

# Koko's Kitten

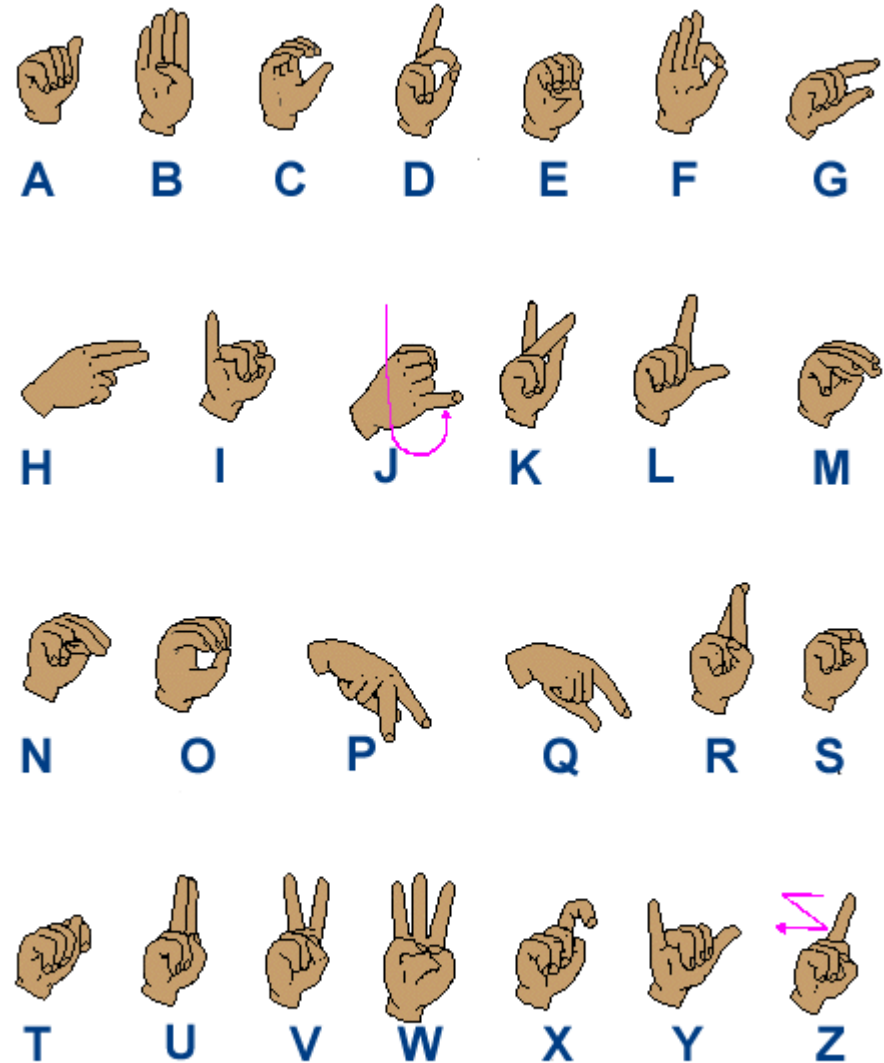


Theme: Communication

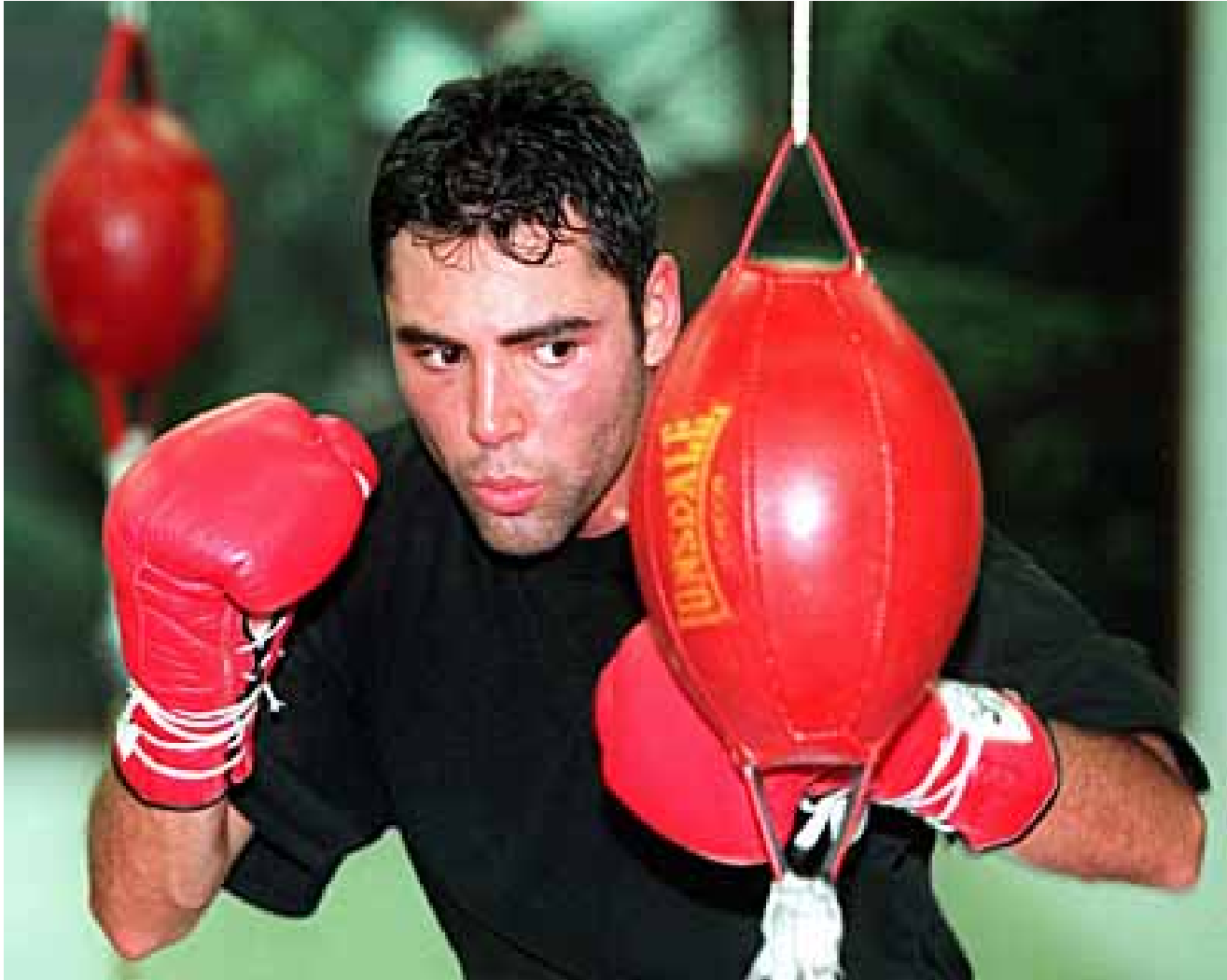
Genre: Expository Text

Summary: Koko the gorilla and her trainers communicate nearly as well as any human parents and their children, and Koko the gorilla is often as "human" in her ways as any child has ever been. How does Koko's trainer know that Koko wants a kitten?

signed:  
for the  
hearing  
impaired,  
signing refers  
to hand  
motions that  
means  
something



aggressive:  
ready to attack



obnoxious:  
very annoying or disagreeable



dialogue:  
a conversation between two or  
more persons (or animals)



perception:

understanding  
or observation



distress:  
great pain, sorrow, or anxiety



durable:  
able to last a long time; able  
to hold up to rough handling



vinyl:  
a plastic-like fabric made by  
humans



abandoned:  
to leave; left behind



sympathy:  
a feeling of sadness shared by  
others

