

Placement guide and chart

THE SHORT VERSION

The guide and the chart on one page. Take the rubric total out of twenty and read across: the short line is the glance, the line under it is the fuller picture.

SCORE TO LEVEL

Rubric total out of twenty, and where it places the student on ASLdeafined.

SCORE	PLACEMENT	SUMMARY
0–7	Beginner LEVEL 1	Needs a strong review of the foundations. Struggles with vocabulary recall and basic communication. Receptive and expressive skills are both limited.
8–11	Intermediate LEVEL 2	Partial vocabulary, inconsistent grammar. Understands some basic conversation, but with frequent errors.
12–15	Advanced LEVEL 3	Moderate fluency, occasional gaps. Signs with moderate fluency and follows most conversation. Occasional grammar or vocabulary gaps.
16–18	Advanced Plus LEVEL 4	Confident skills, minor weaknesses. Confident in both expressive and receptive skills. Small weaknesses in nuance or complex grammar.
19–20	Highest LEVEL 5	Ready for advanced discourse. Strong fluency and grammar awareness. Understands authentic signing at near-native pace.

BEFORE YOU PLACE

Consider student confidence and self-reflection alongside the score. A borderline student is usually better placed at the lower level first, building confidence rather than catching up.