Part III
Lexicon

The present Part introduces the reader to the Lexicon of LIS.

The first Chapter [LEXICON 1] illustrates the signs, displaying fixed phonological patterns, shared by the community of signers. These signs belong to the native lexicon. The chapter follows the common distinction between core and non-core lexicon and describes the morphophonological properties of each category.

The second Chapter [LEXICON 2] explains the processes whereby signs belonging to other languages (signed or spoken) become part of the LIS lexicon. These forms belong to the non-native lexicon.

The last Chapter [LEXICON 3], which deals with parts of speech, offers a detailed description of the lexical and functional elements found in the LIS Lexicon.