

Module 4 Assignment: ASL 205L

1. Review vocabulary in Learning American Sign Language (LASL) Units 1-23. It is important for you to memorize vocabulary. Have you made flashcards? 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 1-23 or if you are farther along in your class, take time to remember and practice all vocabulary before you go on.
2. Watch Learning American Sign Language (LASL) Unit 24. Read the glossed representation of the signed dialogues provided in your textbook. Copy the signers until you are comfortable signing the dialogues on your own. Watch the signers again, paying particular attention to facial expression and non-manual signals. Copy the signers again, making sure to copy their facial expressions and grammar.
3. Re-read the grammar and culture notes in Units 17-19 of LASL. Study and practice using each grammatical feature that the textbook discusses. How is a verb inflected in ASL to show that an action is done repeatedly or frequently? Continually? What kind of mouth movements are used to show that the action is done without effort? Carelessly or without thinking? With intensity or effort? Carefully or deliberately? Remember to take good notes on information you learn from both LASL and SN.
4. Practice signing exercises in LASL Units 17-19. Although you may have completed these units, take this time to make sure you have a solid understanding of the vocabulary and grammatical features included in these units.
5. Review the videotape and complete workbook exercises in Unit 11 of SN, Level 1. Be aware that it takes time to get used to this workbook and video. You may choose go back to an earlier unit or even the beginning of the workbook. Earlier lessons are easier, so they won't take much time and may be a very good investment. ***You will have to rewind several times in order to complete the exercises.*** You may

find Unit 11 to be a bit challenging. Many students have trouble with this unit. If you get stuck, be sure to ask a lab assistant for help.

6. On September 11th, our nation suffered a great tragedy. Practice signing to someone about where you were and what you were doing when you heard the news. What was your first reaction? Be sure to use topic/comment structure in your stories. See pages LASL 307-309 for more tips.
7. If you have not already done so, bring a blank videotape to use in the lab. Please bring in a new video that has not been used before as this equipment is heavily used and new videos will keep the equipment in good working condition. Videotape yourself signing about where you were and what you were doing when you heard about the terrorist attack. If you would prefer to sign about another historical event, you may do so. When you record yourself signing, you will need to look directly into the camera so you will be able to see your face clearly on the videotape. Be sure to use appropriate non-manual signals.
8. Watch the video of yourself signing. Are your signs and your fingerspelling clear? Do you raise your eyebrows for the topic part of a topic/comment structured sentence? Write a short paragraph describing what about your signing as reflected in this example needs improvement. Write another paragraph describing what you see as your strengths. Email your analysis to me at mbsmith@palomar.edu by Saturday.
9. If you have completed these assignments and still have time, watch a videotape of your choice. Write down the name and producer of the video. What did you think about the video you chose? In what ways was it most helpful? What about the video was least helpful? Include the assessment of the video you watched along with your response to number eight and email it to me at mbsmith@palomar.edu.