Storytelling Prompts for ASL Students (Scaffolded by Level)

Level 1: Beginner

- Describe your daily routine using time signs and basic verbs.
- Tell a simple story about your weekend using familiar vocabulary.
- Describe your family members and one activity you like to do together.
- Explain what you usually eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Describe your classroom or bedroom using directional and location signs.

Level 2: Intermediate

- Tell a story about getting lost and asking for directions using classifiers.
- Describe a vacation or trip you took and what you did there.
- Share a funny or embarrassing moment and how it made you feel.
- Create a story where you meet a new friend and plan an activity together.
- Explain how to make a simple recipe or complete a task (e.g., brushing your teeth).

Level 3: Advanced

- Retell a well-known story or fairytale using classifiers and transitions.
- Narrate a time you faced a challenge and how you overcame it.
- Create a fictional story involving a hero and a problem to solve.
- Describe a past event using appropriate ASL tense and timeline structure.
- Sign about a favorite childhood memory with vivid detail and emotion.

Level 4: Advanced Plus

- Recreate a news story or historical event from the Deaf community.
- Tell a fictional story using at least 5 different classifiers and strong facial expressions.
- Describe an unexpected situation (e.g., flat tire, power outage) and how you reacted.
- Use rhetorical questions to guide the audience through your story.
- Sign a suspenseful or dramatic story with a twist ending.

Level 5: Level 5

- Interpret an English narrative into ASL, maintaining meaning and grammar.
- Create an original story focused on identity or cultural experience.
- Deliver a multi-part story with flashbacks, transitions, and character development.

- Recount a complex personal experience involving decision-making or growth.
- Use multiple perspectives to tell a story (e.g., your side and someone else's).