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Auslan (Australian Sign Language) is the recognised language of the Australian Deaf Community. It is a visual spatial language represented through hand movements known as “signs”, facial expression and body language.

Auslan has a grammatical structure and word order which is different to that of English.

Auslan is not a universal language. It is unique to Australia, however it does share similarities to other signed languages around the world.

### What is Interpreting?

Interpreting is the act of transferring a message from one language into another in a culturally appropriate manner. Auslan interpreters faithfully render a message between two or more parties who do not share a common language.

The profession of Auslan interpreting is a highly specialised. Although there are similarities between English and Auslan, the interpreters’ role is to search for and provide equivalence in meaning.

### Who are Interpreters?

Interpreters are trained professionals who have nationally recognised accreditation through the National Accreditation Authority of Translators and Interpreters (NAATI)

The task of interpreting is extremely complex and requires the interpreter to simultaneously deconstruct and reconstruct the linguistic elements of two languages.

Interpreters are highly skilled professionals who work within the boundaries of a strict code of ethics.