NON-MANUAL ADVERBIAL SIGNALS
of American Sign Language

1. "cha" = lips move as if saying "cha"; may or may not make actual sound.
   Out of the ordinary in size, bigger than usual, larger than expected ...

   Sentence Examples: ___________ t cha
   HOUSE, IX-there, HUGE

2. "intense" = clinched teeth, squinted eyes
   Think of this adverb as an intensifier e.g., very-_____. Things can be awfully large or tiny,
   surprisingly huge,
   of awfully great magnitude,
   to an unusually great degree,
   extreme amount...

   Sentence Examples: PAST + ME MEET MAN,
   ___________ intense
   IX-man TALL, WOW

3. "pah" = lips move as if saying "pah",
   typically do hear an actual sound.
   The completion of something that requires
   quite a degree of effort, sometimes along
   with a struggle of some kind...

   Sentence Examples: AGO ME OLD-16, ME
   WANT DRIVE LICENSE.
   FIRST TIME DRIVE TEST
   ME FAIL. SECOND TIME
   TEST, ME FAIL. THIRD TIME
   _______ PAH
   ME PASS, FINALLY

4. "mm" = lips together, eyebrows neutral,
   head slightly tilted to side.
   normally, regularly, things going along fine,
   as expected, nothing out of the ordinary,
   as usual...

   Sentence Examples: _______ mm
   NOW MORNING, ME DRIVE
   ARRIVE.
5. "th" = tongue slightly out and between teeth, exhale slowly, head tilted to side, eyes slightly squinted.

without paying attention, carelessly, sloppy, with no effort, often a negative feel...

**Sentence Examples:**

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HAPPEN DAUGHTER TIRED, ___________ th
 IX-she WALK CL-walk carelessly.
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6. "oo" (pursed lips) = lips move as if saying "oo", either inhale or exhale slowly depending on sign, eyes squinted, raised shoulders. extremely small, thin, narrow, smooth, quickly, easily, empty, void...

**Sentence Examples:**

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AGO MY SISTER FAT.
BUT IX-SHE STOP EAT,
WEIGHT DECREASE 200 POUNDS, __oo

NOW IX-she THIN
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7. "sta" = lips move as if saying "sta", may or may not make actual sound, eyebrows down, eyes squinted.

work hard again and again, stress...

**Sentence Examples:**

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_________ cond
#IF YOU WANT LEARN,
__sta
MUST STUDY ++
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8. cs = clinched teeth, cheek moves closer to shoulder (head tilted), one side of mouth raised.

close in time or space
"cs" = close in space, cheek to shoulder...

**Sentence Examples:**

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_________ cs t
RECENT, MY FRIEND 10
GROUP-GO-TO ELEVATOR cs
CROWDED, WOW
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9. **puff cheeks** = eyes squinted, puffed cheeks, head sometimes tilted to side.
   alot, huge number of, large,
   huge, of great magnitude (less than “intense”)...

   **Sentence Examples:**
   
   NOW CHRISTMAS, SANTA
   TO BRING-PLAY-THINGS
   
   puff cheeks
   CL-large pile WILL.

10. **“la la la la...”** = eyes squinted, head tilted to side,
    tongue moves left to right,
    (sort of like “la, la, la, la”)... 

    exaggerated, to continue on and on...(not been researched
    or documented yet (will have different label...stay tuned!)

   **Sentence Examples:**
   
   TEACH +AGENT MEETING
   TEND -TO CONTINUE
   _______ lalala
   LONG + TIME.

11. **“pow”** = eyes squinted, eyebrows down, mouth moves as if
    saying “pow”, typically do hear an actual sound, sudden,
    tense opening of the mouth.
    movement of something such as people who scatter, bomb
    that explodes, volcano that erupts. etc...

   **Sentence Examples:**
   
   __________ cond
   HAPPEN WALL CL-collapsed,
   _______ pow
   PEOPLE TO-SCATTER.

12. **“Tense mm”** = tense lips, eyebrows raised as if you are giving an extra attention to carry the box
    such as glasses in it, etc.

   **Sentence Examples:**
   
   __________ tense mm
   IX-THERE MY ROOM PLEASE CAREFUL CARRY GLASS THERE
13. "zz" = clinched teeth, constant of eye squinted as if you are showing in such a stress, being in a hurry, don’t know what to do…

**Sentence Examples:**

ME WORK MORNING TIME 8 ME GET UP LATE HURRY DRESS KEYS

ZOOM WORK LUCKY ARRIVE ON TIME!

14. "FSH" = lips move as if saying ‘finish’; emphasize that you are finished, and also can mean your behavior for whatever reason needs to stop

**Sentence Examples:**

FSH

ME HOMEWORK DONE

15. "AV – AV" = lips move as if saying ‘have have’; confirmation that you have “something”

**Sentence Examples:**

Q AV-AV

MY FRIEND IX-HE ASK ME CAR KEY ME HAVE I HAVE

16. L-R(up & down) = your tongue is moving up & down; expect you to look at something

**Sentence Examples:**

L-R

IX-her TAP SHOULDER “LOOK” CAR FANCY WOW

17. L-R(side & side) = your tongue is moving side & side; long distance, far

**Sentence Examples:**

L-R

BASEBALL PLAYER HIT HOMERUN FAR
NON-MANUAL ADVERBIAL SIGNALS......PRACTICE SENTENCES

1. “th”
   a. After studying her linguistics text for six hours, Mary stood up and staggered to her bedroom and turned in.
   b. Phil wasn’t paying attention and bumped into Lee’s fish tank knocking it to the floor and all the water went all over the place!

2. “mm”
   a. Paula had a medium pizza, and a medium soda for lunch.
   b. Denise sat next to Ed at the bus stop and read the morning newspaper as usual.

3. “puff cheeks”
   a. Bernie didn’t realize his ink pen leaked. He put it in his shirt pocket, and later saw the huge black ink spot on his shirt from the leaking pen!
   b. Toni’s 350 pound cat sat down on the end of the bench suddenly sending Toni flying through the air!

4. “pursed lips”
   a. The water on the lake was as smooth as glass.
   b. Melinda’s new boyfriend is the guy with the crew cut and wire rimmed glasses standing over there by the water fountain.

5. “intense/ee”
   a. Last year at the Pumpkin Show I saw the world’s largest pumpkin pie, it was huge!
   b. Barbara fed her pet ant way too much, and now it stands three inches tall!! WOW!!

6. "cs"
   a. Martin left an hour ago, but Sally just left!!
   b. I was enjoying the football game until this 350 pound fella sat down next to me. Wow, was it ever a tight fit!

7. “cha”
   a. Have you seen Martha’s wedding ring? It’s a 22 carat diamond!!
   b. Have you seen Bubba’s new belt buckle? It must be 10 inches in diameter!!
8. “sta”
   a. I struggled unsuccessfully for three hours to open the window only to have my daughter tell me that it was locked! DUH!!
   b. I studied really hard all last night for the geography test this morning. I wasted my time because I flunked the test anyway!

9. “pow”
   a. For some unknown reason, Raoul placed his new bowling ball on the top shelf in the living room. It came crashing down when Emil slammed the front door.
   b. Chuck had warned Beth repeatedly about not eating in class. When she came back from break with a large deep-dish pizza and began munching away, Chuck blew his top!!

10. “pah”
   a. Mary tried in vain for the past three years to get into an ASL I class. Finally this past quarter, she got in one!
   b. Eunice asked thirteen men to marry her and they all turned her down. Then she got down on her knees for the fourteenth try and the guy said “Yes!”