moon, hunger, love, people)

Discussion:

1. Which sign most surprised you or stirs up a question? Explain.

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2. Which sign makes the most sense to you? (is the most intuitive?) Explain.

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3. How do you think sign language developed?

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And for what purposes ?

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