

Basic American Sign Language (ASL) Essential Words and Phrases



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Sign language is not only about using your hands to communicate a message, but it also includes the movement of your body and facial expressions. An array of gestures allows someone with a hearing loss to understand the world around them through visual descriptions.

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Gestures and facial expressions are just as important as signs. Do not assume all deaf or hard of hearing people know how to sign or can read signs. It is important to try to communicate by any means necessary during an emergency.

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Learning the most common signs in ASL, as well as the ASL alphabet, is the first step towards communicating with the deaf and/or hard of hearing.

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This module, will present a list of 64 common words or phrases to be used when signing. Using correct sign language can create an open line of communication between all groups of people.

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1. Hello
2. Goodbye
3. See you later
4. How are you?
5. Please
6. Thank you

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- 7. I'm sorry
- 8. I don't understand
- 9. Nice to meet you
- 10. Wash hands
- 11. Happy
- 12. Sad

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- 13. Look
- 14. Listen
- 15. Good
- 16. Bad
- 17. Hot
- 18. Cold

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- 19. Tired
- 20. Hungry
- 21. Thirsty
- 22. Eat
- 23. Finished/Done
- 24. More

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- 25. Like
- 26. Don't want
- 27. Forgot
- 28. Not/ Don't /Doesn't
- 29. Right
- 30. Wrong
- 31. Fine

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- 32. Toilet/Bathroom
- 33. Busy
- 34. Same
- 35. Again
- 36. I need help
- 37. Who
- 38. What

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- 39. When
- 40. Where
- 41. Why
- 42. Red
- 43. Blue
- 44. Yellow

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- 45. Green
- 46. Orange
- 47. Pink
- 48. Purple
- 49. Black
- 50. White

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- 51. Brown
- 52. Father
- 53. Mother
- 54. Brother
- 55. Sister
- 56. Boy

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- 57. Girl
- 58. Son
- 59. Daughter
- 60. Uncle
- 61. Aunt
- 62. Man

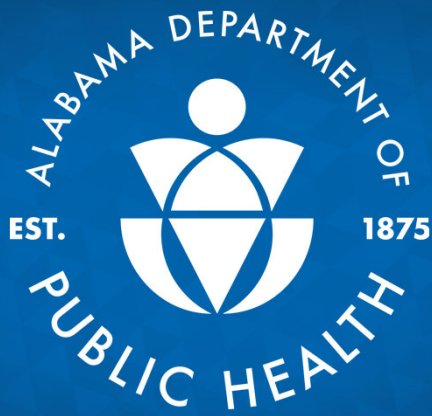
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63. Women

64. Baby

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