

# ASLdeafined Themed Lesson Plan Template

This is a reusable lesson plan template for any themed ASLdeafined lesson. Each themed lesson contains 20 vocabulary words and retention exercises. Use this structure to keep students engaged and help them retain new signs.

## 1. Warm-Up & Context (5 minutes)

- Ask a quick question related to the theme (e.g., 'What food do you like?').
- Use gestures, facial expressions, or prior vocabulary to spark interest.
- Have students predict possible words in the theme.

## 2. Introduce Vocabulary in Chunks (10 minutes)

- Teach 5–7 signs at a time.
- Organize by subcategory (e.g., for 'Sports': team sports, actions, equipment).
- Show each sign, then have students repeat in pairs or groups.

## 3. Guided Practice (10 minutes)

- Use peer teaching: assign each student 1–2 signs to demonstrate.
- Create mini role-plays using new vocabulary (e.g., ordering food, playing a sport).

## 4. Reinforcement Games (10–15 minutes)

- ASL Pictionary: one student signs, others guess.
- Sign Bingo: teacher signs, students mark English word.
- Flash Battles: two students race to sign the called word.

## 5. Grammar & Sentence Building (10 minutes)

- Model how to combine vocabulary with pronouns and basic grammar.
- Example: FOOD theme – 'I LIKE PIZZA,' 'YOU WANT ICE-CREAM?'

## 6. Expressive Application (10 minutes)

- Exit Ticket: each student signs a sentence with a new word before leaving.
- Quick video journal: students record 1 minute using 5+ themed words.

## 7. Retention & Homework

- Encourage completion of ASLdeafined Retention Exercises for practice.
- Start next class with a spiral review game to reinforce long-term memory.

■ **Tip:** Rotate activities to keep lessons fresh. Mix visual, interactive, and expressive practice so students not only learn signs but also use them in meaningful communication.