

# SignWriting

## Head and Body Movements



## The Head

The Head can be seen from different viewpoints:



Front View



Back View



Side View



Side View



Top View Facing Front



Top View Facing Diagonal



Top View Facing Diagonal



Contact Center Front of Face



Contact Center Back of Head



Contact Center Side of Head



Contact Center Side of Head



Contact Center Top of Head



Contact Center Top of Head



Contact Center Top of Head

## Rim of Head & Face

Front View  
Rim of  
Front of Face

Back View  
Rim of  
Back of Head



Rim Of Face Chin



Rim Of Face Diagonal Low



Rim Of Face Cheek



Rim Of Face Diagonal High



Rim Of Face High Between Forehead and Top of Head



Rim Of Face Diagonal High



Rim Of Face Cheek



Rim Of Face Diagonal Low



Rim Back of Head Low (Above Neck)



Rim Back of Head Diagonal Low



Rim Back of Head Behind Ear



Rim Back of Head Diagonal High



Rim Back of Head High



Rim Back of Head Diagonal High



Rim Back of Head Behind Ear



Rim Back of Head Diagonal Low

## Rim of Head & Face

### Top View Rim of Top of Head



Rim Top of Head  
Back



Rim Top of Head  
Diagonal Back



Rim Top of Head  
Side



Rim Top of Head  
Diagonal Forward



Rim Top of Head  
Forward



Rim Top of Head  
Diagonal Forward



Rim Top of Head  
Side



Rim Top of Head  
Diagonal Back

### Side View Rim of Side of Head



Rim Side of Head  
Under Ear



Rim Side of Head  
Diagonal Low



Rim Side of Head  
Towards Nose



Rim Side of Head  
Diagonal High



Rim Side of Head  
Over Ear



Rim Side of Head  
Diagonal High



Rim Side of Head  
Towards Back



Rim Side of Head  
Diagonal Low

## Rim of Head & Face

### Front View Relating To The Side of Head



Relating to  
Under Chin



Relating to  
Side of Head  
Down Diagonal



Relating to  
Side of Head



Relating to  
Side of Head  
Up Diagonal



Relating to  
Top of Head



Relating to  
Side of Head  
Up Diagonal



Relating to  
Side of Head

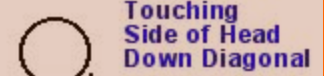


Relating to  
Side of Head  
Down Diagonal

### Front View Touching The Side of Head



Touching  
Under Chin



Touching  
Side of Head  
