

“Guatemalan Sign Language [gsm] (A language of [Guatemala](#))

- **Alternate Names:** Lensegua
- **Location:** Scattered.
- **Language Status:** 6a (Vigorous).
- **Typology:** Mostly one-handed fingerspelling system derived from French Sign Language[[fsl](#)].
- **Language Use:** Many audilogically deaf people learn Guatemalan Sign Language in their teens or later, after initial exposure to Spanish or the indigenous language of their community; actual proficiency in each language varies widely. Some hearing people sign; most such people have deaf parents or siblings.”

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