FATHER, DAD
Touch the forehead with the thumb of the right open hand. The fingers may be wiggled slightly.
Memory aid: Indicates the head male of the family unit.

MOTHER, MOM, MAMA
Touch the right chin or cheek with the thumb of the right open hand. The fingers may be wiggled slightly. The sign for mama is similar except that the thumb touches the cheek several times.
Memory aid: Indicates the head female of the family unit.

GRANDFATHER
Touch the forehead with the thumb of the right open hand which has its palm facing left. Move the right hand in two forward arcs.
Memory aid: The combination of the sign for father and the double hand movements of both signs suggest the reference to someone of the older generation.

GRANDMOTHER
Touch the chin with the thumb of the right open hand which has its palm facing left. Move the right hand in two forward arcs.
Memory aid: The combination of the sign for mother and the double hand movements of both signs suggest the reference to someone of the older generation.

SON
Move the right hand to the forehead as though gripping the peak of a hat between the fingers and thumb; then move it forward a few inches. Next move the right flat hand with palm facing up into the crook of the bent left elbow.
Memory aid: Indicates a male baby cradled in the arms.

DAUGHTER
Trace the right jawbone from ear to chin with the palm side of the right A thumb. Then move the right flat hand with palm facing up into the crook of the bent left elbow.
Memory aid: Indicates a female baby cradled in the arms.
**BROTHER**
Move the right hand to the forehead as though gripping the peak of a hat between the fingers and thumb; then move it forward a few inches. Next, point both index fingers forward and bring them together. The latter is the sign for *same*.
*Memory aid:* The two signs combined suggest a male of the same family.

**SISTER**
Trace the right jawbone from ear to chin with the palm side of the right *A* thumb. Then point both index fingers forward and bring them together. The latter movement is the sign for *same*.
*Memory aid:* The two signs combined suggest a female of the same family.

**HUSBAND**
Move the right hand to the forehead as though gripping the peak of a hat between the fingers and thumb; then move it forward a few inches. Clasp the hands with the right hand above the left. The latter position is the sign for *marriage*.
*Memory aid:* Indicates a married male.

**WIFE**
Trace the right jawbone from ear to chin with the palm side of the right *A* thumb. Then clasp the hands in a natural position with the right hand above the left. The latter is the sign for *marriage*.
*Memory aid:* Indicates a married female.

**UNCLE**
With the palm facing forward, place the right *U* hand close to the right temple and shake back and forth from the wrist.
*Memory aid:* The initial *U* is placed near the *male* sign position.

**AUNT**
Place the right *A* hand close to the right cheek and shake back and forth from the wrist.
*Memory aid:* The initial *A* is placed near the *female* sign position.
NEPHEW
Place the right extended N fingers close to the right temple and shake back and forth from the wrist.
Memory aid: The initial N is placed near the male sign position.

NIECE
Place the right extended N fingers close to the right side of the chin and shake back and forth from the wrist.
Memory aid: The initial N is placed near the female sign position.

PARENTS
Place the middle finger of the right P hand at the right temple, then at the right side of the chin.
Memory aid: The initial indicates the word, and the two locations refer to the basic male and female positions.

FAMILY
Place both upright F hands to the front with the palms facing each other. Make an outward circular movement with each hand simultaneously until the little fingers touch.
Memory aid: The two F hands describe the circle of a family.

Cousin
Place the right C hand either close to the right temple for a male or close to the right cheek for a female; then shake back and forth from the wrist. Place between the male and female positions for neuter reference.
Memory aid: The initial C is placed wherever appropriate.

IN-LAW
Place the index and thumb side of the right L hand on the front of the palm-forward left hand. Begin near the top; then move the right hand downward in a small arc to the base of the left hand. Some prefer to sign in first.
Memory aid: This is the sign for law.
MAN
Touch the thumb of the right open hand on the forehead, then on the chest.
Memory aid: This sign is a combination of father and fine.

WOMAN
Touch the thumb of the right open hand on the chin, then on the chest.
Memory aid: The sign is a combination of mother and fine.

GENTLEMAN
Move the right hand to the forehead as though gripping the peak of a hat between the fingers and thumb; then move it forward a few inches. Place the right thumb of the right open hand on the chest with palm facing left, then tilt the hand in a slight up-forward-down movement.
Memory aid: Old-fashioned tipping of hat.

LADY
Trace the right jawbone from ear to chin with the palm side of the right A thumb. Then place the right thumb of the right open hand on the chest with palm facing left; then tilt the hand in a slight up-forward-down movement.
Memory aid: Indicates a lady's dress or blouse with frilly ruffles.

HE, HIM
Move right hand to forehead as though gripping the peak of a hat between fingers and thumb; then move it forward a few inches. Next point the index finger forward. If it is obvious that a male is being referred to, the sign for male can be omitted.
Memory aid: The signer directs attention by pointing.

SHE, HER
Trace the right jawbone from ear to chin with the palm side of the right A thumb; then point the index finger forward. If it is obvious that a female is being referred to, the sign for female can be omitted.
Memory aid: The signer directs attention by pointing.
BOY, MALE
Move the right hand to the forehead as though gripping the peak of a cap or hat between the fingers and thumb; then move it forward a few inches.
Memory aid: Old-fashioned tipping of caps by men, especially when greeting women.

GIRL, MAIDEN, FEMALE
Trace the right jawbone from ear to chin with the palm side of the right hand.
Memory aid: The thumb follows the location of the old-fashioned bonnet string.

CHILD, CHILDREN
Place the right flat downturned hand before the body and motion as if patting the head of a child. When referring to more than one child, move the hand to another position and repeat the sign.
Memory aid: Children are shorter than adults.

BABY, INFANT
Hold the arms in the natural position for cradling a baby and rock the arms sideways.
Memory aid: The natural movement of comforting a baby in the arms.

KID
Extend the index and small finger of the right hand. With the palm facing down, put the index finger under the nose. The hand is then pivoted up and down slightly and often moved to the right simultaneously.
Memory aid: Suggests the runny nose of a young child.
SWEETHEART, BEAU, LOVER
Bring the knuckles of both A hands together with palms facing inward; then raise and lower both thumbs simultaneously.
Memory aid: Suggests two lovebirds billing and cooing.

ENGAGED (prior to marriage)
Circle the right E hand over the left palm-down flat hand, then place the right E on the left ring finger.
Memory aid: The engagement ring finger is given prominence.

MARRY, MARRIAGE
Clasp the hands in a natural position with the right hand above the left.
Memory aid: A couple joins hands during their wedding ceremony.

WEDDING
Point the fingers of both flat hands down from the wrists in the front. Swing the hands toward each other until the left fingers and thumb grasp the right fingers.
Memory aid: Suggests a bride and groom joining hands.

DIVORCE
Hold both D hands with palms facing and knuckles touching. Twist both hands outward and sideways until the palms face forward.
Memory aid: Two people once close to each other now separate.