

Deaf culture: true or false

Name _____

Date _____

BEFORE YOU START

Read each statement and circle TRUE if you think it is correct, or FALSE if you think it is not. This is only to see what you already know about Deaf culture — it is not graded, so answer what you actually think rather than what sounds right.

STATEMENT	CIRCLE ONE	
01 American Sign Language is a universal language, used by Deaf people all over the world.	True	False
02 Deaf people can drive cars and have successful careers.	True	False
03 All Deaf people can read lips perfectly.	True	False
04 ASL has its own grammar and sentence structure, different from English.	True	False
05 Hearing aids and cochlear implants restore normal hearing for all Deaf people.	True	False
06 The Deaf community values eye contact during conversations.	True	False
07 It is rude to wave or tap someone on the shoulder to get a Deaf person's attention.	True	False
08 Deaf people prefer to be called Deaf, with a capital D, when referring to their cultural identity.	True	False
09 Deaf people cannot use the telephone at all.	True	False

STATEMENT	CIRCLE ONE	
10 Deaf culture includes shared experiences, values, traditions, and a common language: ASL.	True	False
11 Most Deaf children are born to Deaf parents.	True	False
12 Facial expressions are a crucial part of ASL grammar.	True	False
13 All Deaf people want to be able to hear.	True	False
14 Deaf people can attend and graduate from college.	True	False
15 ASL is closely related to British Sign Language.	True	False
16 The term “hearing impaired” is often considered offensive in the Deaf community.	True	False
17 Sign names are given by Deaf people, and reflect a person's characteristics or interests.	True	False
18 It is appropriate to stare at a Deaf person's hands while they are signing.	True	False
19 Many Deaf people enjoy and take part in the arts, including theater, poetry, and visual art.	True	False
20 Deaf people can have families and raise children, just as hearing people do.	True	False