

Here's a list of **40 engaging activities** to help **brand new ASL students** practice both **vocabulary and fingerspelling**. These are ideal for beginner-level learners and can be used in class, in small groups, or at home.

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### **Fingerspelling Practice Activities**

1. **Name Swap** – Students fingerspell their name to a partner and then switch roles.
  2. **Secret Word** – One student fingerspells a word; the other writes it down.
  3. **Fingerspell Relay** – In teams, students race to decode a fingerspelled word.
  4. **Mirror Practice** – Use a mirror to fingerspell and check handshape and clarity.
  5. **Fingerspelling Bingo** – Call out words; students mark them if they see it fingerspelled.
  6. **Fingerspelling Hangman** – Traditional hangman but use fingerspelling to guess letters.
  7. **Slow-Mo Spelling** – Practice fingerspelling slowly to improve clarity.
  8. **Speed Spelling** – Timed fingerspelling challenge using a word list.
  9. **Sign & Spell** – Sign a vocabulary word, then fingerspell it.
  10. **Partner Practice** – One student fingerspells, the other says the word aloud.
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### **Vocabulary Practice Activities**

11. **Sign & Match** – Match signs with printed English words or pictures.
  12. **Charades (ASL Style)** – Sign a vocabulary word while others guess.
  13. **Sign Simon Says** – Play Simon Says using ASL signs only.
  14. **Vocabulary Scavenger Hunt** – Find objects that match your vocab signs.
  15. **ASL Memory Game** – Match cards with signs and their meanings.
  16. **ASL Pictionary** – Draw a card and sign the word for others to guess.
  17. **"I Spy" in ASL** – Describe objects in the room using signs only.
  18. **Flashcard Flip** – Flip cards and sign the word as fast as possible.
  19. **Word of the Day Journal** – Learn and record one new word daily.
  20. **ASL Freeze Game** – Sign words until music stops; freeze in your last sign.
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### **Interactive Partner/Group Activities**

21. **Two Truths and a Lie (ASL)** – Sign two true statements and one false; others guess.
22. **ASL Telephone** – Pass a sign around in a circle and compare at the end.
23. **ASL BINGO (Vocab)** – Use signed vocabulary words instead of numbers.
24. **Roleplay Dialogues** – Practice greetings, introductions, and questions.
25. **Vocabulary Categories** – Group vocabulary into categories (colors, food, etc.).
26. **Story Sequencing** – Use a series of signs to create a short story.
27. **Sign the Sentence** – Use vocabulary to build and sign a sentence.
28. **Describe It!** – Describe an object using only signs (no fingerspelling).

29. **Guess the Sign** – One student signs a word silently, others guess aloud.
  30. **Pass the Sign** – Each student adds one sign to build a sentence or phrase.
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### **Creative & Visual Activities**

31. **Create a Sign Poster** – Illustrate and label vocab words with images and signs.
  32. **ASL Word Art** – Use handshapes to form words artistically on paper.
  33. **Photo Flashcards** – Take pictures of yourself doing signs for a personal set.
  34. **Vocabulary Comic Strip** – Draw a comic strip using ASL vocabulary.
  35. **ASL Storytime** – Sign a short story using newly learned vocabulary.
  36. **Color & Sign** – Color a picture and sign the items in it.
  37. **Sign Karaoke** – Sign along to a simple song using vocabulary words.
  38. **Emoji Match** – Match ASL signs to related emojis.
  39. **Sign Sculpture** – Use modeling clay to mold handshapes.
  40. **ASL Puppet Show** – Use puppets to act out signed vocabulary skits.
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