



THE BASICS OF ASL QUESTION & RESPONSE

The following vocabulary and sentences are taken from *'The Basics of ASL Question & Response'* on the Learn How to Sign YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nlkMn1p0ic>

When asking questions in ASL, there are 2 main forms of question.

1. For **WH questions** (who, what, where, why, when and how) your eyebrows will go down at the end.
2. For **Yes/No questions**, your eyebrow will go up at the end.

QUESTION WORDS:

Who

What

Where

Why

How

Yes / No

Name

Deaf

Hearing

Hard-of-Hearing

Live

Bathroom

Understand

Learn

Help

Want

Happy

Fine

So-so

Bad

Bored

Busy

Confused

Excited

Good/Well

Tired

Mad

Nothing

Sad

Same Ol'

Scared

Sick

Sleepy

PRONOUNS:

I-(me)/My/Myself

You/Your/Yourself (sing.)

He/His/Himself
(same for She & It)

We-(us)/Our/Ourselves

You/Your/Yourselves (pl.)

They-(them)/Theirs/Themselves

PRACTICE QUESTION & RESPONSE

How are you?

I am (excited, confused, etc).

What is your name?

My name is _____.

Where do you live?

I live in Texas.

Are you hearing?

Yes, I am hearing. What about you?

Where is the bathroom?

The bathroom is over there.

Are you learning ASL?

Yes, I am learning ASL.

Do you understand?

No, I don't understand.

Do you want help?

Yes, you can help me.

HOW YOU (WH-?)

ME [Choose appropriate sign] ME

YOU NAME WHAT YOU (WH-?)

MY NAME (fs) [YOUR NAME]

YOU LIVE WHERE YOU (WH-?)

I LIVE (fs) [CITY/STATE]

YOU HEARING YOU (Y/N-?)

YES, ME HEARING ME (Pause) YOU (WH-?)

BATHROOM WHERE (WH-?)

BATHROOM THERE (point to bathroom)

YOU ASL LEARN YOU (WH-?)

YES, ME ASL LEARN ME

YOU UNDERSTAND YOU (Y/N-?)

NO ME UNDERSTAND (neg.) ME

YOU HELP WANT YOU (Y/N-?)

YES HELP-ME