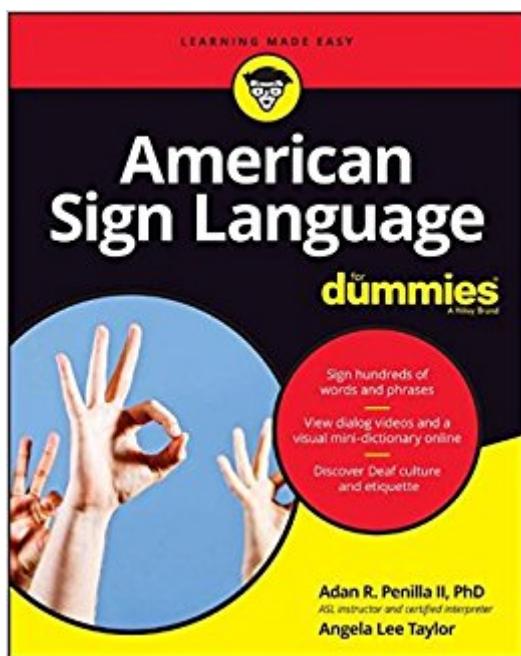


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# American Sign Language For Dummies, + Videos (For Dummies (Lifestyle))



## Synopsis

Grasp the rich culture and language of the Deaf community To see people use American Sign Language (ASL) to share ideas is remarkable and fascinating to watch. Now, you have a chance to enter the wonderful world of sign language. American Sign Language For Dummies offers you an easy-to-access introduction so you can get your hands wet with ASL, whether you're new to the language or looking for a great refresher. Used predominantly in the United States, ASL provides the Deaf community with the ability to acquire and develop language and communication skills by utilizing facial expressions and body movements to convey and process linguistic information. With American Sign Language For Dummies, the complex visual-spatial and linguistic principles that form the basis for ASL are broken down, making this a great resource for friends, colleagues, students, education personnel, and parents of Deaf children. Grasp the various ways ASL is communicated. Get up to speed on the latest technological advancements assisting the Deaf. Understand how cultural background and regionalism can affect communication. Practice signing with videos online. If you want to get acquainted with Deaf culture and understand what it's like to be part of a special community with a unique shared and celebrated history and language, American Sign Language For Dummies gets you up to speed on ASL fast.

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there is a reason this was made for dummies and I fit that bill. great source to learn from

Love the Dummies books. Easily read and understandable discussion and instruction.

I don't like the series designation 'for Dummies', which strikes me as disrespectful, but I have read a number of them and I like the books themselves very much. They are well written, clear and informative -- and ASL for Dummies is no exception. The first chapter introduces how to use the hands and fingers, and gives basic grammar, expressions, numbers and signing at home. The second chapter moves to more advanced signing including small talk, directions, shopping and business terms, terms around town and the outdoors, and health expressions. Chapter Three discusses what life is like for the deaf including the community, culture and etiquette. The book concludes with the series' traditional 'Part of Tens' chapter, which in this instance features signing tips, signing quickly and popular deaf expressions (idioms). One of the challenges of a book on sign language is that many signs involve moving the hands, and the book does a good job of translating those movements. The book not only delivers many vocabulary words but gives excellent tips on the practicalities of signing .. how to 'listen' effectively, structure sentences and tense, technology etc. The book is just packed with good information. If you get through the whole book you will be signing! There is a good index and purchase of the book gives you access to online videos, reference files and an online dictionary.

This is a great, reasonably priced book, chock full of info and tons of pictures. It is an all-encompassing type of book that gives you lots of info besides just sign language translation and

how-to. It seems geared towards someone who knows nothing "a dummy" and wants to learn a whole lot of general info. It is a good choice for someone who wants to begin learning and understanding in order to communicate with the deaf but also gives tons of info for the actual deaf person. It presents you with grammar basics, numbers and time, how to use facial expression, deaf culture etiquette, how to chat with others in sign, going out and about in your city and much more. I was surprised at how in depth the book goes into helping the signing person survive in daily life, shopping, going to dinner, doing business, exercise and health. It has much info on how to survive as a deaf person, who to turn to, communicating with technology and a few chapters on great tips, popular expression, and how to quickly learn sign. I love that you can use the website provided to watch hundreds of videos pertaining to the book! Great info and learning experience!

I have a psychological issue with the whole "for Dummies" name, so it took me a long time to be willing to add this book to my collection. However, but this book is well written, well laid out, and well researched. The illustrations and descriptive text are both clear and easy to understand. If you're not a "dummy" this is still a good book.

Guess I'm a dummy. Or maybe I'm not . . . I just didn't care for this book. (Sorry, couldn't resist!) First, let's be honest . . . it's hard to learn ASL from a book. A real class or even an online class is always better. But I have several ASL books and am very happy with all of them. I was going to order this one when a friend suggested I check it out before I did. No other spoilers, just go and see what you think. So I got it from the library and honestly, I'm glad I didn't order it sight unseen. I like the explanation of the different hand positions and the facial expressions. I liked the explanation of deaf culture, although I would like more there and would like a section on parenting deaf and hard of hearing children. I feel like the layout of the book is clear, and it covers a lot of signs. But for a beginner signer, trying to refresh what she learned in college and teach her children (aged 3 to 10) it was not the best choice. I have a hard time seeing the motions that are supposed to be used with the hand positions. The drawings are just not clear for me. Several of my other books, although not as thick, are clearer and with better explanations of how to make the sign and when to use it. So I will not be picking up a copy of this book, and back to the library this copy will go

This is a good book to start and I also think if you want to refresh your knowledge. I like that there are videos so that you are able to see the movement but the book tries well to show also. As with most for Dummies books this gives a good basic coverage for you to make a decision on how to

proceed. If you are just looking to learn some simple signs or move forward I would say this is a good starting point.

Good introductory book that will allow you to seriously start learning sign language in a class or video course.

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