

How Classifiers Work in American Sign Language

Handshape

The handshape represents the object or category of objects.

Example: CL:3 represents a vehicle.

Movement

The movement shows the action or what the object is doing.

Example: CL:3 moving forward shows a car driving.

Location (Space)

The location in signing space shows where the object is positioned or how objects relate to each other.

Example: A car parked next to another car.