



Four number systems you need to know

ASL Numbers for Interpreters



Numbers are a basic expression of language fluency yet many interpreters do not produce ASL numbers accurately. Do you know how to correctly convey the following: Channel 4, four children, 4th in a sequence, and the last four digits of your SSN? Hint: only one is produced palm in, and only one is produced palm out.

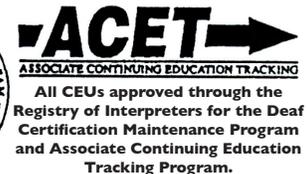
Numbering systems differ in English and ASL. English is relatively straightforward with only two categories. ASL, however, has more than two dozen systems including nominals, quantifiers, sequential, and informational.

While many systems are familiar, interpreters can struggle with which system to use. This is especially true with some of the more unique systems. Expressing ASL numbers incorrectly can make an interpreted message difficult for Deaf viewers to understand.

Using signed video texts, participants will learn to recognize, accurately articulate, and correctly use four specific numbering systems in ASL. Increase your language fluency in ASL with numbers!

Topics we will cover

- Recognize four different numbering systems in ASL
- Learn how to articulate the 4 different systems
- Know when to use a particular system in an ASL message
- View ASL numbers used in context
- Enhance language accuracy, competency and comprehensibility in ASL messages



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Educating interpreters since 1992, David's sessions are interactive, entertaining, and informative, creating a relaxed, safe environment for all audiences. David established Bridge Communications in 1996 to further his goals of providing skill-building workshops and video materials for ASL-English interpreters.

When not on the road presenting, David makes his home in Minneapolis where he enjoys roller skating, playing Frisbee, listening to disco, and taking walks around the city's many lakes.