

# Welcome Brighton Ski Patrols

Welcome to American  
Sign Language (ASL)



# Who am I?

- Wade Hester
- Deaf
- Hearing Wife and Family
- Utah School for the Deaf and Blind



# What is American Sign Language? (ASL)

- Visual and gestural language
- Created with hands
- Facial expressions
- Body posture and movement



# How many Deaf people are there in U.S.?

- Severe to profound hearing loss
  - Estimated 28 million Americans
- Culturally Deaf and use ASL
  - Estimated 500,000 to million
- Utah Deaf population?
  - 245,00 Deaf and Hard of Hearing
  - 4000-5000 are culturally Deaf  
(Census, 2000)

# Should Deaf rely on lip-reading?

- Catch 25% of spoken messages
- Misunderstandings! Frustrating!
- Some Deaf are skilled lip-readers also using residual hearing
- Better Options
  - Certified ASL interpreters
  - Exchanging written notes
- Example

## Suppose Deaf woman says:

"This place is a mess! C'mon,  
You and I need to clean this place up,  
Your stuff is lying all over on the floor  
and you'll have no clothes to wear tomorrow  
unless we do the laundry right now!"

## Her lipreading to Deaf husband will get:

blah, blah, blah, blah, C'MON  
YOU AND I blah, blah, blah, blah,  
blah, blah, blah, blah, ON THE FLOOR  
blah, blah, NO CLOTHES blah, blah,  
blah, blah, blah, blah, RIGHT NOW!

**A 92 year-old Deaf man went to the Doctor to get a physical.**

**A few days later the Dr. saw the man walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on his arm.**

**A couple of days later the Dr. talked to the man and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"**

**The man replied, "Just doing what you said Doctor, 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful."**

**The Doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said you got a heart murmur. Be careful."**

# Deaf Life

- Deaf attention (How?)
- Restaurants and Business
  - Communication
  - Interpreters
- Deaf Jokes
- Deaf clubs

**a****b****c****d****e****f****g**palm is always forward  
except where notedpalm forward  
thumb bent outthumb also often  
lower (like a claw)

palm in

**h**  
palm in**i****j****k****l****m****n****o**palm faces opposite  
side of body**p**index finger  
points out**q**  
like p but points  
down and unseen  
fingers curled in**r****s****t****u****v****w****x****y****z**palm forward  
thumb can be over fingers  
whole palm can be  
slanted to side away from body

# Questions

- How
- What
- When
- Where
- Who
- Why

# Family

- Father
- Mother
- Son
- Daughter
- Brother
- Sister
- Grandpa
- Grandma
- Baby



# Medical Emergency

- Hospital
- Identification
- Hurt/Pain
- Blood
- Headache
- Accident
- Suffer
- Shocked
- Weak
- Blood Pressure



# Medical Emergency

- Dizzy
- Broken
- Sprain
- Doctor/Nurse
- Breathe
- Heart
- CPR
- Allergy



# Emotion

- Frustrated
- Hate
- Like
- Sorry
- Alright
- Good
- Bad



# Emotion

- Happy
- Sad
- Afraid/Scare
- Feel
- Fine
- Tired
- Sick



# Common Signs

- Address/Live
- Call
- Careful
- Deaf
- Do Not
- Finish
- Happen
- Help
- Home
- License
- Lost

- Paper/Write/Pen
- Please
- Problem
- Show
- Sit
- Snow Ski
- Snow
- Snow boarding
- Speeding/Fast
- Stand
- Stay
- Stop
- Thank You
- Time

- Understand
- Walk
- Water
- What's Wrong
- Yes
- Avalanche
- Now/Today
- Fire
- Follow
- Food/Eat
- Go
- Move
- Need
- No

# Transportation

- Airplane
- Helicopter
- Car
- Truck
- Ambulance
- Snowmobile
- Chair Lift
- Bus



# Information from Internet

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