

Week 15 Assignment: ASL 101L

1. Review and memorize vocabulary in Learning American Sign Language (LASL) Units 1-21 and Signing Naturally Units 6-10 and Unit 12. 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 in these units, take time to remember and practice them now.
2. Read the glossed representation of the signed dialogues in Learning American Sign Language (LASL) Unit 22. After reading each dialogue, watch the corresponding section of the video. Copy the signers until you are comfortable signing the dialogues on your own. Watch the signers again, paying particular attention to facial expression. Copy the signers again, making sure to include facial expressions and non-manual signals.
3. Last week you were to ask your parents and grandparents, or other people you know who have been alive longer than you, about their job histories. What did they do at each job? How much did they earn? What kinds of work have you done? If you have never had a job, what kinds of chores are you responsible at your house? What job do you think you would like to do? What kind of career do you think you might find interesting? Videotape yourself signing about at least four jobs that you or someone you know have held.
4. Do workbook exercises in Signing Naturally, CR Units 7-12 (the unit after Unit 12). You will not be required to do Unit 11, but if you have time and would like to tackle it, the lab assistants will be happy to help if you get stuck. 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.

5. Study and practice using each grammatical feature discussed in Unit 22. Remember to take good notes on information you learn from both LASL and SN.
6. Practice exercises in Unit 22 of LASL.
7. Learning a new language is a difficult process, but it can be fun too. If you are planning to continue learning ASL, you may want to videotape yourself one last time this semester so you can look back later and compare your expressive signing skills to see how much you've learned. If so, here is an optional assignment. Think of a favorite children's story. Remembering the ASL stories that you watched this semester, how do you think a Deaf parent would sign that story to his or her Deaf child? Do your best to sign the story so that the child would understand it and be entertained. Keep in mind that mime, gestures, and facial expressions are wonderful ways to make a story visually entertaining. Videotape yourself signing the story by next Saturday.
8. Preview information and vocabulary in LASL, Units 23 and 24.
9. We are approaching the end of the semester, so next week the last set of assignment guidelines will be posted. You may check with a lab assistant to find whether or not you have accumulated enough hours during the semester to receive credit for ASL 101L. Have a great week!