Cued Speech Chart British English Rule 2 Rule 1 **Consonants** on their **Vowels** on their own: Side placement Handshape 5 own: Rule 3 **Consonant** followed by a vowel: TO GE THER /2h//the///h/ 1 John (Jairl). \lay\\lear\\ 1/1/ PI (OW) |/put/\/tar/\ /t/ /w/ /TH/ /e/ 1091 /moor/ 141 **/y/** /ee/ 161 \/tur/\ 151 /d/ /it/ **/o/** /aw/ 121 /m/ /uh/ /L/ /n/ /g/ /ng/ /at/ 11/ 1/00/ /up/ TWO Placements
(Always end with handshape 5) 11/ /ch/ Throat Side SF/SD Handshapes Chin Mouth **Placements**

How to cue words

Consonant & Vowel **Blends** Rule Rule 2

Handshapes show consonant sounds

Hand **placements** show **vowel** sounds







Putting handshapes onto placements shows how we blend those sounds together when we speak

Remember: We only cue how words sound not how they are written

You simply need to apply the three rules to any word you want to cue

Rule 1 – a consonant sound on its own (no vowel after it) is cued in the side position

eg the /p/ sound at the end of the word 'cup' would be cued by putting the number 1 handshape // in the side position as you say the /p/ sound





Rule 2 – a vowel sound on its own (no consonant before it) is cued using the number 5 handshape // to indicate the placement of that sound

eg the |ee| sound at the start of the word 'eat' is cued by placing the number 5 handshape |e| at the mouth as you say the /ee/ part of that word (you would then bring that same handshape out to the side position to show the /t/ part of the word)

Rule 3



Rule 3 – a consonant sound followed by a vowel sound is cued 'as one' by placing the appropriate handshape onto the vowel position as you say both sounds to ge ther

eg 'pea' is cued by placing the number 1 handshape // at the mouth as you say the word

Two Placements

Diphthongs are vowel sounds that are cued by touching two of the other vowel placements in one smooth movement (this is because we pronounce these sounds as a blend of two vowels)

eg the lay sound in the word 'day' is made up of the le sound (which we cue on the chin) blended into the li sound (which we cue at the throat) so to cue /ay/ simply start at the chin placement and move your hand down to the throat as you say the sound

NB The second 'half' of any diphthong is **always** cued with the number 5 handshape // (Rule 2)

eg to cue 'day' place the number 1 handshape / for /d/ onto the chin /e/ (Rule 3) and then move the hand down to the throat placement for the /i/ (Rule 2) by the time the hand lands at the throat it should be in the number 5 shape.