

# ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENTS FOR VISUAL SUPPORTS

## LEARNING SUPPORT ACTIVITIES • TEACHER RESOURCE

*Alternative assessments allow students to demonstrate their understanding using a variety of visual, hands-on, and authentic methods. When paired with effective visual supports, these assessments reduce unnecessary barriers while maintaining the same learning objectives and high expectations for every student.*

### Expressive ASL Assessments

- Demonstrate vocabulary and concepts through expressive signing.
- Record short ASL video responses using visual prompts.
- Explain graphic organizers in ASL.
- Present visual projects to the class.

### Performance-Based Assessments

- Complete real-world ASL communication activities.
- Create posters, infographics, or visual presentations.
- Participate in role-playing scenarios.
- Demonstrate learning through teacher-guided activities.

### Teacher Considerations

- Assess ASL knowledge—not artistic ability or reading level.
- Focus on communication, understanding, and application.
- Use visuals to support—not give away—the answer.
- Maintain the same learning objectives while offering multiple pathways for success.

### Receptive ASL Assessments

- Identify signs from videos supported by pictures or diagrams.
- Match signed vocabulary to visuals.
- Complete receptive multiple-choice activities with visual cues.
- Demonstrate comprehension using visual response tasks.

### Flexible Assessment Options

- Break large assessments into smaller sections.
- Provide graphic organizers during assessments when appropriate.
- Allow students to choose from multiple response formats.
- Assess individually, with partners, or in small groups when beneficial.

#### ★ Key Takeaway

**Alternative assessments supported by visual tools help students demonstrate what they truly know and can do. By providing multiple ways to communicate understanding, teachers create equitable assessment opportunities while maintaining rigorous ASL learning expectations.**