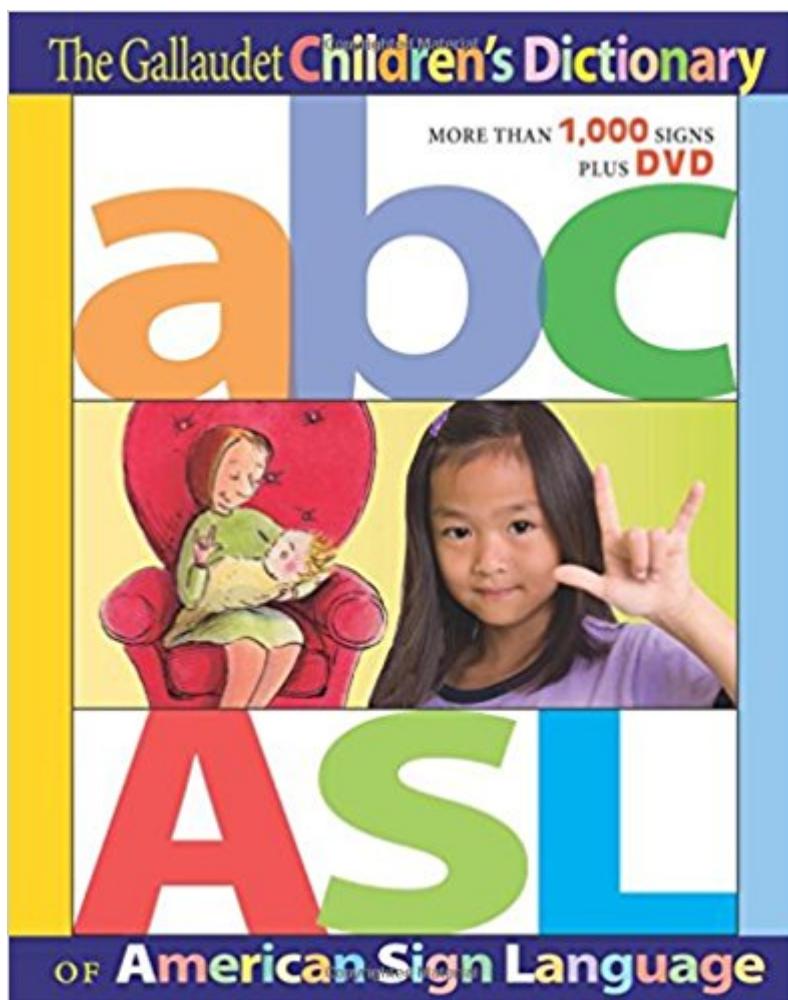


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# The Gallaudet Children's Dictionary Of American Sign Language



## Synopsis

\* Featuring more than 1,000 ASL sign drawings\* All signs paired with charming color illustrations\* Introduction explains how to sign ASL and fingerspell\* Complete index of English terms for each sign, including synonyms\* Sample sentences using specific words to match every signâ€¢ meaning The Gallaudet Childrenâ€¢s Dictionary of American Sign Language presents more than 1,000 ASL sign drawings arranged alphabetically by English terms, plus delightful color illustrations for each sign. Also featuring English sentences for each sign, the Gallaudet Childrenâ€¢s Dictionary stands alone as the best, most entertaining ASL reference volume for deaf and hearing children alike. The Gallaudet Childrenâ€¢s Dictionary is a bilingual dictionary that serves a twofold purposeâ€¢ to increase and improve deaf children's English vocabulary skills and to teach American Sign Language to hearing children. Research indicates that all children benefit from knowing more than one language, and they acquire the second language relatively quickly when they start learning it before the age of twelve. This dictionary will help deaf children make the connections between the signs they already know and the written English words that express the same concept. As a result, their reading vocabulary will grow, and they will gain an understanding of how English words can have different meanings. Hearing children will learn a new language and a new way to communicate. The introduction explains the history and culture of American Sign Language as well as how to sign and fingerspell. The accompanying DVD displays native ASL signers demonstrating how to form each sign plus 150 ASL sentences. For easier retention, signs can be watched in full speed or slow motion. The index listing all of the English vocabulary for each sign completes The Gallaudet Childrenâ€¢s Dictionary of American Sign Language as the new standard ASL reference for children, their parents, and their teachers.

