

# ASL Placement Guide & Chart

This page combines the placement guide and placement chart together, so teachers can quickly reference how rubric scores (0–20) map to ASLdeafined.com levels.

## Placement Guide (Score → Level)

Score Range	ASLdeafined Level	Summary
0–7	Beginner (Level 1)	Student struggles with vocabulary recall and basic communication. Limited receptive and expressive skills.
8–11	Intermediate (Level 2)	Understands some basic conversations but with frequent errors. Vocabulary knowledge is partial; grammar inconsistent.
12–15	Advanced (Level 3)	Signs with moderate fluency, follows most conversations. Occasional grammar or vocabulary gaps.
16–18	Advanced Plus (Level 4)	Confident in expressive and receptive skills. Minor weaknesses in nuance or complex grammar.
19–20	Level 5	Strong fluency and grammar awareness. Understands authentic signing at near-native pace.

## Color-Coded Placement Chart

Score Range	Placement Level	Description
0–7	Beginner (Level 1)	Needs strong review of foundations.
8–11	Intermediate (Level 2)	Partial vocabulary, inconsistent grammar.
12–15	Advanced (Level 3)	Moderate fluency, occasional grammar/vocab gaps.
16–18	Advanced Plus (Level 4)	Confident skills with minor weaknesses.
19–20	Level 5	Strong fluency, ready for advanced discourse.

*Tip: Always consider student confidence and self-reflection in addition to score. If a student is on the borderline, place them at the lower level first to build confidence.*