

## **Week 5 Assignment: ASL 100L**

1. Review and memorize vocabulary in Learning American Sign Language (LASL) 1-3 and Signing Naturally Units 1 and 2. Drill yourself on vocabulary until recognition of each sign is automatic. Go over your class notes. If your teacher has taught you any new signs that are not either book, take time to remember and practice them now.
2. Read the glossed representation of the signed dialogues in Unit 3 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. Practice signing the ten questions used for the “Question Types” exercise in Signing Naturally Unit 2 (p. 9). Remember to practice the facial grammar (non-manual signals) that denotes question types in ASL.

Bring in a blank videotape if you have not already done so. Please bring in a new video that has not been used before; this equipment is heavily used and new videos will keep the equipment in better working condition. Videotape yourself signing the ten questions. Be sure to use the appropriate non-manual behaviors discussed on the previous page (p.8). Look directly into the camera so you will be able to see your face clearly.

Practice signing the questions as many times as you want before recording yourself on videotape. You will need to use two carrels to do this assignment. Watch a question in one carrel, and then stop the tape and record yourself signing the same question in a second carrel. If all of the carrels are in use, ask a lab assistant to set up a separate camera to record your work.

4. Watch the video of yourself signing questions. Pay special attention to your non-manual behaviors. If you did not look directly into the camera and it is difficult to tell whether or not you produced the non-manual behaviors appropriately, record the sentences again. Are your eyebrows up for all five yes/no

questions? Do they remain up throughout the question, or are they back to a neutral position by the end of the question? If you notice that they return to a neutral position, try again. Are your eyebrows squeezed together for all five 'wh' questions? Is your head tilted slightly forward and are you holding the final sign in each question? Compare your non-manual behaviors to those of the Deaf signers on the SN video. You do not need to turn in your video, but keep it as a video portfolio to record your improvement over the course of the semester and throughout your ASL studies.

5. Study information in LASL, Unit 3. Have you seen your teacher change the direction of verb movement in order to indicate the subject and object of a sentence? What examples does the book give of verbs that can change the direction of their movement? Remember to take notes.
6. Practice and review numbers 1-10. Remember that there are drawings of the numbers on the inside front cover of LASL.
7. Carefully read Unit 3 and take notes on cultural or grammatical information in Signing Naturally, Level 1 (SN). Remember to take notes for use on next week's self-test on vocabulary and any culture, language, or grammar notes in either book. You will be allowed to use your notes during the test, but you will not be allowed to use your books or flashcards. The test will cover vocabulary, grammatical, and cultural information in LASL Units 1-3 and SN Units 1-3.
8. Look for the key phrases in Conversation 1 printed in bold in the workbook. Copy the signs used to express the highlighted phrases. Copy the key concepts again, making sure to include facial expressions. Repeat the exercise for Conversation 2.
9. Complete workbook exercises in SN Unit 3 and submit to a lab assistant for credit.