

## **Week 5 Assignment: ASL 101L**

1. Review and memorize vocabulary in Learning American Sign Language (LASL) Units 1-13. 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 units 1-13, take time to remember and practice them now.
2. Read the glossed representation of the signed dialogues in Learning American Sign Language (LASL) Units 1-13. 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. Study and practice using each grammatical feature discussed in units 1-13. Remember to take good notes on information you learn from both LASL and SN.
4. Practice exercises in Units 1-13 of LASL.
5. Review the videotape and workbook exercises in Units 6-9 of SN. Do an extensive review of vocabulary, grammar and culture in LASL 1-13 and SN 6-9.
6. Practice signing the twelve sentences used for the “Sentence Types” exercise in Signing Naturally CR Unit 1-6 (pp. 72-73). Remember to practice the facial grammar (non-manual signals) that denotes question types and negation in ASL.
7. 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 sentences. Be sure to use the appropriate non-manual signals. Look directly into the camera so you will be able to see your face clearly.

Practice signing the sentences as many times as you want before you record yourself. You will need to use two carrels to do this

assignment. Watch a sentence in one carrel, and then stop the tape and record yourself signing the same sentence 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.

8. Watch the video of yourself signing. Pay special attention to your non-manual signals. 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 yes/no questions? Are they squeezed together for all 'wh' questions? Is your head tilted slightly forward and are you holding the final sign in each question? Do you shake your head to show negation? 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.