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## **American Sign Language Level 1 script**

Hello I would like to welcome you to this American Sign Language DVD to supplement your learning and help you communicate with Deaf people.

Throughout the DVD you will find demonstrations of how to formulate the signs and there will be sections with and without text. This is going to be useful for you so that you can see how you are progressing and as you go further and further through the DVD you will find that you are able to understand the signs that are without text.

But first let me explain what American Sign Language is. American Sign Language is a visual-gestural language which has its own grammar utilising facial expressions (non manual features), hand shapes and upper body movements to convey meaning. ASL is a spatial and visual language and a lot of beginners think it is similar to mime (which it is not). The important thing to remember is that the grammar used in ASL is completely different to that used in everyday English.

### **Topic A: Meeting People, At Home, People and Animals - The Alphabet**

[The alphabet A-Z signed slowly with text](#)  
[Repeated without text](#)

[The full alphabet – signed altogether](#)

Now let's see if you can remember these letters. Please write down what you see:

[C, G, Z, F, S, O, P, M, T, L, B, D, N, V, X, W, E, Q, K, I, Y, R, U, H, J](#)

Here they are again with text – were you right?

[C, G, Z, F, S, O, P, M, T, L, B, D, N, V, X, W, E, Q, K, I, Y, R, U, H, J](#)

Fingerspelling practise – please write down these names: (shows without text then with)

Bob, Sally, Pam, John, Sue, Derek, Mark, Matthew, Thomas, James  
Sophie, Gill, Sam, Jack, Anne, Jo, Jim, Luke

Now try these: (shows without and with text)

Pat, Nick, Dave, Helen, Ben, Fay, Tom, Len, Stan, Matt, Polly, Lee  
Fred, Stuart, Bill, Ryan, Steve, George

### **Introductions**

Hello, How are you?, I'm fine

I'm OK, All right, pleased to meet you,

What?, Your, Name

What's your name?

My

My name is...

Please, Thank you, See you again

Good morning, Good afternoon, Good evening, Good night

Deaf, hearing, Sign language, American Sign Language, ASL

I'm learning ASL, again please, sorry I don't understand

Please write it down, see you later, excuse me

Goodbye, sorry I missed that- again please

### **Introduction phrases**

Hello, Good morning how are you?

I'm fine thank you. How are you?

Great! Are you Deaf or Hearing?

No I'm hearing. You?

What is your name?

My name is.....

Good night.

### **Phrase test – without then with text**

How are you?, Alright, What's your name?

My name is..., See you again, good afternoon

Deaf

### **Family vocabulary**

Family, mother, father, brother, sister

Husband, wife, parents, Aunt, Uncle

Niece, nephew, cousin, grandma, grandfather

Adult, child, children, girl, boy, man, woman

Married, single, divorced, people, person

My, mine, have, got

### **Question forms**

Why?

What?

How?

When?

Who?

Where?

How old?

How many?

How much?

Short story – receptive skill practice- without text then with

Hello, how are you?. My name is Sonia Hollis. I am hearing. I am 40 years old and married. My husband's name is Mark, I have 4 children. 3 boys and 1 girl. Their names are Matthew, Thomas, James, Sophie. Matthew is 13 years old. Thomas 11, James 8, Sophie 5.

My dad's name is Cyril and mom's name is June. I have 2 sisters- Tania- is my twin sister and Marina is my older sister who is 42 years old.

### **Rooms in the house vocabulary**

Home, rooms, house, apartment, duplex, single family home, big house, small house, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, living room, property, yard

kitchen, stove, dishwasher, washing machine, tumble dryer, drawers, pantry, fridge, fridge freezer, microwave, table, chairs, lights, plates, knives, forks, spoon, saucepan, frying pan, wall, door, counter, ceiling, floor, drapes.

colors- red, blue, yellow, green, orange, purple, black, white, grey, pink, light, dark, brown, gold, silver

Bathroom, bath, shower, shower cubicle, shower in bath, sink, toilet, toilet paper, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloths, towels, carpet

Bedroom, upstairs, closet, clothes, shoes, bed, blankets, carpet, drapes, toys, mirror, desk, chair, window, books.

Living room, TV, fireplace, sofa, couch, soft, cushions, pillow (couch) video, DVD player, nest of tables, drapes, sheer curtains, plants, cabinet, pictures, lights, window.

Dining room, table, chairs, lamp, cabinet, flowers, glasses, candles

Study, computer, desk, phone, fax, TTY, mobile phone, folders, shelves, cupboards, books, magazines, paper, stapler,

washing machine, sink, dishwasher, tumble dryer, cupboards, boiler for central heating,

Garden, outside, grass, bushes, flowers, path, pond, fish,shed, greenhouse, bridge, jungle-gym, sandbox.

