

NOUN/VERB PAIRS

This list provides common and practical ASL noun/verb pairs to help learners understand how different nouns are linked with corresponding verbs in American Sign Language. Each entry combines a noun with an associated action to illustrate their relationship.

Car/Drive	Key/Unlock or Lock
Bicycle/Ride	Rope/Tie or Untie
Airplane/Fly	Basket/Fill or Empty
Boat/Cruise	Glass/Fill or Empty
Scissors/Cut	Bottle/Pour
Hammer/Hit	Bag/Pack or Unpack
Nail/Hammer	Basket/Carry
Brush/Brush (hair)	Paper/Print
Comb/Comb (hair)	Newspaper/Print
Toothbrush/Brush (teeth)	Envelope/Send
Clothes/Get-dressed	Telephone/Call
Coat-Jacket/Put on coat or jacket	Camera/Shoot (photo)
Hat/Put On or Take Off	Picture/Take
Makeup/Put on makeup	Bell/Ring
Mascara/Put on mascara	Flag/Wave
Nail polish/Polish nails	Ball/Throw or Catch
Food/Eat	Shoes/Walk
Cup/Drink	Chair/Sit
Money or Shop/Buy	Bed/Sleep
Pot/Cook	Computer/Type
Stove/Turn On or Off	Guitar/Play
Light/Turn On or Off	Music/Play
Door/Open or Close	Brush/Paint (as in using a paintbrush)
Window/Open or Close	Lawn mower/Mow
Drawer/Open or Close	Skis/To ski
Book/Open or Close	Zipper/To zip up or down
Book/Read	Cigarette/Smoke
Television/Watch	Store/Sell
Radio/Listen	Plant/Grow
Alarm/Set	Spring or Plant/Grow
Clock/Set	Soap/Wash



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