

Beginner quiz ideas

THE SHORT VERSION

Ten quizzes for a first year of ASL — mostly recognition and recall, so they are quick to mark and quick to repeat as a warm-up.

TEN QUIZZES

QUIZ	WHAT STUDENTS DO
01 Sign recognition quiz	Show short ASL video clips and ask students to choose the correct English meaning from four options.
02 Fingerspelling match-up	Display a series of fingerspelled words as video or images. Students write the English translation.
03 Sign to picture match	Show a sign as a video or GIF, and students choose the image that matches it.
04 ABC and numbers quiz	Mix up the handshapes for letters and numbers in multiple-choice or short-answer form, to test visual discrimination.
05 “What’s the sign?” expressive quiz	Give students five to ten English words. They record themselves signing each one, or sign live in class.
06 Basic sentence receptive quiz	Show short ASL sentences and have students translate them into English.
07 Categories quiz	List categories — colors, family, numbers, food — and have students give three to five signs they have learned in each.
08 Emotions and facial expression quiz	Show signs with neutral or incorrect facial expressions, and ask students to identify which one is correct.
09 True or false grammar quiz	Show ASL sentences and ask whether the grammar is correct — WH-question placement, or word order.
10 Everyday phrases quiz	Give English phrases such as “Nice to meet you.” Students choose the correct video, or sign them back.

ADAPTING THESE

Only one of the ten asks students to sign. Pair it with a receptive quiz now and again, so students are producing signs and not only recognizing them.