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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Sign is like a tree.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Long time ago, just a dry ceiling, nothing, useless, oppressed deep in the ground, covered with the dirt of bare farmland surrounding.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Years and years have gone by. Pop, a sprout, two sprouts, three, four, a tree!

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Branches here and there, unusual, lovely, natural, creative, expressive.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Buildings and people surround the tree. Other trees on its side, in its rows, in proper sentence, neatly trimmed.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Wait a minute, I made a mistake, oh yeah.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Trees, in proper sentence, neatly trimmed, and boring. But people say sentential trees perfect, wonderful!

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: People say tree isn't perfect. Doesn't fit the town and people.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Tree, is not a good true tree. People say it's a good idea to put chimps in a tree to swing and play on it.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: People say it's a good idea to put the tree in a forest with so many trees so people can't see it.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: But I don't agree.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Better, a little girl and the tree blended.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Strong, proud, tall.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Spreading out its arms for all to see, to sign. [audience applause]

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: Whenever, I'm open for any questions, do you have any?

[SILENCE] Deaf people, sign language, poetry, anything?

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<i>Speaker 2</i>: How long did you study sign?

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<i>Speaker 3</i>: How long did you study sign, is the question.

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<i>Speaker 1</i>: My parents are deaf, so I grew up, uh, with signing, but studying sign language, as a language, only in the last few years, maybe 5 or 6 years, studying it as a language.



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