

# Forty project ideas

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## THE SHORT VERSION

Forty project ideas for ASL students, covering a range of skills: grammar, vocabulary, culture, storytelling, and practical applications.

## FORTY PROJECT IDEAS

*Grammar, vocabulary, culture, storytelling, and practical use.*

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### 01 **ASL vocabulary flashcards**

Create flashcards for different categories (animals, emotions, family members, etc.) to reinforce vocabulary retention.

### 02 **Weekly ASL word journal**

Keep a weekly journal of new ASL signs learned. Include pictures, translations, and sample sentences.

### 03 **ASL storybook creation**

Write and illustrate a children's story, then adapt it into ASL for a storytelling presentation.

### 04 **ASL movie review**

Watch a film with Deaf characters or in ASL and create a review in ASL. Discuss the plot, characters, and how ASL was used.

### 05 **Story retelling in ASL**

Choose a simple story and retell it in ASL, focusing on accuracy and expression.

### 06 **Role-playing scenarios**

Perform role-playing activities with a partner, using everyday scenarios (greetings, ordering food, etc.) in ASL.

### 07 **English to ASL translation**

Take a short paragraph in English, translate it into ASL, and demonstrate the correct grammar and syntax.

### 08 **Deaf culture research project**

Research an aspect of Deaf culture (e.g., Deaf history, famous Deaf individuals) and create a presentation.

### 09 **ASL interactive quiz**

Create an online or in-class quiz that tests knowledge of ASL signs, sentence structure, and Deaf culture.

**10 Comparing ASL and English sentence structure**

Write a paper comparing how sentences in ASL differ from English in terms of word order and grammar.

**11 Create a visual dictionary**

Develop a visual dictionary of ASL signs for a particular theme (e.g., weather, emotions) with pictures and explanations.

**12 Practice non-manual signals**

Record a video demonstrating non-manual signals (NMS) for various emotions and grammatical structures.

**13 ASL classifier practice**

Create a chart that explains various classifiers and their use in sentences (e.g., CL:B for objects, CL:F for small items).

**14 ASL bingo**

Create a bingo card with ASL signs for students to practice. As students call out the signs, the others sign them.

**15 Deaf community outreach project**

Volunteer with a Deaf community event or organization, and report back on the experience, what you learned, and how ASL was used.

**16 Deaf history timeline**

Create a timeline of significant events in Deaf history and highlight key figures who have shaped Deaf culture.

**17 Translate a song into ASL**

Choose a song and translate it into ASL, focusing on capturing the rhythm and meaning of the song.

**18 Sign language poetry**

Write an original poem in ASL, using visual language, facial expressions, and body movement to convey the meaning.

**19 Sign and guess**

Play a guessing game where one student signs a word or phrase and the others try to guess it in English or ASL.

**20 ASL cooking video**

Create a cooking tutorial in ASL, describing the ingredients and steps in the recipe using proper grammar.

**21 Sign language presentation**

Prepare a presentation on any topic of interest, giving the talk entirely in ASL, focusing on clarity and correct grammar.

**22 ASL grammar rules poster**

Design a poster that clearly explains key ASL grammar rules (e.g., time–topic–comment structure, use of classifiers).

**23 Documentary on Deaf culture**

Create a short documentary about a Deaf person or community, highlighting their experiences and how they use ASL.

**24 Practice telling time in ASL**

Record a video where you practice telling time in ASL, using the correct handshapes and non-manual signals.

**25 Sign language skit**

Write and perform a skit entirely in ASL. Include a variety of signs, classifiers, and sentence structures.

**26 Create a Deaf awareness campaign**

Develop a campaign to promote Deaf awareness in your community or school, incorporating ASL lessons or presentations.

**27 Interview a Deaf person**

Interview a Deaf individual about their experiences, and record the interview in ASL, focusing on comprehension and response skills.

**28 ASL news report**

Prepare a news report on a current event and present it in ASL, focusing on clear, concise signing and grammar.

**29 Translate a short story into ASL**

Take a short story or excerpt from a book, and translate it into ASL, paying attention to ASL sentence structure.

**30 Learn about regional variations in ASL**

Research regional variations in ASL (e.g., Southern vs. Northern signs) and create a presentation comparing them.

**31 Create a Deaf culture awareness poster**

Design an educational poster to promote awareness about Deaf culture and the importance of ASL in communication.

### **32 ASL flashcards with descriptions**

Create flashcards for various ASL signs, but instead of just showing the sign, write a description or give an example sentence to reinforce understanding.

### **33 Deaf art and ASL project**

Explore Deaf art (e.g., visual art, performance art) and discuss how ASL is integrated into it. Create your own piece of Deaf art.

### **34 Simultaneous interpreting practice**

Pair up with a classmate and practice simultaneous interpreting between ASL and English, focusing on accuracy and speed.

### **35 Host an ASL practice session**

Organize a study group or practice session where you and your classmates meet to practice signing conversations, stories, or vocabulary.

### **36 Deaf literature book review**

Read a book or novel by a Deaf author (for example, *Deaf Again* by Mark Drolsbaugh) and write a review, focusing on themes related to Deaf culture and ASL.

### **37 Host an ASL game day**

Organize a class or group activity day where students play games such as ASL charades, ASL bingo, or a signed quiz-show game to practice signs in a fun, interactive way.

### **38 ASL story creation using classifiers**

Create a short story or scene using classifiers, focusing on how to incorporate them into narrative structure and everyday communication.

### **39 ASL for specific professions**

Research the specialized signs used in various professions (e.g., medical, legal) and create a video or report showing how ASL is used in those fields.

### **40 Create an ASL grammar handbook**

Develop a comprehensive handbook that explains key ASL grammar concepts, such as sentence structure, time markers, and classifiers, with examples and visuals.

## **IN SHORT**

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These projects give students the opportunity to practice signing, storytelling, and cultural understanding, while reinforcing their knowledge of ASL grammar and vocabulary in creative and engaging ways.