



Welcome!

Collateral Breakdown:

You will need to following pages this week to become familiar with terminology, resources and the ASL manual alphabet. All of these are foundations of what is to come in the next few weeks.



Sign Language 101, the ABCs and Basic Introductions:

Using fingerspelling and the manual alphabet, practice spelling out your name, city, street, and any other interesting words and insert them into the following ASL phrases.

ENGLISH PHRASE

What is your name?

My name is [your name-fingerspelled].

What is his/her name (point to someone)?

His/Her name is (fingerspell name).

Nice to meet you.

I don't know. / I don't understand.

ASL GLOSS (WHAT YOU WOULD SIGN)

YOUR NAME (WH question)

MY NAME [(fs-fingerspell name)]

HIS/HER NAME HE/SHE (WH question)

HIS/HER [NAME (fs)] HE/SHE

NICE MEET YOU.

I KNOW (neg-negation) / I UNDERSTAND (neg)

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

Sign Language & Music:

Just as music is poetic and uses verbal imagery to tell a story, ASL uses a combination of signs, expressions, body movement, acting and symbolism to convey the meaning and tone of music. When signing for music, there's more to it than just finding the exact signs that match the words—we can convey deeper meanings.

We will be using different worship songs from church as part of our lessons for several reasons. The first is that as we go through the vocabulary, we'll learn the challenges of interpreting the meaning of the song rather than just translating the words.

Next, it gives us opportunity to learn new signs and expressions and practice flowing from one to another just like speaking is more than just saying words, signing has a flow that needs to be practiced. The more you practice moving from one sign to another, the more comfortable you will be communicating.

The most important reason is to realize that worship is more than just music and singing with our voice. We can deepen our worship by using our hands and body. The deaf love music, and to worship God even if they can't 'hear' the music. Our expressions of true worship come from our heart, not our hands or mouth.

There are a few videos out on the BOX.com archive that you can watch and try to learn along:
<https://app.box.com/s/sjk7winecpmjhd8w602i1hk5eleijkbn>