



Fingerspelling Practice, Pronouns, & Possessives

ASL Manual Alphabet:

For a video review of the ABCs, go to *Learn How To Sign*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHyG7iz3ork>

To improve your fingerspelling receptivity skills, go to ASL.MS: <https://asl.ms/>

Fingerspelling Quiz:

We're going to take our own fingerspelling quiz, but for more practice, go

to *Learn How To Sign*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25XUwHErhk>

Using Fingerspelling to speak in ASL

Point to someone in the room and ask them one of these questions. Once they answered using only fingerspelling, they can ask someone else.

What is your favorite hobby? FAVORITE H-O-B-B-Y YOU (WH quest)

What is your favorite food? FAVORITE FOOD YOU (WH quest)

Where did you grow up? YOU GROW UP WHERE (WH quest)

What's your favorite pet's name? FAVORITE P-E-T NAME WHAT (WH quest)



ASL Pronouns & Possessives

Unlike English and other foreign languages, the personal pronouns are the same whether it is the subject or object of the sentence. For example, you would use your index finger to point to yourself to express both 'I' or 'me'.

For each pronoun, you will be pointing to indicate who you are talking about. For possessive signs, you will be using a flat hand with fingers together as if you are pushing something towards them that belongs to the person.

(NOTE: For 'self' pronouns, an 'A-hand' replaces the flat hand and follows the same movement as the possessive forms.

PRONOUNS

I/Me - Index finger points to self, center chest

You (Sing.) - Signer points to person spoken to

He/She/It - Signer points to side person

We/Us - Touch index finger to Dominant shoulder, then bring it around in a circle to include all in front, then touch Non-dominant shoulder

You (plural) - Index finger circles in front but does not include the signer. Or can point to several specific people (for example, you, you and you)

They/Them - signer circles group to the side, or points to individuals to the side

POSSESSIVES

My - Flat hand, fingers together, palm on chest

Your - Signer puts flat hand palm out to person

His/Hers/Its - Flat palm towards a side person

Our - Flat palm follows path of 'we/us' from shoulder to shoulder to indicate it all belongs to us

Your - Flat palm pushes out around the circle to all or to several individuals (yours, yours and yours)

Theirs - signer uses flat palm to the side group to indicate pushing something towards them

Additional Vocabulary - Sign Language & Music:

We'll be using some of the songs from Sunday mornings at Action Church as part of our ASL vocabulary. The Lyrics/ASL gloss sheets and practice videos are out on BOX so you can use them anytime you'd like.

<https://app.box.com/s/sjk7winecpmjhd8w602i1hk5eleijkbn>

FOR NEXT WEEK: Try to watch the LEARN HOW TO SIGN video on Learning Numbers:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4stD_ypaAI&list=PLMN7QCuj6dfaO7v-Oqkg3Bjq0XOT3c07X