



Sign Language Rocks

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In the past few decades, live concerts—whether rock, folk, or opera—have undergone a **revolution** in accessibility for people with deafness. A new law passed in 1990 requires public events to provide an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter when requested, which means song lyrics are interpreted with hand signs at concerts. For a long time, though, the music itself was not. Today, however, interpreters are working hard to make sure their audiences



How have live concerts become more accessible for people with deafness since 1990?



ASL interpreters translate the words of songs.



More concerts include different types of music.



ASL interpreters involve audience members.



More concerts have become public events.

