



Level 5

Level 5 Roadmap to Sign Language Success

Forty weeks from everyday vocabulary to professional register. Each week names what you teach, what happens in the room, and what students record on their own.

Weeks 1–20, closing with the midterm

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Weeks 21–40, closing with the final exam

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☐ Instruction week
 ☐ Includes a quiz
 ☐ Exam week

The weekly routine

These five run every week alongside whatever else the week calls for. They are listed once here rather than repeated forty times.

- Identify handshape and location of taught lessons
- Practice learned vocabulary with a partner
- Practice sentence translations
- Handshape and location games
- Engage in short ASL conversations with new words

Standing homework

Due every week, on top of that week's recording task.

- Complete the ASLdeafined activities for every lesson taught that week

Level 5 runs its own quiz series, Quiz 1 through Quiz 12, and its own 5th Level Review 1 through 13. There are no separate handshape, location or grammar quizzes at this level — those checks sit inside the weekly routine.

First term

Weeks 1–20

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
1	Bucket List Landscape Airplane Translation Practice #88	Students fingerspell vocabulary to a partner, who signs the term back Plus the weekly routine	Record your own bucket list — at least five things, and not only the ones on the lesson list. For each, say why it matters to you and whether you think you will actually do it.
2	Verb Review 1 Backpacking Through Time Customer Complaints 5th Level Review 1	Play Race to the Finish with the Verb Review 1 vocabulary Review for Quiz 1 Plus the weekly routine	Backpacking Through Time is all childhood. Pick four things from the list you actually did growing up and record yourself telling me about them. If you did none of them, tell me what you did instead.
3	Translation Practice #89 Multiple Meanings — Nose Quiz 1 assessment Cravings	Discuss the multiple meanings of NOSE Plus the weekly routine	Record yourself telling me the strangest food combination you have eaten or watched someone else eat. Then pick three from the Cravings list and say honestly whether you would try each one.
4	Things You See in a Desert Victoria Finds Friend by Ken 1 student-led All That Glitters Disasters	Play BINGO with the Disasters vocabulary Plus the weekly routine	Pick five items from All That Glitters and describe each using classifiers. Show me how the light moves — glitter does not shine the way an icicle does, and fireworks do not behave like fresh snow.
5	Mythology Storytime with Mom by Travis 1 student-led Distractions Survivor	Students analyze the storytime in groups and discuss new vocabulary Review for Quiz 2 Plus the weekly routine	What pulls your attention when you are trying to work? Record yourself picking three distractions from the list, ranking them worst to least, and saying what you do about each one.
6	Translation Practice #90 Multiple Meanings — Square Quiz 2 assessment Things You See in a Catholic Church 2	Discuss the multiple meanings of SQUARE Plus the weekly routine	Record yourself signing four sentences that each use a different English meaning of the word square. Show how ASL handles each one, since a single sign will not carry all four.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
7	Eco Friendly 5th Level Review 2 Energized Translation Practice #91	Practice flash sentences — sign in ASL, students write it in English grammar Plus the weekly routine	Record five changes you could actually make to live a little greener, using vocabulary from Eco Friendly. Not the big ones — the small ones you would really do. Then say which of the five you already do.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
8	Verb Review 2 Sleeping Bear Dunes by Ken 2 student-led Family Heirlooms Favorite Teacher Characteristics	Students analyze the storytime in groups and discuss new vocabulary Review for Quiz 3 Plus the weekly routine	Is there an object in your family that has been handed down? Record yourself describing it — what it is, who it came from, where it lives now. If there is nothing, tell me what you would want to pass down and why.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
9	Quiz 3 assessment Autumn 2 5th Level Review 3 Translation Practice #92	Play Pictionary with the Autumn 2 vocabulary Plus the weekly routine	Record yourself describing your ideal fall day from morning to night, using at least ten words from the Autumn 2 vocabulary.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
10	Multiple Meanings — Flush Italy by Travis 2 student-led Cute as a Button Date Night	Discuss the multiple meanings of FLUSH Review for Quiz 4 Plus the weekly routine	Plan a date using three activities from the Date Night list. Where would you go, in what order, and roughly what would it cost? Record the whole plan start to finish.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
11	Golden Friendships Wealthy Man by Ken 3 student-led Florida Quiz 4 assessment	Play Telephone with the Golden Friendships vocabulary Plus the weekly routine	Record yourself describing your longest friendship using at least six terms from Golden Friendships. How did it start, what has kept it going, and what has it survived?

