

15 ASL CLASSIFIERS

Learn & Practice

In ASL, classifiers are essential for describing objects, people, and actions. This worksheet introduces 15 common ASL classifiers and their handshapes. Practice forming each classifier handshape and explore how they are used in ASL to represent size, shape, and movement.

Classifier	How it is used
CL: 1	Something long/thin like a person, pole, or pen, perimeter of object
CL: 3	A vehicle (must be horizontal) or three people
CL: 4	Line of people, lines on shirt, water leaking, bleeding, four people, fence, hair
CL: 5	5 - Wind, five people, tears, vomit, height or movement of water Bent 5 - movement of animals with more than 4 legs, recording Claw 5 - larger amount of people animals, settings location
CL: A	Movement back and forth, setting up an object or location
CL: B	B - Flat smooth surfaces, height, width, horse, bicycle Bent B - long road Curved B - curved object like a basin or sink
CL: C	C - cylindrical object like cup, pole, pipe Partial C - beak, pinchers
CL: F	Polka dots, buttons, coins, eye gaze
CL: G	Size of stripe, thickness of object, mustache, eyelid movement
CL: I	Thin objects like string, high heels
CL: ILY	Airplane
CL: L	Square objects like A frame or driver's license
CL: O	Cylindrical object like firehose, rod, pipe
CL: V (CL: 2)	2 - Person standing, eyes, two people Bent 2 - bent legs, animal legs
CL: Y	Large animal or person, wide teeth, horns