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Auslan from the Children's Perspective

What is Auslan?		
		
<p>"It is a language where you don't talk"</p> <p>- Ellie B Grade 5</p>	<p>"It is a way for Australian deaf people to communicate with each other and a good way for children to learn to be able to communicate with them"</p> <p>- Violet D Grade 6</p>	<p>"You use Auslan with your fingers. You spell things if you're using Auslan"</p> <p>- Elliott N Grade 1</p>
When do you think you might use Auslan?		
		
<p>You might use Auslan to communicate with someone who is deaf or if you are deaf. You might use it at the shops to communicate with someone"</p> <p>- Mary G Grade 6</p>	<p>"When you come across a deaf person"</p> <p>- Elle S Grade 5</p>	
What do you do in Auslan classes?		
		
<p>"We practise saying hello in English and Auslan"</p> <p>- Maggie C Grade 2</p>	<p>"We learn the Auslan alphabet so we can meet people and tell them our names"</p> <p>- Felicity F Grade 2</p>	
What is something you have learned this year?		
		
<p>"I have found the vowels easier this year because I was getting mixed up"</p> <p>- Remy B Grade 3</p>	<p>"I've learned a lot. I really think Auslan is a great language because some of the people in my family don't hear as well as I can so what you've taught us can help me communicate with them. I think Auslan is a great language for people to learn because it's really fun."</p> <p>- Alice C Grade 4</p>	<p>"It's about signing without speaking. I learned the rainbow"</p> <p>- Amy M Prep</p>
What do you enjoy about learning Auslan?		
		
<p>"I enjoy that it is a connection to people who are deaf"</p> <p>- Rose AG Grade 3</p>	<p>"I enjoy learning a different language because it feels like you can talk to people and noone else knows what you're saying"</p> <p>- Tillie J Grade 3</p>	<p>"We play games like the colour game where you touch something that is the right colour"</p> <p>- Oliver D Prep</p>