Down Diagonal



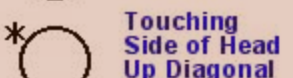
Touching  
Side of Head



Touching  
Side of Head  
Up Diagonal



Touching  
Top of Head



Touching  
Side of Head  
Up Diagonal



Touching  
Side of Head

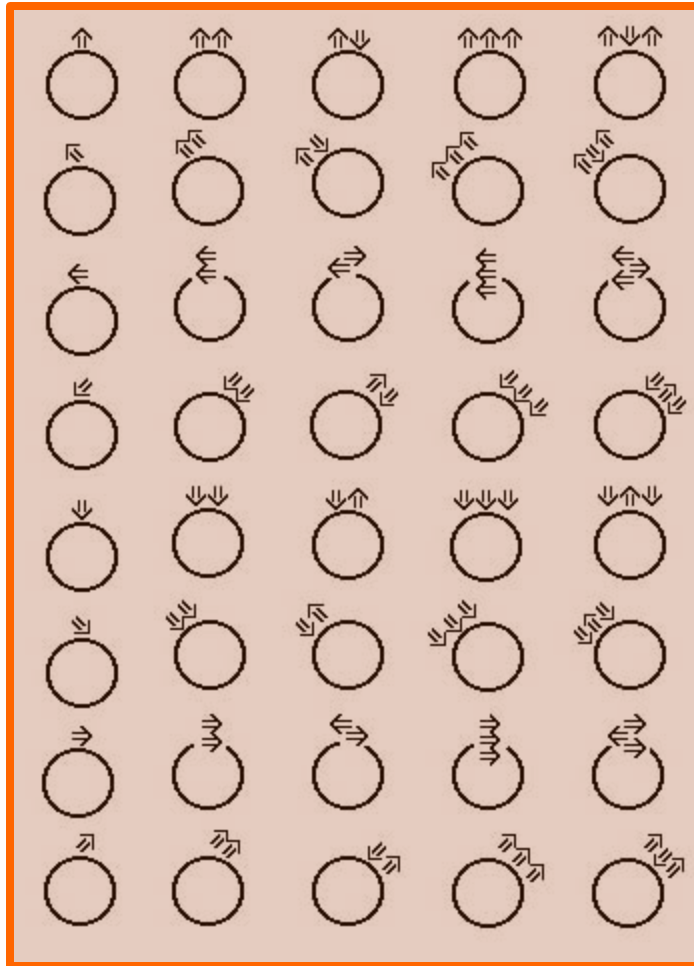


Touching  
Side of Head  
Down Diagonal

## Head Movement

### Face-Direction Movement Symbols

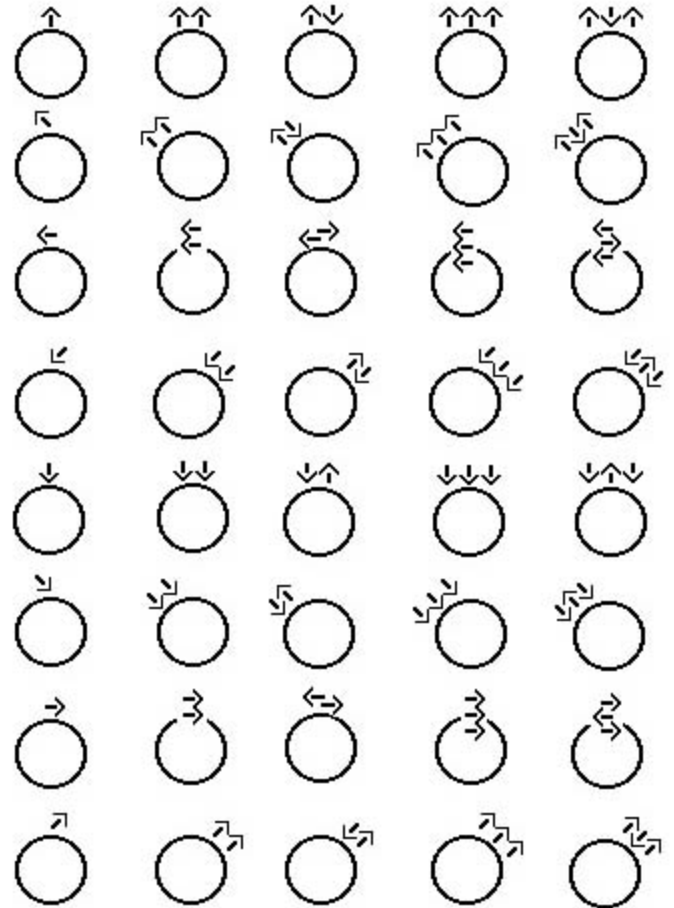
The nose moves in the direction of the arrows.  
The neck bends and stretches as the nose moves.



## Head Movement

### Head-Direction Movement Symbols














The entire head travels in the direction of the arrows.  
The nose remains straight, and the neck does not bend.



## Shoulders

-  Shoulders
-  Right Shoulder Up (Position)
-  Both Shoulders Up (Position)
-  Right Shoulder Down (Position)
-  Both Shoulders Down (Position)
-  One Shoulder Up, One Shoulder Down (Position)
-  Shoulder Moves Up
-  Shoulder Moves Up-Diagonal
-  Shoulder Moves Down-Diagonal
-  Shoulder Moves Down
-  Shoulder Moves Forward
-  Shoulder Moves Forward-Diagonal
-  Shoulder Moves Back-Diagonal
-  Shoulder Moves Back
-  Shoulder Moves Up & Down
-  Shoulder Moves Forward & Back

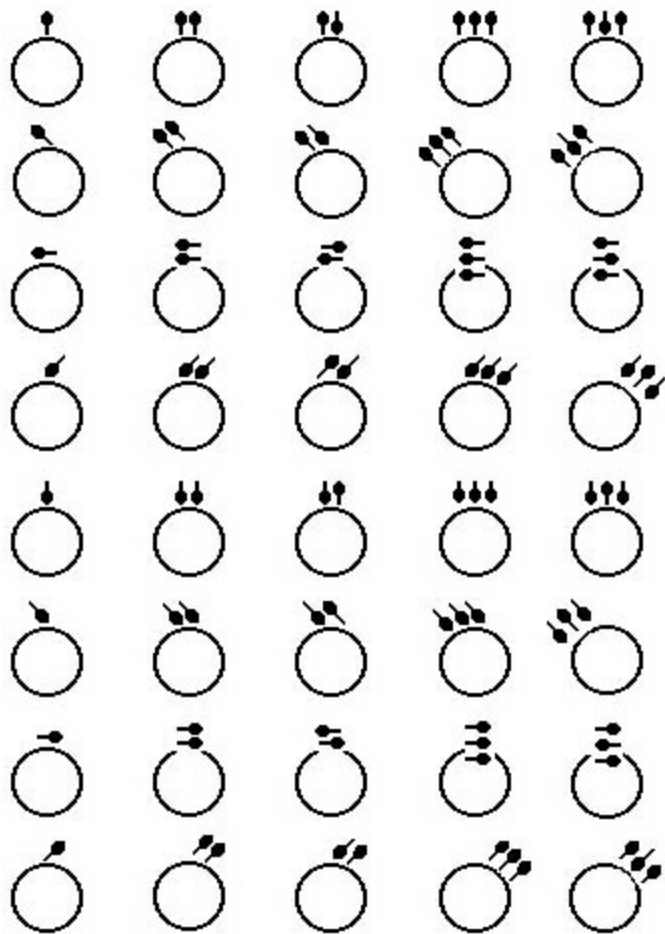
## Torso

-  Torso Pulls Up
-  Torso Sinks Down
-  Torso Moves In A Curve, Up & Side
-  Bend To The Left Side  
(The Arrow Pushes the Torso Up & Side)
-  Body Twists To The Left Side  
(The Arrow Pushes The Torso In A Rotation)
-  Body Twists To The Right Side  
(The Arrow Pushes The Torso In A Rotation)
-  Torso Tilts Forward
-  Torso Tilts Forward-Diagonal
-  Torso Tilts Side
-  Torso Tilts Back-Diagonal
-  Torso Tilts Back
-  Torso Tilts Back & Forth  
Body Rocks Forward & Back
-  Torso Tilts Back & Forth  
Body Rocks Back & Forward & Back

## Upper Body Tilts

### Rocking Motion from the Hip Joint

The upper body tilts or rocks back and forth. The neck and torso do not bend. They remain straight, moving in a unit from the hip joints.





# NMS use head and body movements

What does the movement look like?

Can you match the movement to the meaning?



*Very recently*



This *and* that



Negative/no

Affirmative/yes



Don't know/not sure

