

# Unit 3: Facial Expressions and Other Non-Manual Markers

Content Area: **Language Arts Literacy**  
Course(s):  
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## Enduring Understandings

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- There is so much more to language than just what we say (or sign).
- Body language is a large portion of how we express ourselves linguistically.
- Inflection is not limited only to voice, but used in ASL as well.

## Essential Questions

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- How do I express myself without saying anything "outloud" or through the air?
- How can I express intensity in a manual (v. a vocal) language?

## Content

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- [Facial Expressions and Other Non-Manual Markers](#)
  - [Head Tilting](#)
  - Shoulder Raising
  - Mouthing
  - Signals to Create Meaning
  - Eyebrows
    - [Yes/No](#)
    - ["WH"](#)
- [Intensity/Inflection](#)
- [Vocabulary](#)
- Counting 31-100 (focus on doubles)

## Skills

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- Comprehend a signer's use of non-manual markers.
- Practice using non-manual markers when signing words and sentences.
- Comprehend a signer's use of "wh" and "yes/no" eyebrows.
- Practice using "why" and "yes/no" eyebrows when using proper vocabulary and within sentences.
- Comprehend a signer's use of intensity and inflection.

- Practice using intensity and inflection with the proper vocabulary.

## Resources

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- [LifePrint Lesson 2](#)
- [LifePrint Lesson 3](#)

## Standards

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- Standard 1.1 Students engage in conversations and correspondence in American Sign Language to provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions.
- Standard 1.2 Students comprehend and interpret live and recorded American Sign Language on a variety of topics.
- Standard 1.3 Students present information, concepts, and ideas in American Sign Language to an audience of viewers on a variety of topics.
- Standard 2.1 Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of American Deaf culture.
- Standard 4.1 Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of American Sign Language and their own languages.
- Standard 5.1 Students use American Sign Language within and beyond the school setting.
- Standard 5.2 Students show evidence of becoming lifelong learners by using American Sign Language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.