

5 PARAMETERS OF ASL

Parameters are the 5 basic elements that make up **EVERY SIGN**.

HANDSHAPE: What shape is your hand?
ORIENTATION: Which way is your palm facing?
LOCATION: Where is the sign located (when the sign begins)?
MOVEMENT: How is your hand moving?
EXPRESSION: What else are you doing?

Example:

Sign: MOTHER

HANDSHAPE: 5

ORIENTATION: FACING TOWARD NON-DOMINANT SIDE

LOCATION: THUMB ON CHIN

MOVEMENT: CAN TAP, OR FINGERS CAN WIGGLE

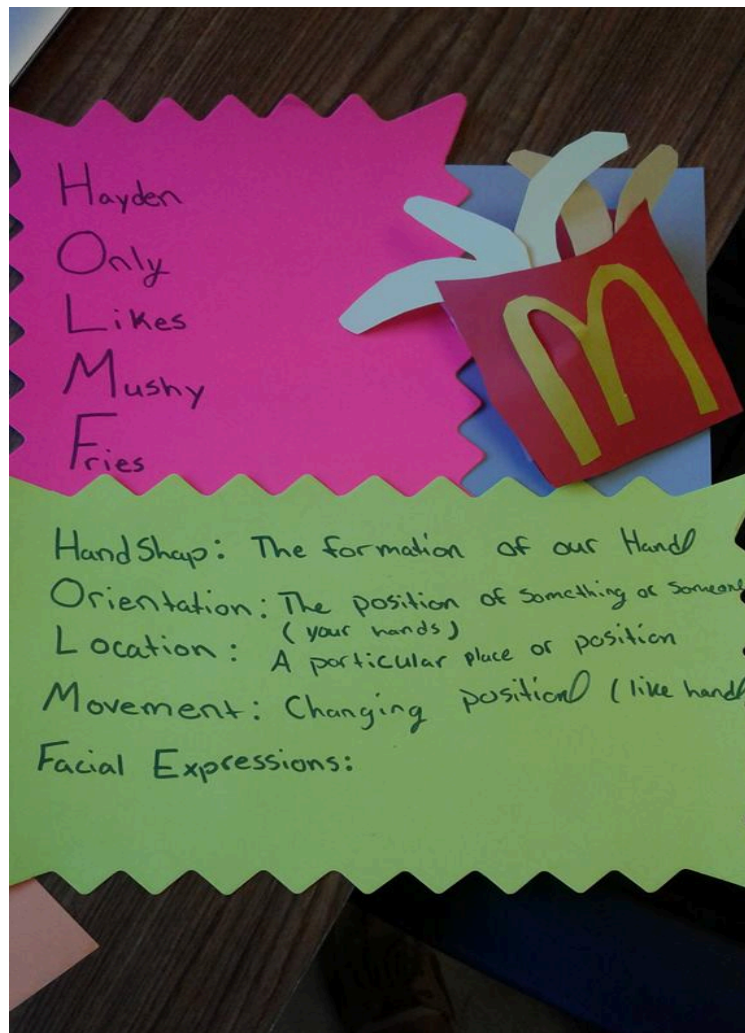
EXPRESSION: NONE NEEDED

TASK 1:

- 1.) **Create a “mnemonic device”** - a memorable phrase using the first letters of each parameter to help remember them.. (H,L,M,O,E)
You may use the parameters in any order.
- 2.) **Create a poster** illustrating your phrase
- 3.) **Your poster MUST include** the phrase, an illustration, and a description of each parameter. (i.e. The French Fry picture below meets all requirements)

Samples below:





TASK 2:

On the back of the poster, Create a table like the one below. List the 5 parameters of **5 SIGNS** YOU KNOW, as I did above for the sign *MOTHER*, and below for *HELLO*.

<i>SIGN</i>	HS	LOCATION	PALM OR.	MVMT	FACIAL EXPR.
<i>Ex.</i> HELLO	B	FOREHEAD	PALM DOWN	MOVE OUTWARD, LIKE A SALUTE	NONE

As a reminder, a list of the 40 ASL handshapes is here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NAZyeLS_uATY6Q281Cv_9Nf8QuMZTDCDddGz00A4go4/edit?usp=sharing

HAVE FUN!

#1 Example of mnemonic device:

Kids **P**refer **C**heese **O**ver **F**ried
Green **S**pinach

Kingdom, **P**hylum, **C**lass, **O**rder,
Family, **G**enus, **S**pecies

#2 Example of mnemonic device:

My **V**ery **E**xcited **M**other
Just **S**erved **U**s **N**ine **P**ies

Mercury, **V**enus, **E**arth, **M**ars,
Jupiter, **S**aturn, **U**ranus,
Neptune, and **P**luto

