

Unit 3: Family & Relationships

Content Area: **English Language Arts**
Course(s):
Time Period: **Full Year**
Length: **Full Year**
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UNIT RATIONALE

Students will use the target language (American Sign Language-ASL) in the three modes of communication to identify & express familial relationships, describing objects/people, concepts of possession, and basic commands. This unit will provide the foundational skills that are necessary for students to develop ASL on their way towards fluency. Assessments will be based on students using and interpreting the target language.

Interpretive:

Students interpret authentic signed/visual productions of American Sign Language that focus on language likes/dislikes and descriptions

Interpersonal:

Students will engage in unscripted conversations with classmates, the instructor, or the members of the Deaf Community.

Presentational:

Students will use pre-rehearsed/memorized phrases in the target language as well as use culturally appropriate norms, gestures, and facial expressions.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- How can I use a language when I've just started to learn it?
- How can I navigate conversations in ASL when I don't know everything that was signed?
- What will help my classmates, my teacher, and members of the Deaf Community better understand me?
- How can I respect a culture that has different practices than my own?
- How can I describe people in my family?
- How do we describe physical traits differently than character traits?

STANDARDS

NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS: CONTENT AREA

New Jersey (NJSLS) - World Languages - Interpersonal Mode (2020)

7.1.NL.IPERS.1

Respond to a few simple questions on very familiar topics using memorized words and phrases that have been repeatedly practiced.

7.1.NL.IPERS.2

With the help of gestures and/or visuals, share with others basic needs on very familiar topics using memorized words and phrases that have been repeatedly practiced.

7.1.NL.IPERS.3

Tell others a few basic preferences and/or feelings using memorized words and phrases, often supported by gestures or visuals.

7.1.NL.IPERS.5

Enact a few culturally authentic gestures when greeting others and during leave takings.

7.1.NL.IPERS.6

Share with others the names of a few memorized and practiced words and phrases related to climate change in the target culture(s) and in students' own cultures.

7.1.NH.IPERS.1

Exchange basic information by recombining memorized words, phrases, and sentences on topics related to self and targeted themes to express original ideas and information.

New Jersey (NJSLS) - World Languages - Interpretive Mode (2020)

7.1.NL.IPRET.1

Identify a few memorized and practiced words contained in oral, viewed, and written chunks of language in culturally authentic materials when supported by visual cues such as pictures and gestures and text support such as bolded words, bulleted lists, and/or captions.

7.1.NL.IPRET.2

Respond with physical actions and/or gestures to simple oral directions, commands, and requests.

7.1.NL.IPRET.3

Recognize a few common gestures associated with the target culture(s).

7.1.NM.IPRET.2

Respond with actions and/or gestures to oral and written directions, commands, and requests that relate to familiar and practiced topics.

New Jersey (NJSLS) - World Languages - Presentational Mode (2020)

7.1.NL.PRSNT.1

Present very familiar personal information using memorized words and phrases that have been repeatedly practiced, often using gestures and visuals to support communication.

7.1.NL.PRSNT.2

Express a few basic preferences and/or feelings using memorized words and phrases that are supported by gestures or visuals.

7.1.NL.PRSNT.3

Imitate a few culturally authentic gestures when greeting others and during leave takings.

7.1.NL.PRSNT.4

State the names of a few memorized and practiced words and phrases related to climate change in the target culture(s) and in students' own cultures.

7.1.NM.PRSNT.1

Present basic personal information, interests, and activities using memorized words, phrases, and a few simple sentences on targeted themes.

7.1.NM.PRSNT.2

State basic needs on very familiar topics using words, phrases, and short memorized, formulaic sentences practiced in class.

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WL.NL.7.1.NL.PRSNT.4	State the names of a few memorized and practiced words and phrases related to climate change in the target culture(s) and in students' own cultures.
WL.NM.7.1.NM.IPRET.2	Respond with actions and/or gestures to oral and written directions, commands, and requests that relate to familiar and practiced topics.
WL.NM.7.1.NM.PRSNT.1	Present basic personal information, interests, and activities using memorized words, phrases, and a few simple sentences on targeted themes.
WL.NM.7.1.NM.PRSNT.2	State basic needs on very familiar topics using words, phrases, and short memorized, formulaic sentences practiced in class.

NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS: CAREER READINESS, LIFE LITERACIES AND KEY SKILLS

Developed by the American Council on the Teaching Foreign Languages (ACTFL) and P21, the attached map reflects the collective effort of World Language teachers in the United States and illustrates the integration of World Languages and 21st Century Skills. This map provides educators, administrators, and policymakers with concrete examples of how 21st Century Skills can be integrated into core subjects.

[21st Century Skills Map-World Languages.pdf](#)

PFL.9.1.5.CR.1	Compare various ways to give back and relate them to your strengths, interests, and other personal factors.
PFL.9.1.5.FP.4	Explain the role of spending money and how it affects wellbeing and happiness (e.g., "happy money," experiences over things, donating to causes, anticipation, etc.).
PFL.9.1.5.RMI.1	Identify risks that individuals and households face.
TECH.9.4.5.CI.1	Use appropriate communication technologies to collaborate with individuals with diverse perspectives about a local and/or global climate change issue and deliberate about possible solutions (e.g., W.4.6, 3.MD.B.3,7.1.NM.IPERS.6).
TECH.9.4.5.CI.2	Investigate a persistent local or global issue, such as climate change, and collaborate with individuals with diverse perspectives to improve upon current actions designed to address the issue (e.g., 6.3.5.CivicsPD.3, W.5.7).
TECH.9.4.5.CI.3	Participate in a brainstorming session with individuals with diverse perspectives to expand one's thinking about a topic of curiosity (e.g., 8.2.5.ED.2, 1.5.5.CR1a).
TECH.9.4.5.TL.5	Collaborate digitally to produce an artifact (e.g., 1.2.5CR1d).
TECH.9.4.5.IML.6	Use appropriate sources of information from diverse sources, contexts, disciplines, and cultures to answer questions (e.g., RI.5.7, 6.1.5.HistoryCC.7, 7.1.NM. IPRET.5).

NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS: COMPUTER SCIENCE AND DESIGN THINKING

Resources & Technology

- Smart Board
- Google Slides
- YouTube Videos
- Video Recording Apps (for student work & assessment)

TECH.8.1.5.A.3	Use a graphic organizer to organize information about problem or issue.
TECH.8.1.5.C.1	Engage in online discussions with learners of other cultures to investigate a worldwide issue from multiple perspectives and sources, evaluate findings and present possible solutions, using digital tools and online resources for all steps.

PRE-ASSESSMENTS

Students will discuss their knowledge of familial relationships by having authentic conversations about their

families. The instructor will expose students to different kinds of families and stress the concept that every family looks different.

INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN

MODULE 1

Student Learning Intentions (SLI) WALT: (We are learning to...)	We are learning to describe members of our families
Student Learning Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using Total Physical Response (TPR) students will learn vocabulary in the targeted language through physical movement.• Students will work in small groups/partners to use the targeted vocabulary.• Students will demonstrate understanding of vocabulary learned through TPR, presentation, and games.• Students will use basic vocabulary to answer questions.
Success Criteria	I can list who lives in my house and my relationship to them.
Formative Assessment (drives instructional decisions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Observations• Participation in class• TPR responsiveness & readiness• Presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive group activities.• Student feedback based on learning intentions.

Activities and Resources	Students will create small family trees, after having this modeled for them.
Suggested Modifications	Click Here for Suggested Modifications

MODULE 2

Student Learning Intentions (SLI) WALT: (We are learning to...)	We are learning to describe people in our family and our relationships with them.
Student Learning Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Total Physical Response (TPR) students will learn vocabulary in the targeted language through physical movement. • Students will work in small groups/partners to use the targeted vocabulary. • Students will demonstrate understanding of vocabulary learned through TPR, presentation, and games. • Students will use basic vocabulary to answer questions.
Success Criteria	I can describe my family members (physical appearances).
Formative Assessment (drives instructional decisions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Observations • Participation in class • TPR responsiveness & readiness • Presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive group activities. • Student feedback based on learning intentions.
Activities and Resources	Students will answer questions based on family tree: provided to them.

MODULE 3

Student Learning Intentions (SLI) WALT: (We are learning to...)	We are learning to describe people and their appearances.
Student Learning Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using Total Physical Response (TPR) students will learn vocabulary in the targeted language through physical movement.• Students will work in small groups/partners to use the targeted vocabulary.• Students will demonstrate understanding of vocabulary learned through TPR, presentation, and games.• Students will use basic vocabulary to answer questions.
Success Criteria	I can describe people based on their appearance in ASL.
Formative Assessment (drives instructional decisions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Observations• Participation in class• TPR responsiveness & readiness• Presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive group activities.• Student feedback based on learning intentions
Activities and Resources	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>Students will practice by describing people in pictures. The class will play a version of "Guess Who?" where they need to look for descriptors that are being signed.</p></div>
Suggested Modifications	Click Here for Suggested Modifications

MODULE 4

Student Learning Intentions (SLI) WALT: (We are learning to...)	We are learning to describe people and their relationships with each other.
Student Learning Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using Total Physical Response (TPR) students will learn vocabulary in the targeted language through physical movement.• Students will work in small groups/partners to use the targeted vocabulary.• Students will demonstrate understanding of vocabulary learned through TPR, presentation, and games.• Students will use basic vocabulary to answer questions.
Success Criteria	I can create a family tree and describe the relationships in the tree.
Formative Assessment (drives instructional decisions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Observations• Participation in class• TPR responsiveness & readiness• Presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive group activities.• Student feedback based on learning intentions.
Activities and Resources	Students will work to create their family trees.
Suggested Modifications	Click Here for Suggested Modifications

REFLECTIONS

For future lessons, introduce vocabulary more slowly and give students more time to engage with the vocabulary and use it. Family vocabulary will be very relevant to the students throughout their time using ASL, so it is worthwhile to spend the additional time teaching them the signs that will be more important to them. Everything does not have to be taught the first time. The curriculum will spiral and students will be able to see "old" vocabulary again.

K-2 & 3-5 do not necessarily need to learn the same vocabulary each week. K-2 should be learning fewer, but relevant vocabulary, while 3-5 (in the future) can begin to build off of the basic vocabulary that they have already learned.

3-5 Project (Famous Family Tree)- Have students create this on the computer (Google Slides/PowerPoint/etc. This will allow students to work on this more outside of class, as well as complete any research the project may require.

INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS: NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS FOR ELA, SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE AND/OR MATHEMATICS

Students will have the opportunity in this unit to engage in conversations about families, which will pull in aspects of SEL & Social Studies throughout the unit.

SOC.6.1.5.CivicsDP.2	Compare and contrast responses of individuals and groups, past and present, to violations of fundamental rights (e.g., fairness, civil rights, human rights).
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsCM.3	Identify the types of behaviors that promote collaboration and problem solving with others who have different perspectives.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsCM.5	Investigate the lives of New Jersey individuals with diverse experiences who have contributed to the improvement of society.
SOC.6.1.5.HistoryUP.7	Describe why it is important to understand the perspectives of other cultures in an interconnected world.