

SIGN OF + NOUN

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something showing that something else exists or might happen or exist in the future: Sign of improvement, trouble, emotion, times, etc.

Be a sign of

- Clouds **are** often a **sign of** rain.
- His inability to handle the situation **is a sure sign of** weakness.

Be a sign of the times (phrase)

something that is typical of the (bad) way things are now:

- These riots **are a sign of the times**.
- Having metal detectors in schools **is a sign of the times**.

Be seen as a sign of

- This move will **be seen as a sign of** weakness.

Show sign/signs of

- At last, his work is **showing some sign of** improvement.
- He **showed no sign of** remorse.
- The economy was beginning to **show signs of** recovery.

Take something as a sign of

- Ann **took his silence as a sign of** rejection.

There is no/little etc sign of something:

- There was **little sign of** any regret on her part.

There is no sign of someone (phrase)

used to say that someone is not in a place or cannot be found.

- The London train was on time, but **there was no sign of** Mike.

There are no/few signs of something:

- There **were few signs of** an upturn in the economy.