

American Deaf Culture Quiz

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1. What is American Sign Language (ASL)? (circle 2 answers)
 - a. a visual form of English
 - b. a language that relies on mime
 - c. a language capable of expressing abstract ideas
 - d. a language using picture-like gestures to express ideas and concepts
 - e. a language utilizing space and movement to convey meaning

2. Historically, American Sign Language is related to:
 - a. British Sign Language
 - b. Swedish Sign Language
 - c. French Sign Language
 - d. German Sign Language

3. American Sign Language is used by most Deaf people in which of the following countries?
 - a. Canada
 - b. United States
 - c. Mexico
 - d. Brazil
 - e. England

4. Approximately what percent of Deaf people who marry are married to other Deaf people?
 - a. 10 percent
 - b. 25 percent
 - c. 50 percent
 - d. 75 percent
 - e. 90 percent

5. American Sign Language is traditionally handed down from generation to generation through:
 - a. Deaf family members
 - b. Deaf adults in the community
 - c. Residential schools for the Deaf
 - d. Sign Language teachers
 - e. classroom teachers

6. The role of facial expressions, head movements, and eye gaze in American Sign Language is primarily:
 - a. grammatical
 - b. stylistic
 - c. emotive

7. While watching another person sign, it is appropriate to focus on the signer's:
 - a. hands
 - b. chest area
 - c. face

8. Among ASL signers, fingerspelling is mainly used in what ways?
 - a. interchangeably with any sign
 - b. to specify brand names
 - c. as an artistic form of signing
 - d. to give names to people and places

9. American Sign Language makes use of the space in front of a signer's body to: (circle all that apply)
 - a. convey distance
 - b. contrast two people, places, things, or ideas
 - c. express time concepts
 - d. indicate sentence types

10. To get the attention of a Deaf person who is looking the other way, you should:
 - a. yell as loud as you can
 - b. tap him/her on the shoulder
 - c. wave in his/her face
 - d. go around and stand in front of the person

11. If your path is blocked by two signers conversing with each other, you should:
 - a. wait until they stop talking before you pass through
 - b. bend down very low in order to avoid passing through their signing space
 - c. go ahead and walk through
 - d. find another path

12. Which of the following are considered rude by Deaf people?
- a. moving a person aside so you can pass through
 - b. watching a signed conversation
 - c. describing a distinctive feature of a person to identify him/her
 - d. talking (using voice) in the presence of Deaf people
13. In general, the least effective communication strategy between Deaf and hearing people is:
- a. speech and lipreading
 - b. using Sign Language
 - c. writing back and forth
 - d. using interpreters
14. Which of the following are valued in the Deaf community? (circle all that apply)
- a. for community to govern their own affairs
 - b. being kept informed about the community and its members
 - c. restoring one's hearing
 - d. ability to speak well
 - e. to have a sense of social obligation and duty to the group
 - f. to develop long term relationships
 - g. to be self-reliant (be your own person)
15. Other than the word "Deaf," a culturally appropriate way to identify Deaf people would be to say they are:
- a. deaf and dumb
 - b. deaf mutes
 - c. hearing impaired
 - d. deaf and hard of hearing
 - e. all of the above
 - f. none of the above