

Sentence Types: Wh Questions

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There are three types of questions used in ASL--wh-word questions, yes/no questions, and rhetorical which will not be addressed in this lesson. The only way to decipher between these questions in ASL is by the use of non-manual markers (NMM).

In this lesson we will address sentences using the WH questions.

Wh questions require more than a yes or no answer. These are normally questions that use the following words: who, what, when, where, how, how much, which, and why. These are typically signed at the end of the questions.

NMM (Non-Manual Markers) to use:

- Lower your eyebrows
- Lean your head forward
- Hold the last sign in your sentence (usually the wh-word)

Example sentences:

____Wh
ASL: LIVE WHERE?

English: Where do you live?

_____wh
ASL: CHILDREN HOW MANY?

English: How many children do you have?

