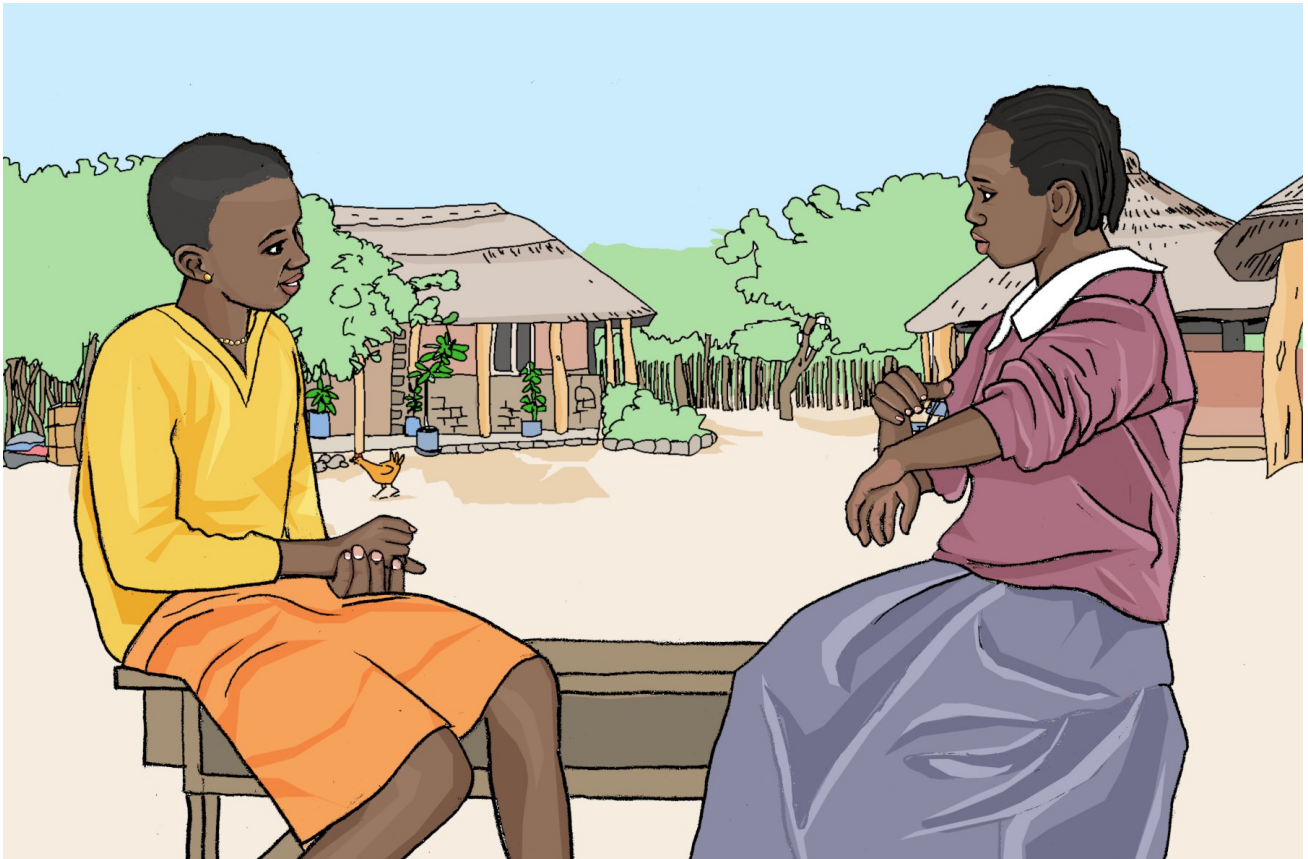


2. Kudzai uses sign language

Talk about these questions.

- What does 'deaf' mean?
- The girls in the picture are deaf. How are they speaking to each other?

Read the story and answer the questions.



Kudzai is 12 years old, and she is deaf. When she was 7, she was very ill, and she had an infection in her ears. She got better from the illness, but her ears were damaged, and she was almost completely deaf. She can hear some loud sounds, but she can't hear when people speak. She couldn't understand the lessons at school, so she dropped out.

Then Kudzai started going to a special school for deaf children. When the children arrive at this school, they learn sign language. This is a way of speaking with your hands and body instead of with your voice. The lessons are in sign language, and when the children are talking and playing in the breaks, they use sign language too. At first Kudzai found sign language difficult to learn, but after a while she became good at it. Now she can say whatever she wants to say.

Kudzai lives with her aunt and two brothers. She has taught them to use sign language too, so now it's easier for them to communicate with each other. They all enjoy using sign language together too!

Put the events from the story in the right order. Number them 1 to 7.

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| Kudzai dropped out of school. | ☐ |
| Kudzai became deaf. | ☐ |
| Kudzai's brothers and aunt learned sign language. | ☐ |
| Kudzai learned sign language. | ☐ |
| Kudzai had an ear infection. | ☐ |
| Kudzai couldn't understand her lessons. | ☐ |
| Kudzai started going to a school for deaf children. | ☐ |

Complete the sentences with words from the story.

1. I had an eye _____. My eye went red, and I had to get some medicine from the clinic. (9 letters)
2. I had an _____ for a few days, but then I got better. (7 letters)
3. I dropped my phone on the ground, and now it is _____. (7 letters)
4. We can _____ with other people by sending them messages on mobile phones. (11 letters)

Practice these signs from sign language.

