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<i>Jan DeLap/Sheila Grinell (interpreter)</i>: and I looked at her and I, strange request. So, I went to the bathroom and I got toilet paper.

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I brought it back, and she looked at me and she said "What's that?" and I said "You asked for toilet paper!" and she said "No, I said 'salt and pepper'."

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But when I lip read her it was, it looked like that, s- think about it, say it to yourself. Salt and pepper, toilet paper. It's almost the same. [[laughter]]

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<i>Jo Radner</i>: There are very few Deaf cooking traditions and that's not one of them. [[laughter]] Thank you.

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How about some of the jokes that are staples in clubs, and meetings. How about, for instance the story about the motel, or, the motel, the honeymooners.

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Or the story about the tree.

<i>Steve Jones</i>: The tree?

<i>Jo Radner</i>: The tree. Would one of you like to show that story? You know that one?

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<i>Dick Moore/Sheila Grinell (interpreter)</i>: OK, I'll save parts of that for later. OK. Um, I'll give you one story though.

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Ten birds were on a telephone wire, and a man shot at them, and all of them flew away and there was one left sitting. Ah. It was a deaf bird. [[laughter]]

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<i>Jo Radner</i>: Is that, is that story sometimes used as a riddle? For kids?

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<i>Dick Moore/Sheila Grinell (interpreter)</i>: Mmm-hmmm. Mmm-hmmm. [[affirmative]]

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<i>Jo Radner</i>: And another question that I had and then I'm going to ask if these people have questions. Another question I wanted to ask you is, with the fingerspelling games, where you're spelling a word? Or if you're doing the same kind of thing telling a story with numbers.

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Can you show a number story by the way, before I ask my question, could you show one?



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