ASL Classifiers

Classifiers are hand shapes that show movement, location, and appearance. After a signer indicates a person or thing, a classifier can be used in its place to show where and how it moves, what it looks like, and where it is located. Classifiers are a big part of ASL and equally as important.

The “1” handshake: thin, long objects: person, pencils, poles.

The “A” handshake: subjects occupying space: lamp, block of wood, house.

The Full "C" handshape: cup, bottle, round post, a glass.
The "F" handshape: small, round, thin, flat objects: buttons, coins, hole, piece of candy.

The "G" handshape: thinness: frame, book binding.