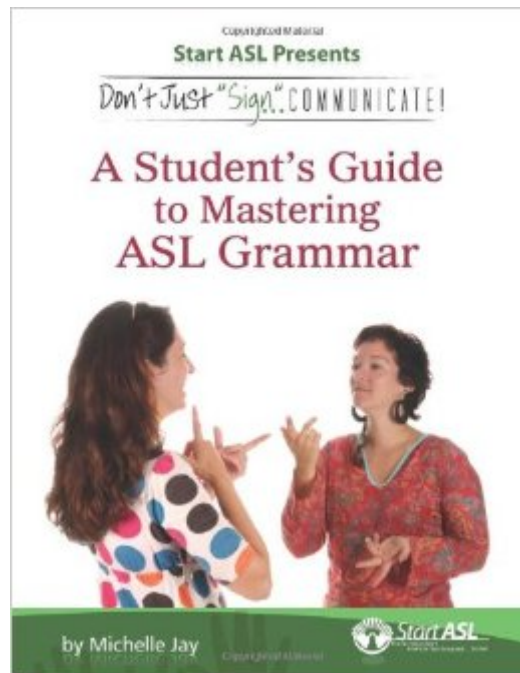


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# Don't Just Sign... Communicate!: A Student's Guide To Mastering American Sign Language Grammar



## Synopsis

Are You Making Common Signing Errors? Make no mistake about it... when venturing into the world of American Sign Language, the first thing you must understand is that ASL is its own language. It is different from English. ASL is also not like other Signing Systems. Like any other Language, ASL contains its own unique rules of syntax, phonology, grammar, etc. To become fluent in the ASL language, you must first be armed with these essential rules and terminology. Don't Just "Sign"... Communicate! methodically takes you, step-by-step, through the essentials of ASL Grammar to prepare you to truly and effectively communicate in and understand ASL. This carefully outlined guide not only illustrates the importance of understanding ASL's overall differences in grammar, the topics are broken up into the six (6) major aspects of the language, making it that much easier for you to understand and follow! Here's just a glimpse of what you'll find in this guide: - Get the "inside scoop" about ASL -- Learn vocabulary concepts not taught in most ASL dictionaries and discover the most essential ASL grammar rules. - Packed full with "must have" tools, a glossary of over 200 terms, and a grammar study sheet you'll use again and again! - Everything you need in just one place... And answers to questions you may not even know to ask... Regardless of your reasons for learning to communicate in ASL, once you have read this book with its expert advice and hints, you will truly be prepared to master the communication nuances of the ASL Language!

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I am currently a student studying ASL/Interpreter Training. I am always looking for ways to supplement what I learn at college, these books were AMAZING! I honestly think they are better than the textbooks I used this past semester in a very well respected ITP program. I would definitely

recommend Michelle Jay's books to anyone who wants to learn "real" ASL, not just some watered down version of a mix of ASL and English. I have purchased all 3 books available by Ms. Jay and can't wait to share them with my fellow students and my ASL professors. Bonus :) Michelle is a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), so she really knows her ASL/Deaf Culture!

As a student of American Sign Language (ASL), Michelle Jay's new book; Don't Just "Sign"... Communicate: A Student's Guide to Mastering ASL Grammar has become one of my most referenced books. Previous to my purchasing this book I had searched both the libraries and bookstores to find a book on ASL grammar. The most I ever found was a single chapter here or there out of all the books I researched. I am so delighted to have found, read and studied Jay's book. The book is laid out in easy to follow chapters (with examples for the student to practice). Some of the chapters include information on: fingerspelling, numbers, types of signs, the five sign parameters, which is fundamental if you are studying to become an interpreter, syntax and many other vital elements of ASL grammar. I must admit that I was surprised to realize that ASL grammar is NOT the same as that of English. I continually refer back to this book. Jay's book can be purchased singly or as part of her three book series which is wonderful for the serious ASL student. Her website also offers free or paid ASL lessons. I highly recommend the entire series of three books which also include; Don't Just "Sign"... Communicate: A Student's Guide to ASL and the Deaf Community and Don't Just "Sign"... Communicate: A Student's Pocket Guide to Deaf Community Terminology. An ASL student

I am future student of ASL/Interpreter Training. While looking for material that would probably aid me prior to walking to a class with no knowledge at all, since I believe that Sign Language is definitely a whole language of its own, by chance landed me on a website directed by Michelle Jay and the material found plus her three text books I am most definitely no longer concerned nor intimidated. I highly recommend Michelle Jay's all three books to anyone who wants to learn "the real McCoy" of the ASL language made real easy!!!

This has been a very helpful book for me as an ASL student as well as a mother of a child who is hoh. I took 5 college ASL classes but still really struggled with ASL sentence structure. This book has what is called 'gloss' which means that they put the signs with English words in ASL sentence structure. It has been really helpful for me in learning ASL sentence structure although my teacher discourages this book because sentence structure in ASL can change depending on what you are

putting emphasis on. For college we used Signing Naturally and we had the older version of the book. I really like the new one but really wish both of them focused on sentence structure like this one does for the students rather than just giving them a bunch of vocabulary although I might buy the new Signing Naturally because of the cultural and history that is added into it.

Let me first say that this is not a book to start learning sign language. This is a book for people who can sign but has never been able to master ASL grammar. I learned to sign by looking up lessons online and by learning from Deaf friends. Even though I can understand my friends' signing, I have always had trouble trying to use real ASL grammar. This book explains ASL grammar in a very clear and easy to understand way.

Every book I found, library or many many online were only concentrating on the signs and not the grammar or culture of the language or its people. This book doesn't focus on the meanings of sign much but their correct usage! I LOVE IT!

I am loving this book. I bought it today and have almost finished it. I've been a sign language interpreter for many years, and have taught basic sign language classes. This is a wonderful, concise, easy-to-understand resource that I am requiring for next semester's class. Thank you, Michelle Jay, for this book! I wish I'd had it as a resource decades ago.

This is a must have in the library of any person interested in or learning ASL (American Sign Language). This book includes more than just how to form the signs correctly it gives background information on how to use the signs in ASL and in which instances there are other acceptable interpretations. Anyone from a very new beginner to a more advanced learner can find very useful information. The illustrations are very easy to understand and the explanations are covered with very clear examples. I am using this book side-by-side with my course material. You will be happy you made this purchase.

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