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The American Sign Language Phrase Book With DVD
Synopsis

Open up a whole new world of communication through ASL. You can easily learn ASL with help from The American Sign Language Phrase Book. With more than 500 phrases, this is the reference guide to everyday expressions in American Sign Language, providing a quick way for you to converse with deaf people. Clearly illustrated with hundreds of line drawings, this book focuses on areas such as health, family, school, sports, travel, religion, time, money, food and drink, and small talk. This edition’s chapter on technology boasts 50 phrases to help you communicate about the Internet, computing, video relay, and more. There is even a chapter that gives you phrases for communicating about signing: asking people to sign slower, indicating your fingerspelling ability, and requesting help with your fledgling skills. This edition includes a two-hour DVD that presents right-and left-handed signers demonstrating every phrase in the book from chapter 3 through the appendix. From asking simple questions (‘How are you?’) to more complex phrases (‘There’s no sign for that, you have to fingerspell it.’), The American Sign Language Phrase Book gives you the power to communicate easily and comfortably in ASL.

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Customer Reviews

I am a certified sign language interpreter who recently started teaching a sign language class at my church. Up until now, I’ve never found a book with which I was completely satisfied. I always ended up adding a lot of supplementary materials, many of which I had to develop. Thank God for this book / DVD set. Starting beginners with basic ASL phrases instead of disjointed vocabulary words is a WONDERFUL way to get them interested! Grammar can then be explained as it occurs naturally.
I know I will be using this book and DVD for many years!

I was gifted the eBook version of this book. I loved it and wanted to share it with my wife. I am hard of hearing and learning ASL is somewhat of a necessity. This book is succinct and to the point, but at the same time lacking little. It teaches grammar essentials, and vocabulary through useful phrases. The drawings of the signs are easy to understand, but there is a DVD that accompanies the book that clears up any confusion. This may not be the only book or DVD that you will get to learn ASL, but it is definitely one that you should.

This book is really good. I love that they included a DVD with the book. The illustrations could be A LOT better but you can get the basic understanding if you read “How to Use This Book” chapter and if this is not your first book. Also, I think it could have been better if it had a quiz section, either in the book or on the DVD. All in all its a good ASL book to have!

The American Sign Language Phrase Book with DVD is a good ASL book to keep in ones library. It was recommended by my ASL tutor. If one has a choice to get American Sign Language Phrasebook, I would purchase the one with the dvd. The pictures in the book are good but having a more three dimensional viewing with the dvd. Also, I would recommend, The Gallaudet Dictionary of American Sign Language which come with a dvd.

This book is great to help you grasp different kinds of ASL structures and phrasing, but I gave it four stars because the drawings, in my opinion, aren't very clear and I usually had to cross check signs with other books/websites to make sure I was doing them correctly (an issue I haven't had with many other books).

Fantastic book and so is the dvd that comes with however the only problem is the DVD when they are showing you how to do the phrases and words the zip through it and it doesn't take the time to repeat or go slow so you can understand and fully grasp it

I have always liked this book. it is a great product. It's nice that the update now includes a DVD. Good for individuals or to use with students.

The book does a decent job as far as explaining the different signs. The only gripe I have is that the
person demonstrating on the DVD moves way too fast. I am constantly rewinding the video to make sure I saw the sign done correctly.

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