

## **Module 1 Assignment: ASL 206L**

Based on comments I have received, we will begin the ASL 4 Lab with a review of information learned in previous classes. Use this time to prepare yourselves to participate fully in complex signed conversations. At this level, more emphasis is placed on you being able to express yourself using accurate ASL grammar. Slow down and pay special attention to how the signers on your videotapes sign sentences.

In this and future lab assignments, you will be required to send your written work to me through email. **All written portions of a lab assignment should be sent to me in ONE email. The subject line of this email should contain your class level and module number, e.g. "ASL 4, Module 1".** Emails without this subject line will not receive proper credit.

Remember that your first order of business is to do your homework and study for your ASL 206 class. These suggested assignments are a guide to support your learning and improve your overall understanding and use of American Sign Language. Be sure to email me at least every other week to tell me about your progress in the lab. My email address is [mbsmith@palomar.edu](mailto:mbsmith@palomar.edu).

Each module is designed to take about three hours (some a little more and some a little less). If these assignments are not helpful to you, please send me an email with your feedback. Thanks!

1. Watch Units 20 and 21 of the Learning American Sign Language (LASL) videotape. 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. Copy the signers again, making sure to copy their facial expressions.
2. Read the grammar and culture notes in Units 20-21 of LASL. Take notes on information that you learn and keep it in your ASL notebook. Study and practice using each grammatical feature that the textbook discusses (e.g. adjectives that change movement to show repetition or duration of a state of being, or to show emphasis (very hot, incredibly

- sweet, etc.), rhetorical questions, the common practical meaning of the sign UNDERSTAND, etc.).
3. Practice signing exercises in LASL Units 20-21. Although this is a review of information covered in previous ASL classes, use this time to build a solid foundation of the vocabulary and grammatical features included in these units.
  4. To familiarize yourself with the Signing Naturally text and videotape, read “Strategies for Learning American Sign Language” in Signing Naturally, Level 1 (p. vii). What tips do the authors suggest work best for learning ASL?
  5. View the videotape and do the workbook exercises in Units 11, 12 and the Cumulative Review immediately following Unit 12 in SN. ***You will have to rewind several times in order to complete the exercises.*** Read “How to Use the Videotext and Workbook” on page vi for helpful tips. Remember to 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 give 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.
  6. Take good notes on the Culture/Language Notes in SN and keep the notes in your notebook to refer back to.
  7. 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 and send a brief email to me at [mbsmith@palomar.edu](mailto:mbsmith@palomar.edu) to tell me what you learned from the videotape.
  8. To help design lab activities that will be most helpful to you, I need to know a little bit about who you are. Please write a paragraph or two about your signing background. Where did you take ASL 1 and 2? How long ago? Who were your teachers? What books did you use and what chapters did you complete in your previous ASL books? Are you taking an ASL class now? Who is your teacher? What book are you using? What chapters are you currently studying? Why do you want to learn ASL? What are your goals for this lab? Type your

answers to these questions and email them to me at [mbsmith@palomar.edu](mailto:mbsmith@palomar.edu). If you completed this part of the lab assignment last week, you do not have to send it again.