

THE ASL SHOP

# FOUNDATIONS OF ASL & DEAF CULTURE

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**THE NATURE OF  
AMERICAN SIGN  
LANGUAGE**



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# WITH THAT BEING SAID...

English and ASL are two entirely different languages. They have different syntax, grammar and sentence structures.



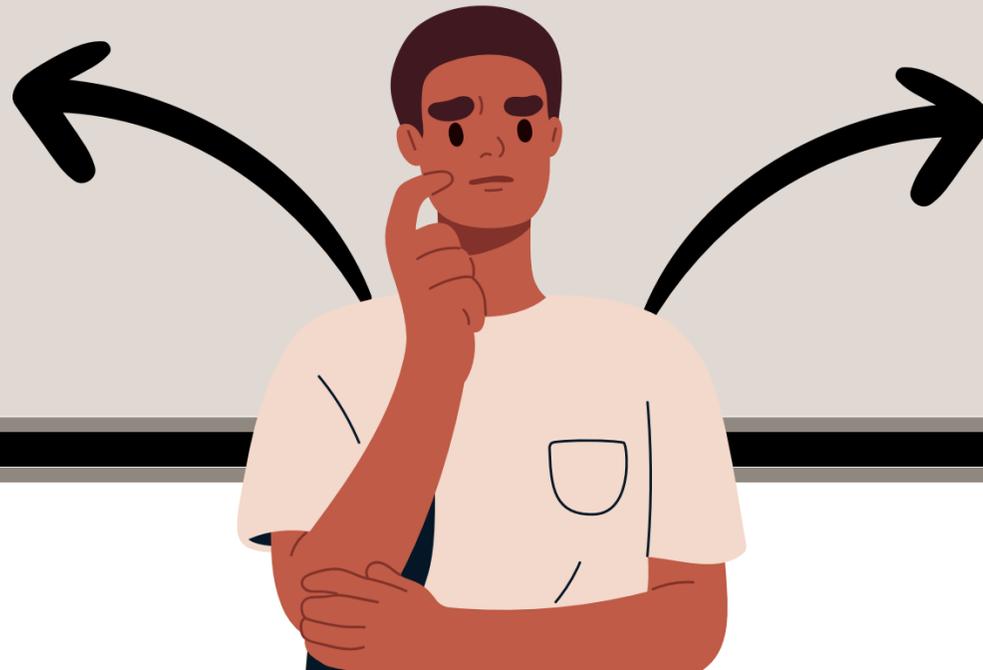
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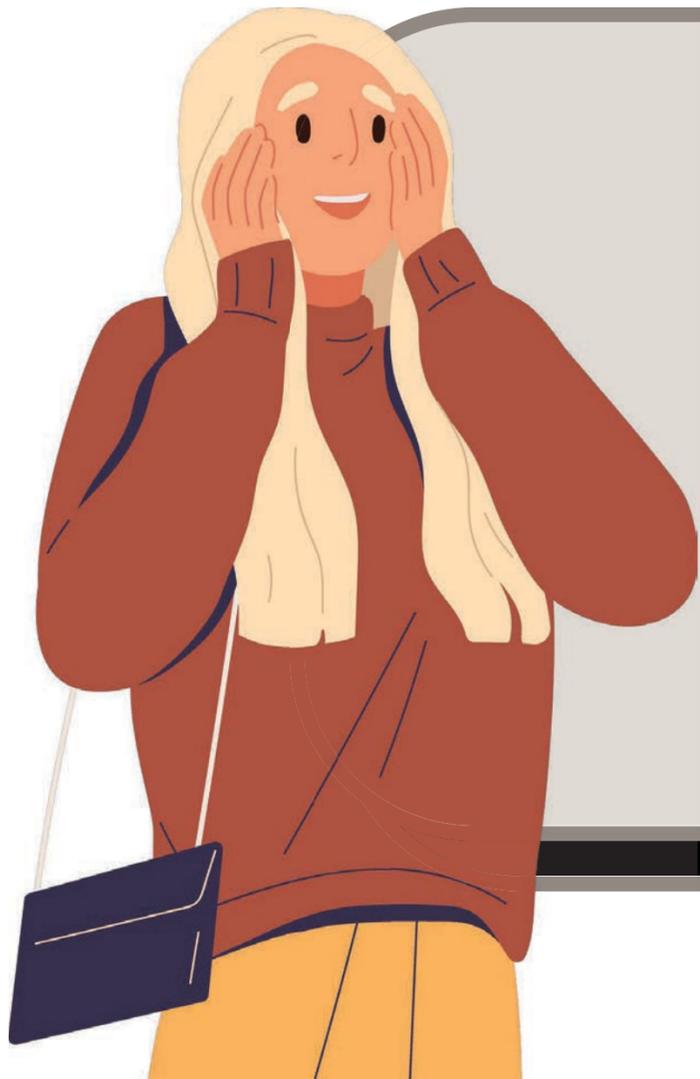
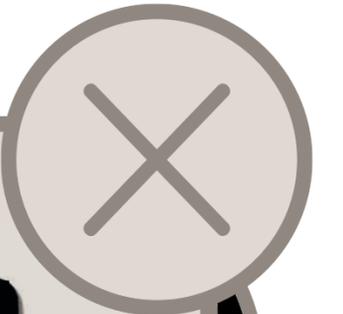
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**MOM HOME**

(raise eyebrows)

English equivalent: Is mom home?

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English equivalent: Mom is home.





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What ~~is~~ your name?

**YOUR NAME WHAT?**

(furrowed eyebrows)





# **DEAF COMMUNITY INSIGHTS**

**DISCUSSING COMMON PRACTICES  
AND ETIQUETTE**



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# **COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES**



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Can you lipread?



# MORE EFFECTIVE QUESTION

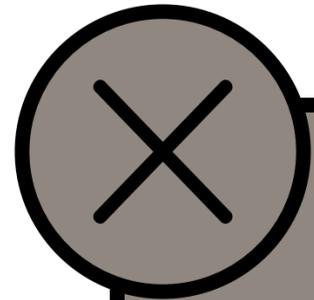


How can we communicate?



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# LIST OF IDENTITIES



**Deaf**

**DeafBlind**

**DeafPlus**

**Late-Deafened**

**DeafDisabled**

**Hard of Hearing**

**& more...**



**ANY  
QUESTIONS?**

