

Helpful Resources for ASL Students

This handout contains academic links to American Sign Language (ASL) resources. These links can be used to review vocabulary and grammar, to practice signing and receptive skills, and to learn more about the language and Deaf culture.

When learning ASL, it is important to find as many opportunities as possible to practice outside of class. Try methods such as signing in the mirror, practicing with classmates in study groups, or attending Deaf events. There are multiple online groups that host gatherings and welcome students who are learning ASL.

[Gallaudet](#)

Gallaudet University is a college for Deaf and hard of hearing students. Their website includes numerous resources for learning ASL. This link leads to the “Explore ASL for Free” section, which contains videos reviewing basic vocabulary. Click on a topic to view a video of signs within that category.

[Handspeak](#)

Handspeak has a searchable dictionary of ASL vocabulary, as well as a reverse dictionary, where the English meaning of an unknown sign can be referenced. It also contains articles for learning about the language and the Deaf community. This website contains advertisements.

[SigningSavvy](#)

SigningSavvy has a searchable dictionary of ASL vocabulary. It also has extensive articles on topics related to ASL and Deaf culture. The site reviews basic topics like fingerspelling and numbers, and it contains [printable posters/handouts](#) and customizable quizzes/flashcards that can be used for practice. This website contains advertisements.

[Fingerspelling Practice Site](#)

This website displays fingerspelled words for practicing receptive fingerspelling skills. Clicking the “New Word” button will generate a fingerspelled word. If needed, clicking

“Replay” will repeat the word. Then, enter the word in the text box to check accuracy. Settings below the answer box allow the difficulty to be adjusted.

[Numbers Practice Site](#)

This website, created by the same author as the fingerspelling practice site, displays signed numbers for practicing receptive numbers skills. Clicking the “New Number” button will generate a new signed number. If needed, clicking “Replay” will repeat the number. Then, enter the number in the text box to check accuracy. Settings below the answer box allow the difficulty to be adjusted. Additionally, the “Show Number” button displays the sign for whatever number is typed into the answer box.

[Bill Vicars' YouTube Channel](#)

Dr. Bill Vicars is a Deaf university professor that teaches ASL and Deaf Studies, and his YouTube channel contains video resources for learning ASL at multiple levels, including beginner and advanced. This link leads to Dr. Vicars’ ASL playlists. Specific playlists can be selected for specific learning levels and topics, or students can select “[The ASL University Playlist](#)” for a comprehensive series of videos that teaches ASL from the beginning. Each video has captions that can be used to follow along with the signs. This website contains advertisements.