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
12	Major U.S. Cities — Population 5th Level Review 4 Translation Practice #93 Verb Review 3	The weekly routine	Pick five cities from the lesson. Record yourself fingerspelling and signing each one, then giving a fact about it. If you know a city where the local sign differs from the one taught, say so.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
13	Being Deaf and Blind by Travis 3 student-led Multiple Meanings — Deal Peaceful Shopping	Discuss the multiple meanings of DEAL Review for Quiz 5 Plus the weekly routine	Pick three things from Peaceful that genuinely settle you down and record yourself describing the last time you did each. Let your signing slow to match the subject — pace is part of the meaning here.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
14	Translation Practice #94 Quiz 5 assessment Hocking Hills by Ken 4 student-led Snacks	Play Pictionary with the Snacks vocabulary Plus the weekly routine	Record a full week of snacks, one for each day, using the lesson vocabulary. Say when you would eat each and why you picked it.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
15	Spring 2 5th Level Review 5 From Ohio by Travis 4 student-led Summer	Play BINGO with the Spring 2 vocabulary Review for Quiz 6 Plus the weekly routine	Record yourself describing the turn from winter to spring where you live, using at least ten words from Spring 2. Use classifiers for melting, blooming and hatching rather than signing them flat.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
16	Translation Practice #95 Wishful Thinking Quiz 6 assessment Fears and Challenges	Practice flash sentences — sign in ASL, students write it in English grammar Plus the weekly routine	Pick three wishes from Wishful Thinking and record why you chose each. These are hypotheticals, so watch your conditional structure and your brow — a good part of the grammar is on your face.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
17	Traffic Unfortunate Trip by Ken 5 student-led Multiple Meanings — Heart Furniture 2	Discuss the multiple meanings of HEART Plus the weekly routine	Record yourself walking me through your home room by room, naming the furniture in each, using at least twelve terms. Keep the space consistent — once you place a room, leave it there.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
18	Verb Review 4 5th Level Review 6 Translation Practice #96 Going to the Fair	Play Race to the Finish with the Going to the Fair vocabulary Review for Quiz 7 Plus the weekly routine	Record yourself describing a fair or carnival, real or imagined. Use classifiers for at least four rides or acts — the Ferris wheel, the carousel, the tightrope walker and the trapeze artist all move differently.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
19 Midterm review week	Gaming by Travis 5 student-led Handle With Care Quiz 7 assessment Health Care Professions	Review for the midterm Plus the weekly routine	Pick three health care professions from the list. Look up what each one does day to day, what training it takes, and what it pays. Record what you found.

Week 20 — Midterm

Second term

Weeks 21–40

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
21	Trip with Friend by Ken 6 student-led Jealousy Translation Practice #97 Multiple Meanings — Beat	Discuss the multiple meanings of BEAT Review for Quiz 8 Plus the weekly routine	Is jealousy always a bad thing? Pick three items from the Jealousy list that people commonly envy and record your honest thinking. There is no right answer here.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
22	Lost and Found 5th Level Review 7 Quiz 8 assessment	Play Telephone with the Lost and Found vocabulary Plus the weekly routine	What is the most important thing you have ever lost? Record what happened, whether you got it back, and what you did about it. Use vocabulary from Lost and Found where it fits.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
23	Medical Equipment SWAT by Travis 6 student-led Memory Lane	Students analyze the storytime in groups and discuss new vocabulary Plus the weekly routine	Pick four activities from Memory Lane and ask an older family member or friend whether they did them growing up. Record yourself reporting back what they told you.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
24	Verb Review 5 Neighbors Translation Practice #98 Mackinac Bridge by Ken 7 student-led	Students fingerspell vocabulary to a partner, who signs the term back Review for Quiz 9 Plus the weekly routine	Record yourself describing your own neighborhood using at least ten terms from the lesson. What is within walking distance? Who are your neighbors? What would you change?

