

# ASL Grammar Summary Sheet

Type of Marking	Eye Brows	Head Position	Other Features	Sign Production
Statement	unmarked	unmarked		unmarked
Yes / No Question	raised	tilted (forward)	body forward	hold last sign
Wh Question	furrowed	tilt	direct eye gaze on WH	WH at end of sentence
Rhetorical Wh	raised	tilt		hold WH then answer
Clarification Wh	raised	forward		hold interrogative sign
Topics	raised	tilt to one side & back		hold last sign
Relative Clauses	raised	tilted back	cheek & upper lip raised	no hold (??)
Conditionals (condition)	raised	tilt		one side of signing space
Commands	unmarked	unmarked	direct eye gaze	verb is stressed
Negations	lowered (squint)	side-to-side		unmarked
Assertions	unmarked	nod		unmarked

## Adverbial Markings

**CS** - (Cheek to shoulder, shoulder raised, head tilted to shoulder) - recent past marker

**TH** - (Interdental tongue protrusion) - carelessness marker

**MM** - (bilabial pursed lips, head tilt) - repetition/redundancy marker

**Intensity markers** 1) puffed cheeks, 2) puffed cheeks with head movement, 3) tensed and open lips, 4) tensed and open lips with tongue movement

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