

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

TEXT

Everyone Here Spoke Sign Language
American Sign Language The Easy Way
American Sign Language Dictionary

PREREQUISITES

Complete function of at least one hand

OBJECTIVES

- Develop reception skills
- Develop delivery skills
- Develop skills in reading and writing the specialized form of ASL
- Develop an understanding of sentence structure in ASL
- Acquire a functional vocabulary in ASL
- Become familiar with the Deaf culture

CONTENT

- Reception: Demonstration comprehension of short passages, dialogues, or conversations
- Delivery: Sign the alphabet fluently; conduct a short talk or conversation using ASL
- Reading: Understand the written form of ASL; the translate a text using ASL
- Writing: Write basic dialogues

SKILLS

See Objectives

METHODS

- Paired Work
- Role Playing
- Translating

- Pattern Drills
- Deaf Days
- Lecture/Reading Assignments on Deaf Culture
- Dialogue Writing

GRADING/CREDITS

Grades are based on:

- 25% Daily work
- 25% Group Work
- 25% Quizzes and Tests
- 25% Participation

All work must be completed to earn full credit.

INDIVIDUALIZATION

The teacher will give individual attention to students who appear to have some difficulties. For the students who might be ahead of the group, additional readings or dialogues will be assigned. Advanced students may also be asked to tutor students who need help.

ABSENCES/TARDIES

Students must come to class prepared and on time. Work missed must be made up. Excessive absences and tardiness will result in lowered credit.