

Where numbers show up in ASL

Name _____

Date _____

BEFORE YOU START

Every item below is a place numbers turn up in real conversation. In most of them the palm faces outward, because the number is information the other person has to read. The exceptions are worth memorizing: counting on your own fingers, listing on the non-dominant hand, and fractions all stay palm in, and height is signed palm up.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- ♦ Phone number
- ♦ Social Security number
- ♦ Address
- ♦ ZIP code
- ♦ Date of birth
- ♦ Age
- ♦ Driver's license number
- ♦ Passport number
- ♦ Student ID number

OFFICIAL & LEGAL

- ♦ VIN number
- ♦ License plate number
- ♦ Confirmation number
- ♦ Tracking number
- ♦ Account number
- ♦ Invoice number
- ♦ Tax ID / EIN
- ♦ Medical record number
- ♦ Case number

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- ◆ Bank account number
- ◆ Credit card number
- ◆ Check number
- ◆ PIN
- ◆ Transaction or order number
- ◆ Bill amounts
- ◆ Discount percentages
- ◆ Coupon codes

TIME-RELATED INFORMATION

- ◆ Time
- ◆ Dates
- ◆ Year
- ◆ Calendar days
- ◆ Countdowns
- ◆ Duration

ADDRESSES & LOCATIONS

- ◆ Street number
- ◆ PO box number
- ◆ Apartment or suite number
- ◆ Room number
- ◆ Building number
- ◆ Floor level

TRAVEL & EVENTS

- ◆ Flight number
- ◆ Gate number
- ◆ Seat number
- ◆ Boarding group
- ◆ Hotel room number
- ◆ Event ticket number

ACADEMIC & CLASSROOM

- ◆ Grades
- ◆ Classroom number
- ◆ Quiz and test scores
- ◆ Student ID
- ◆ Page numbers
- ◆ Chapter numbers
- ◆ Locker number

MEASUREMENTS & MATH

- ◆ Height
- ◆ Weight
- ◆ Temperature
- ◆ Fractions
- ◆ Decimals
- ◆ Percentages
- ◆ Math operations

MISCELLANEOUS

- ◆ Combination lock numbers
- ◆ Sports scores
- ◆ Lottery numbers
- ◆ Serial numbers
- ◆ Badge numbers
- ◆ Contest entry numbers
- ◆ Gaming user IDs

TRY THIS

Pick one category and sign every item in it using real numbers from your own life — your actual address, your actual flight number, the page you stopped on last night. Numbers are easy to read and hard to produce; the only fix is putting real ones in your hands.