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Hand movements used

Meaning

Index and middle fingers extended, held together and wiggled

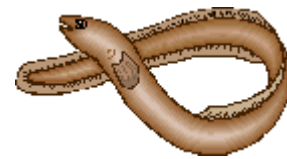


Fish

Use fish signal, and combine with gestures for big, small, beautiful, flat, round, long, bite, danger, yummy etc. -

Describes a particular fish.

Whole arm wiggling



Eel

Flat hand placed above head

Shark

One hand doing a biting motion - eyes WIDE!

Shark

Holding your hand upright on your forehead like a dorsal fin

Shark

Arms wide, then flat hand placed above head



big shark

Middle finger up, then arms wide, then flat hand placed above head

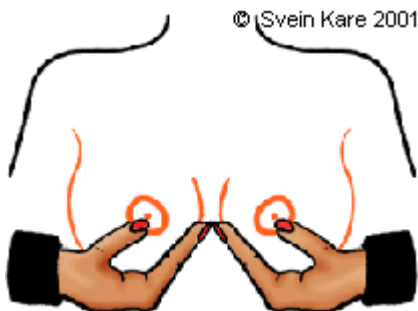
F**king big shark! :-)

Fists clenched, knuckles against ears, palms forward, elbows out to side.



Hammerhead

Make the shark sign and then pretend you're hammering



Make the shark sign and then do as if to lift both breasts with your hands

Nurse shark

Make the shark sign then hold up both hands like a cat showing his claws

Tiger shark

Make the shark sign with wide eyed staring and heavy breathing

Great White shark

A circle formed above the head with the thumbs and forefingers to look like

a 'halo'

An imaginary circle made over the head by rotating the index finger representing a 'halo'



Angelfish

Thumb and index finger as if holding a needle. Mime sewing action



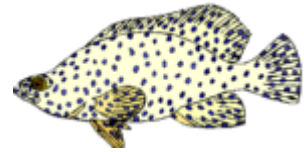
surgeonfish

Thumbs overlapped, all fingers extended and flapping together



butterfly fish

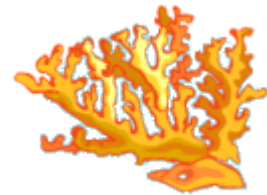
Reg out of mouth, mouth opened and closed



Grouper or Groper
(alternative way of spelling Grouper)

Suggestive 'groping' movements in the breast area

Forearm rolled outwards, wrist flexed, fingers extended and waggled at the joint where they meet the hand



Fire coral

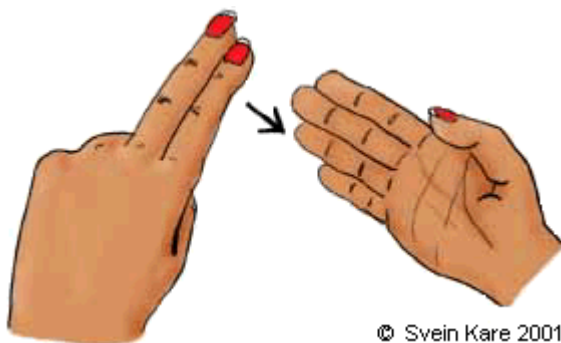
Put your downturned hand under your chin and wiggle your fingers



Octopus

Hands held flat, above one another, clapping whilst outstretched

Crocodile fish



Index and middle fingers held straight (the knife), other fingers curled up. Other hand held flat (the bread). Butter the bread

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Butterfish

Hand formed to look as if firing a gun, 'squeezing the trigger'



Triggerfish

The sign for unicornfish doesn't need describing! (NB, dependant on context, could indicate a childish insult!)



Unicornfish

One hand on top of the other, palms down, both sets of fingers aligned (slightly bowed down), thumbs sticking out to sides and then pushed into the hands rapidly and repeatedly.



A Turtle

Dive guide in the Red Sea points, fist clumps against top of head

Look at the big shark (with the eyes on stalks)



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Fingers intertwined facing up



Lion fish

Hand flat and vertical - make a slithering motion

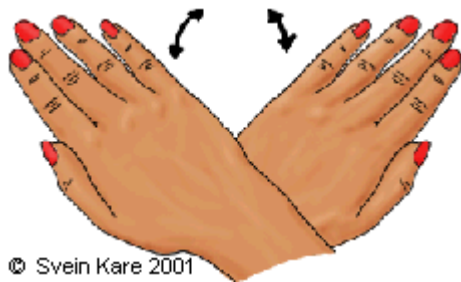


Sea snake

Hand flat and spread fingers and "swimming"



Ray or Stingray



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One hand over the other at the wrists (palms down) and waving good-bye with both hands in unison

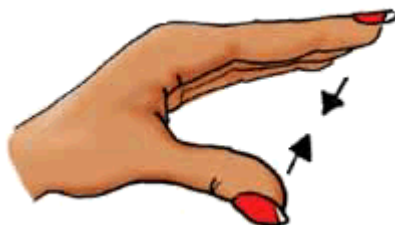


Large ray

One hand doing a biting motion



Moray Eel



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Opening and closing one hand like the gripper on a robot arm

Something small that nips

Doing this with both hands at the same time



crab/lobster

Making an open/closed motion with both hands like a Venus Flytrap

Something big that bites

Hands on top of head using index fingers like antennae



lobster / shrimp

Opening and closing fingers on one hand (cupped) and moving the hand further in one direction with each "pulse"



Jellyfish

Make the jelly fish sign and then poke a few times on your arm with index finger

Stinging jellyfish

Make the jelly fish sign and then shake your hand like "hot!"

Stinging jellyfish

A reverse clapping motion ie reverse hands so that outside of wrists are touching each other and bring hand together so back of fingers on each hand touch each other. Usually accompanied by vocal sounds of "ark ark" :-)



Seal

Make a nazi salute with right index finger under nose then side of hand on forehead.



Dolphin (adolf fin)
(Apologies to those offended but this is a genuine signal)

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