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**The Gallaudet Children's Dictionary of American Sign Language.** 1st ed. Gallaudet University Press (editor) and Jean M. Gordon (editor). Illustrated by Debbie Tilley. Sept. 2014. 384p. Gallaudet Univ., hardcover, \$35.95 (9781563686313). 419.703. **REVIEW.** First published September 18, 2014 (Booklist Online). This new American Sign Language (ASL) dictionary for children is published by Gallaudet University, one of the leading universities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Aimed at emerging readers, this dictionary uses cute color illustrations for the signs and easy-to-read definitions for more than 1,000 words. What sets this dictionary apart from other books on ASL for children is the accompanying DVD, which shows children signing each of the words in the dictionary. Some of the words are also included in sentences, which are signed by adults. Watching the words being signed by someone will likely help those who might be confused by the directional arrows in the illustrations. The DVD, which is easily navigable on a variety of devices, shows a multicultural, diverse group of individuals, emphasizing that anyone could be deaf. This dictionary will help deaf children broaden their vocabulary, as well as teach hearing children how to sign.

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This outstanding title deserves a place on the shelf of every school and public library. Designed for use by children ages 5 and up, this title will facilitate sign language learning for deaf and hearing children and adults. The entries are arranged alphabetically by English words and colorful, entertaining illustrations accompany each word to demonstrate the concept associated with the word. The signing instructions are done as black and white line drawings with bold lines added to illustrate handshape, movement, location, palm orientation and nonmanual

signals. The DVD bound with the dictionary is equally useful since it includes live-action of children signing each word and videos of adults signing 150 sentences. (2015 "Best of the Best" University Press Books for Public and Secondary School Libraries, 25th Ed.)

As an interpreter myself (fluent in ASL & English) and having grown up in a family of Hearing, Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and Deaf-Blind people, I can say that this book gets my seal of approval. I give this routinely as a baby shower gift. **WHY I LIKE IT:** As a product of the world's only Deaf University & their publishing affiliate, it is a trustworthy resource to find CORRECT and reliable sign vocabulary. It also comes with a free DVD of video showing EVERY sign that's within the book; considering the language is a visual one in which the drawings are not always sufficiently clear, such video is vital (and googling the word when you don't know the language could lead you to signing very incorrect things, thus the source reliability here is so key). Additionally, you're supporting Deaf people, their culture, & their university by buying these materials versus someone who potentially learned second-hand, has no knowledge of Deaf Culture, & may know very little about the roots of the language which sadly many "baby sign" books fall within this category. Best of luck and any further material by Gallaudet Press or Dawn Sign Press (an unrelated but equally reliable Deaf & ASL only content publisher) would be highly recommended by me over others.

As a parent of two deaf children who were adopted we have been looking for ways to teach them ASL. The issue is many of them are based on prior learning. Our two adopted children had received NO learning in their home country. Everything was new... Colors, Numbers, Fruit names etc... This book was what we were needing! I highly recommend this for EVERYONE who is interested in learning or teaching ASL!

Check out the book trailer  it features twelve children doing 12 commonly used words, plus 4 adults applying them to sentences. They are from the fabulous DVD that comes with the Dictionary! See it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqnpZ1jFLSw> Here's the embed code:

Not quite what I hoped. Trouble is, there are too many variations these days, from LifePrint on web to dictionaries to tutors. Since my daughter and grandkids are learning it faster than the rest of us, I defer to whatever they settle on, as they put the research into it. Learn your letters!--that helps so much.

For anyone who is a beginner interested in learning sign language this is the book. It is awesome. I am currently using it for an online periscope class. Oh and I forgot it comes with a CD. Worth every penny spent!

Beautifully done! I love it! We love it! TODs here and we bought copies (1 each) for our classrooms. Exactly what it should be.

Excellent book with beautiful illustrations. Kids enjoy looking at it and learning from it.

I became aware of this dictionary when a deaf couple purchased this for their deaf child. I've since purchased the dictionary and have shared it with adult sign language students and a Deaf sign language teacher - they all love it .. and so do I! The signs are as clear as signs can be in printed form. I like the visuals and the use of the word in context.

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