## **Animals**

Animals, cat, dog, mouse, cow, pig, horse, bird, duck, rabbit, sheep, fish, guinea pig, pets

## **Phrase test with animal sentences** (without then with text)

I have 2 dogs and 1 cat. The dog is a brown Labrador and the cat is black and fluffy.

My friends have lots of pets. They have a dog, cat, fish and bird.

In my garden I have a fishpond. Altogether there are 12 goldfish...

My hamster's name is Charlie. It is golden brown.

I have 2 cats. 1 cat is brown called Bitzy. The other cat is black and fluffy called Itzy.

## **Now try these:**

My dog is 5 years old. He is black and white. His name is Clyde.

I have 1 rabbit called Flopsy. He is gray.

I love animals all different. I have 3 dogs, 2 cats 10 fish and 1 horse.

My sister hates animals but her daughter loves them.

My dad is deaf. He has hearing dog for the deaf called Jake.

## Topic B: Using numbers – Age, Time, Money and Calendar

Basic numbers – with text then without

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Quick number test – write down what you see (without text then with)

5, 13, 15, 7, 9, 10, 14, 18, 3, 8, 6, 4,

Extra numbers

10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 1000, 1 million, 1 billion

Have a go at understanding these numbers write down what you see (without text then with)

15, 20, 60, 17, 7, 6, 10, 30, 90, 18, 9, 12, 19, 70,

### Money signs

dollars, cents, dimes, nickels, quarters

\$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9 \$10

\$11, \$12, \$13, \$14, \$15, \$16, \$17, \$18, \$19, \$20

### Time and Months

1 o'clock, 2 o'clock, 3 o'clock, 4 o'clock, 5 o'clock, 6 o'clock, 7 o'clock, 8 o'clock, 9 o'clock, 10 o'clock, 11 o'clock, 12 o'clock.

Half past, quarter to, quarter past, late, early, next week, last week, every week, next year, last year, every year, next month, last month, every month.

Days of the Week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

Months of the Year, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

**Mixed number test write down what you see:** without text then with

1 year old, \$1, \$82, Quarter past 3, 15 years old, \$10, 2 o'clock, 5 o'clock, 20 to 5

1 o'clock, Half past 4, \$10.10, 6 o'clock, 45 years old, 6 months old. \$5, quarter past 4

\$2, 5 years old, \$15.63,

Now try these:

10 years old, 18 years old, 73 years old, 7 o'clock, \$7, 4 o'clock

1:30, 9:30, \$3, \$8 \$13, \$15, \$21, \$28, 10 o'clock, 7:45, 4:20,

4:45,

Now try these:

\$1.25, \$3.50, \$4.75, \$4, \$21.45, \$55.75, 6:45, \$6, 11 o' clock

3 o' clock, 6:30, \$9, 9 o' clock, 12 o' clock, 2:45, 3:10.

10:15, 11:15, 2:35,

Using numbers for duplication

2 years time, 2 weeks time, 2 weeks ago, 2 years ago.

5 years ago, 5 years time, 5 weeks time

3 years ago, 2 weeks, last week, every month, every day, 5 years time, 3 weeks ago, yesterday, tomorrow, 2 days time, every week,

Putting it all together in a story – receptive practice (without then with text)

Our weekends are normally quite busy as a family. Every Saturday night we either go to my sisters house Tania for dinner, or they come to our house. Altogether there are 10 of us because we have 4 children and my sister has 2. As the children are older they now go to bed late on a Sat and they normally sleep on the floor!

Every week on Sunday we all go to my mom in laws house for dinner. We have been doing this for over 10 years. It is quite noisy round the table as we have our 4 children. Matthew 13 years old, Thomas 11, James 8 and Sophie 5. Normally dinner is served at 1 o'clock and we get there for 11.30am so we can have a chat beforehand. Sometimes my sister asks if Matt and Tom want to go swimming in the afternoon with their cousins Ryan and Luke and normally if they go they leave around 2.30pm and get back at 4.00pm.

### **Topic C: Weather**

Weather, sunny, rain, stormy, thunder, lightning, foggy, snow, floods, icy, changeable, hot, cold, warm, wet, dry, nice, sun, lovely, horrible, like, don't like, love, fresh air.

A quick test:

Its cold- I don't like it.

Last night it snowed..it looked beautiful!

I love sunbathing.

Remember last year it was lovely and sunny.

Yesterday it poured. I got soaked!

Last night in bed I was scared.. there was thunder and lightning.

Its very windy today.

Be careful driving its really foggy.

I woke up this morning and there's a frost.

On Tuesday in the morning it rained and then later it was sunny.

