

# ASL 1

## Course Outline

**Title:** American Sign Language I  
**Location:** Estrella de Belen Baptist Church  
510 E 41st St, Hialeah FL 33013  
**Church Phone:** (305) 696-1243  
**Time:** Sundays, 5:30PM-7:30PM

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**Course Website:** A place with resources, information, materials and more J

[www.edpwebs.com/asl](http://www.edpwebs.com/asl)

**Materials:** A three-ring binder is recommended to keep the lessons in order. A pen or pencil is needed every Sunday.

**Absences:** You should try your best not to miss any classes. It is a good idea to get to know your classmates in order to catch up with what you missed in the event that you have an absence. Do not neglect or skip a lesson without making it up because you **will** fall behind!

**Holidays:** Generally, classes will be canceled on all major holidays and long weekends. As a reminder, it will be announced the week before. If you ever have any doubt, you may contact me or check the class website.

**Lessons:** Each lesson or chapter contain signs which are based on a theme. Along with each lesson will be a "grammar" lesson which introduces three or four concepts of Sign Language grammar, use, and/or culture.

**Progress:** Your progress is measured by small tests administered every three weeks. Each test will include two completed lessons or chapters. The tests are designed to:

- practice reading fingerspelling
- evaluate your recognition of signs
- evaluate your comprehension of sentences and grammar

**Homework:** Periodically, you will be asked to write a few sentences using the vocabulary learned in a particular lesson. These sentences will be signed in class. The purpose of this is to practice your signing skills as well as your voicing or receptive skills.

**Most importantly, DON'T GIVE UP! You can do it!**

# Communication

Communication in this class is vital. A lot of information will be given and taken and it is important to have a link between us; a common place where you can turn to in order to receive and find this information. Therefore, besides the class website which has most of the information you will need, there is group mailing list provided by Yahoo.com.

A group mailing list makes it easy to keep communication open in large groups. With a group mailing list, you can send a single email which will be read by the entire group. This makes sharing information and looking for information much easier than having to email individuals one by one. Last minute changes or any important announcements can be immediately dispersed to all members of the class through this group. Therefore, it is in your best interest to join this group. Instructions are provided below.

## How to join the email list:

Send a blank email (no subject or text) to the following email address:

[edbasl-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:edbasl-subscribe@yahogroups.com)

- A few minutes later, you will receive an email to confirm that you want to join
- Click REPLY (without changing anything), send it, and you're done!

You should receive an email after that letting you know that you completed your membership.

## How it works:

Once you are a member, you can email the entire class. This is how I will be emailing the class. Any time an email is sent to the group email below, each member of the group will receive that email. If you would like to email the group, the email address is:

[edbasl@yahogroups.com](mailto:edbasl@yahogroups.com)

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## Vocabulary

Alphabet and Colors  
Finger Spelling Rules

Numbers and Related Signs  
Number Signing Rules

- Chapter 1: Family Relationships
- Chapter 2: Pronouns, & Question Words
- Chapter 3: Time
- Chapter 4: Common Phrases
- Chapter 5: Animals
- Chapter 6: Food and Related Words
- Chapter 7: Sports and Recreation
- Chapter 8: Opposites
- Chapter 9: Location and Direction
- Chapter 10: Verbs and Related Words

Song: White Christmas  
Pledge of Allegiance

## Grammar

- Grammar 1: Initializing, Number Incorporation, The Signer, 4 Elements
- Grammar 2: Classifiers and Size and Shape Specifier
- Grammar 3: Concepts, "to be" verb, Dominance, Facial Expression
- Grammar 4: Plurals, Noun/Verb Rule, Directional Signs
- Grammar 5: Pronominalization, Tense, Sentence Order, Intensity
- Grammar 6: Superlatives, Ordinal Numbers, Body/Gaze Shifting
- Grammar 7: Deaf Culture
- Grammar 8: Name Signs, Compound Signs, Iconic Signs, The Agent Marker
- Grammar 9: Regularity, Loan Signs, Personal Pronoun Number Incorporation
- Grammar 10: Sign Language Continuum, Prefix/Suffixes, Duration
- Grammar Review: Chapters 1-10