

World language projects

THE SHORT VERSION

Creative project ideas commonly used in world language classes, adapted specifically for ASL students. They support visual language learning while encouraging cultural awareness, compassion, and communication.

TEN PROJECTS

World language projects, adapted for ASL students.

01 Cultural comparison project

Compare aspects of Deaf culture with hearing culture. Topics might include communication styles, education, values, or family life. Present your findings using posters, ASL gloss summaries, or signed videos.

02 Skits and dialogues

Create and perform a short ASL skit. Example scenarios: meeting a Deaf friend, ordering food at a Deaf café, or attending a Deaf event. Focus on grammar, facial expressions, and role shifting.

03 Story retelling and fairy tales

Choose a fairy tale or folktale and retell it in ASL. Use classifiers, NMMs, and signer's perspective to bring the story to life. Present as a signed video or live performance.

04 Travel brochure

Design a travel brochure for a Deaf-friendly city, event, or country. Include landmarks like Gallaudet University, Deaf festivals, or community resources. Present using visuals and signed descriptions.

05 "Who am I?" biography project

Research and present a famous Deaf person (e.g., Marlee Matlin, Sean Forbes, Nyle DiMarco). Create a signed biography video or slideshow presentation highlighting their contributions.

06 Create a signed glossary

Choose a theme (e.g., emotions, school, sports) and create a glossary of 15–20 ASL signs. Record yourself signing each word with examples and NMMs. Optional: include visuals or descriptions.

07 Cooking show or recipe presentation

Record a step-by-step cooking tutorial in ASL. Use sequencing signs, classifiers (e.g., chopping, stirring), and clear transitions. This is a fun way to use functional signing.

08 Photo diary or daily routine

Create a signed video showing your daily routine. Use correct time order, space, and ASL grammar. This project practices temporal aspect and everyday vocabulary.

09 Music and ASL song translation

Choose a song and translate it into ASL. Focus on concept accuracy rather than word-for-word translation. Consider rhythm, visuality, and cultural meaning in your presentation.

10 Plan a Deaf cultural field trip

Design a class field trip to a Deaf event or institution such as Gallaudet University or a local Deaf Expo. Include the itinerary, purpose, and cost. Present using visuals and ASL.

YOUR OWN PROJECT IDEAS
