



TABLE 12.4 Sign Language Systems

Sign System	Description	Advantages/Disadvantages
American Sign Language (ASL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considered the natural language of the deaf• Has a unique syntax system, not a word-by-word interpretation• System most frequently used by interpreters in public settings (churches, concerts, ceremonies, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unique syntax could make transition to English more challenging
Signing Exact English (SEE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most like spoken English• Close match to ASL• Uses English word order• System most commonly used in public schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be understood by ASL users• English word order should make the transition to English less challenging
Signed English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses ASL signs in English word order patterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Even closer match to ASL but with the advantage of English word order

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