



# Towards Independence

# **Recognising and Using**

# **Everyday Signs**

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# Welcome

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You are starting a module called

## Recognising and Using Everyday Signs

In doing the activities in this module you will be asked to:

- say
- show
- choose
- make things

You can say things by talking or signing, or by using any other means to let someone know what you want to say.

You can choose and show things by using:

- pictures
- digital recording
- other means
- photographs
- computer

or by telling someone else so they can write or do it for you. All the way through you can have as much help as you need.

As you complete each activity, you or your tutor can tick  the box shown alongside the activity and the corresponding box on the **Record of Activities** page.

When you have finished the module, remember to complete the **Module Review** and **Next Steps** at the end of the book.

# Record Boxes

At the end of each section you will find a page of record boxes:

This box can be used by your tutor to write an extra activity for you to do. This might ask you to practise some of the skills you have already shown, or it might ask you to do an extension activity.

This box can be used in any way to show your achievements throughout the section. It might also show what you need to work on next.

This box can be used to record your achievement by allocating a P level or other descriptor and subject area.

This box shows skills you have used well. These might be Basic Skills, Key Skills or other important life skills.

This box shows what sort of help you had.

This box shows where the work is kept in your ring binder (or other place).

The diagram shows a record box form with the following fields and sections:

- Activity: (with an optional field)
- Comments: (with a sub-field for Tutor/Supervisor/Learner and an optional field)
- P level or other centre assessment tool: (with an optional field)
- Subject area:
- Level of support:
- Skills:
- Evidence ref:
- Verified by:
- Date:

Your tutor will sign and date these boxes when all the other boxes have been filled in.

# Levels of Support

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Ask your tutor to talk to you about these:



**NH No Help** – you can do things on your own



**SH Spoken/Signed Help** – you are helped by someone speaking or signing suggestions to you



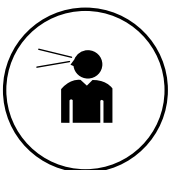
**GH Gestural Help** – you are helped by someone using hand signals or other gestural prompts



**PH Physical Help** – you are helped by someone holding you and/or helping you to move



**SE Sensory Experience** – you are given the opportunity of being involved through a sensory experience, e.g. hearing, touch, sight or taste



**ER Experience Recorded** – you are provided with an experience of the activity but are unable to take part

# Section A:

## Signs at your centre

1 Show the social signs at your centre.

For example:

- Ladies
- Gents
- Reception
- Lift
- Enquiries
- Help desk
- Entrance and exit
- Other

2 Show you know what the signs mean.

3 Show the safety signs at your centre.

For example:

- Fire exit
- First aid room
- Wet floor
- Other
- Fire assembly point
- No smoking
- Danger

4 Share the signs you know with someone else.

5 Learn a new sign.

6 Share the new sign with other people.

✓

## Section A:

### Signs at your centre

Activity:

optional

Comments:

Tutor/Supervisor/Learner

optional

P level or other centre assessment tool:

optional

Subject area:

Level of support:

Skills:

Evidence ref:

Verified by:

Date:

## Section E:

### Leisure centre signs

- 1 Show the signs you know at a leisure centre.

For example:

- Changing rooms
- Gym
- Swimming pool
- Fitness suite
- Tennis courts
- Other

- 2 Find your way by following signs to your chosen activity or area of the leisure centre.

- 3 Show if you have learnt any new signs.





## Section E:

### Leisure centre signs

Activity:

optional

Comments:

Tutor/Supervisor/Learner

optional

P level or other centre assessment tool:

optional

Subject area:

Level of support:

Skills:

Evidence ref:

Verified by:

Date:

# Section H:

## Project

In this section you can choose your own activity.

Here are some ideas:

- Show you can recognise the names of your favourite shops
- Show you can follow signs to get to your health centre or doctor's surgery
- Show you can use signs in a shopping centre or community facility you are not familiar with
- Show you can use safety signs to get help
- Learn some new signs
- Other

- 1 Decide what your project will be.
- 2 Plan your project.
- 3 Make a list of the things you need.
- 4 Do your project.
- 5 Show what went well in your project.

✓

# Section H: Project

**Activity:** optional

**Comments:** optional  
Tutor/Supervisor/Learner

**P level or other centre assessment tool:** optional

**Subject area:**

**Level of support:**

**Skills:**

**Evidence ref:**

**Verified by:**

**Date:**

# Next Steps

**My next challenge:**

**Activities and modules that will help:**

**Who can help me and when:**

Remember to record that you have completed this module and review on the **Record Page** in your **Starting Out** module.

**Learner signature:**

**Tutor/supervisor signature:**

**Date:**

Sample



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