

Week 13 Assignment: ASL 100L

1. Review and memorize vocabulary in Learning American Sign Language (LASL) 1-10 and Signing Naturally Units 1-5. Drill yourself on vocabulary until recognition of each sign is automatic. Go over your class and lab notes. If your teacher has taught you any signs that are not in either book, take time to remember and practice them now.
2. Read the glossed representation of the signed dialogues in Unit 11 of Learning American Sign Language (LASL). Work with one dialogue at a time. Copy the signers until you are comfortable signing each dialogue on your own.
3. After signing the dialogues in Unit 11, read the grammar and cultural information and take notes. Notice that signs such as CAN, WILL, WON'T, CAN'T, MUST, SHOULD, and NOT are often placed at the end of an ASL sentence. Other signs that often go at the end of an ASL sentence are SOMETIMES, NEVER, ALWAYS and OFTEN.
4. Practice signing all exercises in Unit 11. In Exercise 11B, the authors ask you to use NONE as a contraction with “for a long time” or “for awhile”. The sign used for this concept is SINCE/UP-TO-NOW p. 108). It also asks you to use topic/comment structure. Don't forget the subject pronoun (I, HE/SHE, THEY, etc.). The sentences should look like this: BOB (eyebrows raised and pause slightly), SEE^NONE UP-TIL-NOW I. In English this would mean, “I haven't seen Bob in a long time.”
5. Make up three yes/no and three ‘wh’ questions using ASL vocabulary that you have learned. Practice signing each question, making sure to raise your eyebrows throughout each yes/no question and keep your eyebrows squeezed throughout each ‘wh’ question. Record yourself on videotape making sure to raise your eyebrows throughout the entire yes/no question and keep your eyebrows squeezed throughout the entire ‘wh’ question.

6. Watch the videotape of yourself signing. Can you clearly see your eyebrows? Do they stay up throughout each of the yes/no questions? Are they scrunched throughout each of the 'wh' questions?
7. Complete workbook exercises in Signing Naturally, Unit 6 and in the unit following Unit 6, which is called Cumulative Review 1-6. Remember that it is normal to rewind several times. Read the workbook instructions carefully and record your answers on a separate piece of paper. Check your answers in the back of the book. If you gave more than two incorrect answers in any given section, watch the videotape again to figure out why you got it wrong, then turn your paper over and do the exercise again.
8. Study information and preview vocabulary in LASL, Unit 11.
9. Have a great week! ☺