

**1** Look at the photos and the title of the text. Do you know anyone who speaks sign language?

**2**  **2.46** Read and listen to the text. Match headings a–d to paragraphs 1–4.

- a Learn sign language!
- b A special language
- c Where is sign language important?
- d What is sign language?

**3** Read the sentences. Circle T (true) or F (false).

- 1 People who can't hear have got a special language. T / F
- 2 There is one sign language. T / F
- 3 There is one sign language alphabet. T / F
- 4 Sign language isn't important at home. T / F
- 5 Some TV programmes are in sign language. T / F

**4** The pictures show a certain word in British Sign Language alphabet. Go to page 106 and check the word. Can you show it with your hands?



## Sign language

- 1 ☒ **b** At school you can learn different languages, like English, French or Spanish. But there are special schools where teachers and students speak a sign language.
- 2 ☐ In sign language you can make letters and words with your hands. It's for people who can't hear. There are different sign languages and different sign language alphabets.
- 3 ☐ Sign language is important in schools and at home. All the family can learn sign language. They can speak to children who can't hear. Some TV programmes are in sign language too.
- 4 ☐ Are there children at your school who can't hear? You can learn sign language and make friends with them. There are sign language courses!



Twelve-year-old Jasmine and her best friend are always together. Her best friend isn't a girl or a boy. He's a very special dog, called Sweep.

Jasmine is an ordinary girl but she's got a problem – she can't hear. Think about it. She can't hear people, she can't hear music or the TV. She can't even hear cars in the street. It is sometimes very dangerous for her. But Jasmine is OK, because she's got Sweep, and Sweep is her ears! Sweep is a special 'hearing dog'. He can help Jasmine a lot. These days Jasmine can meet all her friends and hang out with them after school. Her parents can relax because Sweep is with her and she's safe.



1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



2 Complete the text with the words in the box.

friends hands hear Look

1 Look at these women. They can't <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, but they can make words with their <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. It's a special sign language. They can use it to speak to their <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and family.



3 Read the text and choose the best title. Circle the correct answer.

- a A dog helps a girl called Jasmine.
- b A girl called Jasmine helps her pet dog.
- c A dog called Sweep has got a problem.

4 Read the text again. Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Sweep is a boy / a dog.
- 2 Jasmine / Sweep can't hear.
- 3 Jasmine has got one friend / lots of friends.
- 4 Jasmine can / can't visit people.
- 5 Jasmine's mum and dad are / aren't always with her.

5 Read the text again. Match 1–6 to a–f.

- 1 ☒ b Jasmine has
  - 2 ☐ Sweep is Jasmine's
  - 3 ☐ Sweep can
  - 4 ☐ Jasmine's best friend
  - 5 ☐ Jasmine's parents
  - 6 ☐ Jasmine is safe
- a help Jasmine.
  - b got a problem.
  - c are happy.
  - d with Sweep.
  - e ears.
  - f is a dog.