

Individual ASL Tutoring
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My Mission

I am dedicated to creating a more just and Deaf-friendly world. My work toward this includes individual and organizational ASL education, speech and language services in ASL and English that respect the agency of the learner, and using my privilege to support and amplify minoritized people and experiences.

About Me

I am a white, hard of hearing speech language pathologist and teacher. I have been teaching and signing for more than 15 years, and I hold a Masters of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Emerson College. I currently live in the Boston area.

Tutoring Rates

Type of Tutoring	Rate
Individual (teen/adult)	\$30 / 30 minutes
Individual (child, 8-12 years old)	\$25 / 20 minutes
Family (parent and child/parent coaching)	\$30 / 40 minutes

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between ASL classes and ASL tutoring?

ASL classes are held in a group, with a curriculum that all students move through together. ASL tutoring is individual, and the topics are decided based on the student's own skill level and goals.

How will we schedule sessions?

We will email to find time during the week that works for both of us. Sessions can be scheduled 9 am - 4 pm Monday - Thursday, and 11 am - 2 pm Saturday. Meeting at a consistent time each week is preferred, but scheduling can be flexible if needed.

What will we do during ASL tutoring sessions?

Usually, we will just chat! Conversation is a great way to figure out what vocabulary and language skills need practice, and while it can be easy to find ASL vocabulary videos online, it's difficult to practice grammar on your own. We might also play games to practice new vocabulary and grammar.

How many tutoring sessions will we have?

How many times we meet depends on what the goals are for our work together. If you want to improve your ASL skills in general, we can meet for as long as you want, but if you want to practice only a very specific kind of language skill, we might just meet a few times. When to stop tutoring sessions is entirely up to you.

What do I need to do to get ready for a tutoring session?

Make sure you have a phone or computer that can run Zoom, and a place to set up where there's enough light for you to see and be seen and with no glare coming from behind you. Depending on what you're practicing, you might get 'homework' or other activities to do between sessions.

How does payment work?

I can accept payment through Paypal and Venmo- both accounts use my full name and the email NewLeafLanguage@gmail.com. Payment is due after each session, unless we have agreed on a different payment schedule. I am committed to making tutoring as financially accessible as possible- if you are concerned about cost, please get in touch and we can make a plan together.