

Round Square Hero's of Discovery Sidekick Competition

Auslan Annie

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Once upon a time there were two sisters Cara and Annie. Cara was known as Communication Cara. She was really good at talking. She would listen to others and respect their views. She could help anyone feel better just by listening and using kind words.

Annie was her quiet little sister and saw the world differently. When Annie was little, she noticed that some people used their hands to talk and others used devices to type their thoughts instead of speaking them out loud. Annie wanted to talk to them too. So, she watched and learned hand signs for hours and hours until she mastered Australian Sign Language – Auslan! Auslan is a special language that non-hearing and non-verbal people use in Australia. Instead of talking with words, they use their hands, faces, and body to say things. It's not just English in signs, it's a real language all by itself!

One day, Cara got asked to help with a big Hero's of Discovery meeting with people from all over the world. But when she got there, she found out that not everyone could communicate with words. Some people were deaf and some couldn't speak. Cara looked worried.

Annie saw the problem asked her sister if she could help. Annie stood next to Cara and used her hands, face and body to sign everything Cara was saying. The people smiled and signed back. All the hero's thought it was the coolest thing. Everyone started understanding each other.

Thanks to Annie, the big meeting was a big success. Everyone learned that you don't just need words to talk. You can use hands and hearts. Now Annie has her own special name, 'Auslan Annie.'

The two sisters, Communication Cara and Auslan Annie, travel the world together to make sure every voice is understood, they make sure no one gets left out. They love communicating together and even have the clash name of the 'Word and Sign Warriors.'

Every day Auslan Annie finds people who cannot communicate verbally and likes to make there day by signing hand to hand. Annie always knows what to sign to others whether they feel, happy, mad, sad, scared or sick.

Annie says, "It's always a good idea to learn a few signs, so if you meet someone who cannot hear or speak, you can still say hello!"

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