

What is American Sign Language?

ASL is the visual language used by many deaf and hard-of-hearing people in the United States and many parts of Canada.

ASL is very different from English—it is a complete language with its own grammar and syntax.

For more information, see the National Association of the Deaf's definition of ASL: <https://www.nad.org/resources/american-sign-language/what-is-american-sign-language/>.

ASL and Deaf Culture Links

RIT's **ASL Video Dictionary and Inflection Guide**: <https://www.rit.edu/ntid/dictionary/app>

RIT ASL & Deaf Studies Community Center: <https://www.rit.edu/ntid/radsccl/>

Online ASL videos: <http://www.ntid.rit.edu/aslie/current-students/asl-resources>

Online Deaf Culture videos: <http://www.ntid.rit.edu/aslie/current-students/deaf-culture-resources>