Receptive skill practice – without text then with

On Monday I woke up early 6.00am and it was dark and freezing!. I really didn't want to get out of bed but needed to go to work!

Once I was ready I got in the car and started driving to work. The roads were icy and snow was still on the roads so I had to be careful. The journey was about 1 hour and the ice was starting to melt at last! I could see the sun start to shine through and the snow clear.

I got to work as an interpreter and was busy from 9-5 on a training course. Once this finished I came home. The journey was much better! Although it was raining!

### **Topic D: Transport**

Transportation, travel, walk, cycle, bike, automobile, drive, run, bus, train, airplane, boat, motorbike, subway, cab, how? arrive, leave, time, meet, when, where?

Transport phrases

How did you get here?

Did you walk? I drove here.

Where can I catch the bus?

I come by train.

I walked home with my friend.

It was cold and raining and my bus was late!.

I saw the train waiting..I ran but I missed it!..

My friend has started to learn to drive.

Next week I will be flying to Spain.

The flight landed 3 o'clock this afternoon.

I needed a bus to get to the hotel.

I met my sister at the airport.

Next year I will be on vacation on a boat..can't wait!

### **Topic E: Directions**

Directions, restroom, way out, stairs, elevator, up, down, left, right, first, second, third, floor, ground, middle, top, upstairs, downstairs, ask, door, go, straight on.

**Direction phrases – without then with text**

The ladies restroom is upstairs.

Left at the 2nd door.

The elevator is on the right.

Go to the 4th floor.

Go upstairs; turn right the restroom is in front of you.

Now try these:

Who do you want to see?

You need to ask a man called Sam.

Excuse me. I'm lost. Where is the airport?

The restrooms are straight on, 2nd left.

I can't find the parking lot. Where is it?

The parking lot is straight on...get to the roundabout then right.

And now try these:

The office is on the 2nd floor. You need to meet the secretary.

Who do you want to see?

When you have finished shopping, meet me at the parking lot at half past 3.

Go up the escalators, shops are straight ahead.

Go through the double doors, then my office is on the right.

Excuse me I need to ask directions.

Here are some getting around phrases write what you see: (without text then with)

Excuse me can you tell me where the post office is?

Go straight on, 2<sup>nd</sup> left and the post office is opposite

The church is on the right; next to it is a park.

I need to see the manager can you tell me where he is?

You need to go upstairs, through the double door, straight and it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> left

The manager's name is Samuel Jones

The Hollis café is in Rugby Road, You will see a pharmacy on the left and its on the right

My new house is 5 bed roomed single family home. It has 2 bathrooms and 2 garages

My property has 3 parts. 1st part mainly lawn, then there's a path with trees on each side and then at the bottom there is a vegetable patch and large lawn for children to play soccer!

### **Topic F: Interests and hobbies**

Hobbies/interests, like, hate, love, swimming, gardening, tennis, sport, golf, sewing, listening to music, reading, drinking, partying, movies, driving, bowling, aerobics, trampolining, running, badminton, baking/cooking, cycling, horse riding, skiing, volleyball.

work, doctor, teacher, social worker, cleaner, gardener, nurse, secretary, work in office, interpreter, driver, caretaker, waitress, school, college,

Quick phrase test – without text then with

Good morning how are you? What do you do?

My job is a teacher. I work with children 5-7 years old.

I started a new job yesterday. It is a social worker in a deaf club.

My sister works as a secretary. She's been there for 5 years.

I work as a cab driver near my house. I like it. Have been doing it for approximately 2 years.

What are your hobbies?

I like swimming. I go every Tuesday night.

I love gardening when it's sunny.

When I have time I love to read.

My children have started a trampoline club.

### **Topic G Refreshments**

Food, shopping, tea, coffee, milk, sugar, drinks, juice, coke, bread, butter, cheese, fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, ham, beef, chicken, lamb, potatoes, French fries, fish and chips, yogurts, cake, cookie, potato chips, breakfast, lunch, dinner, tomato, cucumber, lettuce, apple, orange, banana, pear, grapes, grapefruit, cereal, sandwiches, strawberries, cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, curry, bought, salad

Quick vocabulary test – write down what you see (without then with text)

Shopping, fish and chips, salad, sandwiches, strawberries, pear, tomato, milk

I like to eat fruit- apples, oranges and grapes.

Yesterday I had cereal at 6am

At work in the lunch break I ate cheese and tomato sandwiches.

My pudding I had strawberries and cream.

My children like to eat chicken nuggets.

My dog likes meat sandwiches!

On Sunday I went to a B-B-Q.

The B-B-Q had hamburgers, hot dogs and salad.

In the morning I eat fruit and cereal.

At dinner I like to eat curry.