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ASL 104: Lesson 9

A few more words about Signing: Deaf Culture

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK. Read the Culture section of this lesson then use what you've read to fill in each blank below [point values in brackets]. NOTE: There is one extra word.

Word Bank	alarm	alert
come into the room	electrical	late
light	never	note
tactile	vibration	visual

1) PERSONAL ALERT SYSTEMS FROM THE PAST.

Have you ever wondered how Deaf people know when to answer the door, pick up a phone, and check to see why their baby is crying? Or how they are able to wake up in the morning to go to work or catch an early morning flight out of an airport?

The answer is both simple and ingenious. They rely on gadgets that send a _____ or a _____ signal whenever a

sound is detected. The signal is typically a flashing _____ but it could be the _____ of a gadget attached to a belt

or placed under the pillow.

2) THE IN-PERSON WAKE-UP CALL.

Obviously, if there is a hearing person present, such as a hearing spouse or roommate then it is not unreasonable to

have this person _____ a Deaf person when the alarm goes off. Until the advent of _____ alerting devices this

was pretty much the norm.

But what happened if a Deaf person was in a hotel and needed a wake call?

One solution was simply to request that hotel personnel _____ and wake the deaf person up.

For the most part this was an adequate solution. But more than one person has told the story of waking up _____

and missing a flight because the hotel personnel _____ woke them up. Actually, in some of these cases the hotel

personnel at least tried to. One Deaf person woke up late and saw a _____ under his door that said, "It is 5:00, time

to get up."