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American Sign Language Basics

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Course Description

This is a fun course to learn the basics of American Sign Language. The emphasis is to build a usable sign language vocabulary and beginners level ASL structure. Additionally, students will develop appropriate grammar through expressive and receptive signing skills. Handouts and other online resources we will provide. Please note, our classes are hands-on and activity focused. Students will receive homework assignments to help them retain the information they learn during class.

Course Objectives

- Students will learn the Manual Alphabet
- Learn the days of the week
- Negation and Affirmations when conversing in ASL
- ASL Sentence Structure – ASL Grammar
- How to ask questions using the Whq and general grammar facial movements
- Learn basic conversational phrases

Course Outline

- ASL Alphabet
- WH and General questions
- Signing Introductions and Personal Information
- Strategies to get a Deaf persons attention

Tip: Which hand to use when signing? The answer is, your dominate hand. If you are right handed, your right hand will do all the moving, and if your left handed your left hand does the moving. The non-dominate hand is a bit more stationary but it gets a bit of a workout too! 😊❤️👉

American Sign Language – Class 1

Basics Vocabulary:

- [Hello](#)
- [Welcome](#)
- [ASL](#)
- [Class](#)
- [Copy Me](#)
- [Watch Me](#)
- [You](#)
- [I \(me\)](#)
- [Teacher](#)
- [Teaching](#)
- [Student](#)
- [Learning](#)
- [Name](#)
- [What = \(?\)](#)
- [Affirm & Negate](#)
- [Goodbye](#)

Activity:

- ASL Manual Alphabet
- Fingerspell Your Name

Putting into Practice:

Hello, I Name _____ I (affirm)

You Name (WHAT)? (Brows go down head tilts)

I Student I (affirm)

I Learning ASL I (affirm)

Homework:

- ✦ Practice the ASL Alphabet along with Tina Marie: <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cYjllwGvOi>
- ✦ Practice Fingerspelling your name and the names of your family, friends and pets. Aim to fingerspell faster and faster until you become comfortable with the movements

- ✦ Click on and print out the puzzle on the following Link and challenge your visual fingerspelling skills:

<http://asluniversity.com/asl101/fingerspelling/fingerseek/fingerseek001.pdf>

- ✦ Find a partner in class and practice greeting and sharing your names.
- ✦ Join the fun at Fishbowl ASL Friday! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/151506549167>