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
25	New York 5th Level Review 8 Quiz 9 assessment	The weekly routine	Pick five items from the New York lesson and record what you know about each. If you have been, describe it. If not, do a little research first.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
26	Multiple Meanings — Blue Out of My Comfort Zone Translation Practice #99	Discuss the multiple meanings of BLUE Plus the weekly routine	Choose one thing from Out of My Comfort Zone you could actually do in the next month. Record what it is, why it makes you uneasy, and when you will do it. You will report back on it later.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
27	Pharmacy Sacrifice Why I Moved to Michigan by Travis 7 student-led DeafBlind	Run a pharmacy role-play — one student is the pharmacist, one the patient, then swap Review for Quiz 10 Plus the weekly routine	You are the pharmacist handing a prescription to a Deaf patient. Record a full set of instructions: what the medication is, the dosage, how often, whether it is taken orally or applied topically, and what side effects to watch for.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
28	Quiz 10 assessment Religious Words 5th Level Review 9	The weekly routine	Many of these are name signs. Record yourself fingerspelling and signing every word in the Religious Words lesson, and note which ones you find have more than one accepted variation.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
29	Verb Review 6 Translation Practice #100 Religious Words 2	Practice flash sentences — sign in ASL, students write it in English grammar Plus the weekly routine	Pick ten verbs from Verb Review 6. Record yourself fingerspelling each word, then signing it, then signing a short sentence that uses it.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
30	Weaknesses Taking Chances Another Kingdom by Travis 8 student-led Multiple Meanings — Bark	Discuss the multiple meanings of BARK Review for Quiz 11 Plus the weekly routine	Pick three items from Weaknesses you recognize in yourself and record what you are doing about each. Treat it as interview practice — honest, but constructive.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
31	Failures 5th Level Review 10 Translation Practice #101 Quiz 11 assessment	Play Charades with the Taking Chances vocabulary Plus the weekly routine	Record yourself telling me about a failure that turned out to be useful. What went wrong, what did it cost you, and what did you take from it? Use terms from the Failures vocabulary.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
32	Budget Business World Social Media 2	Play BINGO with the Business World vocabulary Plus the weekly routine	Build a monthly budget for someone earning a salary you choose. Include fixed and variable expenses, income tax and savings, then record yourself signing the whole thing using at least twelve terms.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
33	Translation Practice #102 Tearjerker Underwater 5th Level Review 11	With a partner, practice showing feeling without signing — body language and facial expression only Plus the weekly routine	What makes you cry? Pick three items from Tearjerker and record the last time each one got to you. Facial expression carries this assignment more than the hands do.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
34	Translation Practice #103 Ocala Florida by Travis 9 student-led Admirations	Students analyze the storytime in groups and discuss new vocabulary Plus the weekly routine	Pick the three traits from Admirations you value most in a person, and the one you value least. Record why for each. Then say which of the three you think you are best at.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
35	Environmental Hazards Multiple Meanings — Nail Things You'd Pack in a Suitcase Translation Practice #104	Discuss the multiple meanings of NAIL Review for Quiz 12 Plus the weekly routine	Choose five terms from Environmental Hazards you did not know. Look each one up and record yourself explaining it in your own signed words — not the dictionary definition, your version of it.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
36	Texas Jury Duty Quiz 12 assessment Tech Support	Run a mock trial — assign roles from the Jury Duty vocabulary and argue a short case, then swap Plus the weekly routine	Record yourself walking through a criminal trial from summons to verdict using at least ten terms from Jury Duty. If you have ever been summoned yourself, tell me what actually happened.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
37	Translation Practice #105 Christmas Gifts by Travis 10 student-led Types of Meat 5th Level Review 12	Play Race to the Finish with the Types of Meat vocabulary Plus the weekly routine	Plan a menu of five dishes, one for each of five different meats from the lesson. Record the meat, the dish, and how it is cooked.
Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
38	Obituary Baking Celebrations Around the World Entertainment	Play Pictionary with the Entertainment vocabulary Plus the weekly routine	Obituary is heavy vocabulary and worth handling with care. Write and record a short tribute to someone you admire — living or not, public or personal — using at least eight terms from the lesson.

Week	Lessons	In class	Homework
39 Final exam review week	Deaf Gain In the News 5th Level Review 13 Translation Practice #106	Discuss Deaf gain and what it means Review for the final exam Plus the weekly routine	Deaf gain is the idea that being Deaf brings gains, not only losses. Record your understanding of it, with three concrete examples.

Week 40 — Final exam