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Our Job of the week this week is a
Sign Language Interpreter



Job of the Week – Sign Language Interpreter

WHAT YOU DO

In this role you will:

- prepare before assignments by finding out about the situation and any specialist vocabulary you may need
- travel to different sites to interpret in a variety of situations
- use technology to provide 'virtual' interpreting services
- listen carefully to, or watch, what is said or signed
- interpret what is said or signed
- find the best way to express everything that is said or signed



SKILLS REQUIRED

You will need:

- good language skills
- knowledge of English language
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- customer service skills
- patience and able to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- the ability to work on your own
- to be flexible and open to change
- to be able to carry out tasks on a PC or hand-held device

WHAT YOU WEAR

Smart/ casual—it will depend on your setting



WORKING CONDITIONS

You could be working in an office, a TV studio, as a personal interpreter, in a hospital or doctors, school or for the police or prison service

You will predominantly be inside

WORKING HOURS

37-39

including evenings, weekends and bank holidays

ANNUAL LEAVE

Various

Depends whether employed or freelance



ANNUAL INCOME

Starter £20,000

Experienced £35,000



EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE



You can get into this job through:

A University course: You'll usually need 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree, or a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study

You'll need a degree or level 6 award in both British Sign Language and interpreting.

You would also need an approved qualification in interpreting like a postgraduate or master's degree in interpreting or translation or your Level 6 Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting

Work towards the role:

You could work for an organisation that supports deaf people, or in a school or college, for example, as an educational support assistant. You could then do your British Sign Language qualifications on the job to qualify as an interpreter.

Other routes:

You could qualify by registering as a trainee sign language interpreter (TSLI). To register, you'll need a degree or level 6 award in your first language – either English or British Sign Language (BSL) OR a minimum of level 4, above A level standard, in your second language – either English or BSL

In addition you'll need to pass enhanced background checks and register with the National Registers of Communications Professionals working with Deaf and Deafblind People

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Speech and language therapists		Authors, writers and translators		Teaching assistants	
Weekly Pay £610	Annual Pay £31,720	Weekly Pay £650	Annual Pay £33,800	Weekly Pay £300	Annual Pay £15,600
Hours/Week 35h	Hourly Pay £17	Hours/Week 33h	Hourly Pay £20	Hours/Week 29h	Hourly Pay £10
Workforce Change (projected)		Workforce Change (projected)		Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 8.7%	Replacement 53.7%	Growth 1.9%	Replacement 58.5%	Growth 11.6%	Replacement 57%
The workforce is projected to grow by 8.7% over the period to 2027, creating 1,800 jobs. In the same period, 53.7% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 11,300 job openings.		The workforce is projected to grow by 1.9% over the period to 2027, creating 1,800 jobs. In the same period, 58.5% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 55,900 job openings.		The workforce is projected to grow by 11.6% over the period to 2027, creating 50,800 jobs. In the same period, 57% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 250,200 job openings.	
You might find this job in Social work Health Education		You might find this job in Legal & accounting Publishing activities Arts & entertainment Head offices, etc Computer programming, etc		You might find this job in Education Employment activities Social work Services to buildings Public admin. & defence	
More info	Clear card	More info	Clear card	More info	Clear card

Speech and language therapists

Speech and language therapists are responsible for the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of speech, language, fluency and voice disorders caused by disability, injury or illness.

Common tasks in this job:

- assesses, tests and diagnoses a client's condition;
- designs and initiates appropriate rehabilitation and/or remedial programmes of treatment;
- treats speech and language disorders by coaching and counselling clients or through the use of artificial communication devices;
- attends case conferences and liaises with other specialists such as doctors, teachers, social workers and psychologists;

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Authors, writers and translators

Job holders in this unit group write, edit and evaluate literary material for publication excluding material for newspapers, magazines and other periodicals but including scripts and narrative for film, TV, radio and computer games and animations; and translate spoken and written statements into different languages.

Common tasks in this job:

- determines subject matter and researches as necessary by interviewing, attending public events, seeking out records, observing etc.;
- generates and develops creative ideas for literary material;
- selects material for publication, checks style, grammar and accuracy of content, arranges for any necessary revisions and checks proof copies before printing;
- negotiates contracts with freelance agents and with buyer on behalf of writer;

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Teaching assistants

Teaching assistants assist teachers with their day-to-day classroom work and with routine administrative tasks.

Common tasks in this job:

- assists teacher with preparation or clearing up of classroom;
- looks after lesson materials such as paper, pencils and crayons;
- listens to children read, reads to them or tells stories;
- assists children with washing or dressing for outdoor and similar activities;

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To compare the Labour Market Information of different job roles that you might be interested in please visit the Careers section on the school website.

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Learn more about careers in sign language with these videos:



Careers Using Sign Language | ASL Stew
60K views • 5 years ago



So you love sign language, but just don't want to be an interpreter? What else can you do for a career? Here are some options....



<https://youtu.be/KtXrzu-UyMw>



Jobs - Sign Language Tutorials (BSL)
16K views • 5 years ago



BSL signs for lots of different jobs! Actor Boss Builder Bus Driver Chef Decorator Doctor Dentist Electrician Firefighter Gardener ...



<https://youtu.be/94f1kzidZEQ>



100 Basic Signs in British Sign Language (BSL)
459K views • 10 months ago



Learn 100 basic signs in British Sign Language with Commanding Hands! Don't forget to subscribe to our channel and watch our ...

<https://youtu.be/gMNHvXSW4iE>

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Click on the website links to research the job role further:

[British Sign Language interpreter | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[How to become a Registered Sign Language Interpreter \(RSLI\) – Remark!](#)

[So you want to be a sign language interpreter? : SL First Ltd](#)

[British Sign Language and Deaf Studies \(Foundation Entry\) at University of Central Lancashire - UCAS](#)

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<https://youtu.be/KtXrzu-UyMw>