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ASL 102: Lesson 3 - What the Family Does -- Deaf Culture

Why don't Deaf people just lipread instead of signing?

SHORT ANSWER. Answer each question below in the blanks provided. [point values are in brackets].

- 1) Some deaf people do lipread instead of using sign language. There are some deaf people who are very comfortable lipreading. Knowing this, what helps Deaf persons understand what is being said? [2 points]

- 2) For most deaf people, lipreading is an inadequate way to communicate. Stories of detectives lipreading through binoculars are simply not true.

List THREE reasons why English is a very difficult language to lipread! [2 points each answer; 6 points total]

- 3) While watching news programs on TV with the sound off, what do Deaf people find difficult to do? [2 points]

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Select the best answer for each statement or question below.

- 4) An activity that helps you understand the difficulty of lip reading is to go to the mall and try lipreading a stranger from _____.

a) 5 feet away

b) 10 feet away

c) 15 feet away

d) 30 feet away

- 5) Having someone say the following groups of words to you without using voice and in a different order can help you understand the frustration of lipreading! What do they have in common? [2 points]

pan, ban, man

fat, vat

tall, doll

mutt, but, putt

won, run

a) they have no signs

b) they are rhyming words

c) they start with a consonant

d) they end with "t"

- 6) Another way to experience the difficulty of lipreading is to go shopping in a noisy environment and wear good ear plugs. Then, _____.
- a) sign to the sales person
 - b) play loud rap music
 - c) try talking to a sales clerk
 - d) use big gestures
- 7) The purpose of communication is to convey information. The key to good communication is to communicate clearly so that everyone understands what is being said. Signing is an efficient way to communicate for many Deaf people and is far easier to learn and use than _____.
- a) lipreading
 - b) signing
 - c) using their voices
 - d) gesturing
- 8) Lipreading is good for some deaf and hard of hearing people. But for many deaf people signing is _____.
- a) difficulty to learn and embarrassing to use
 - b) easy to learn but embarrassing to use
 - c) easier to learn and more convenient
 - d) something they don't like to do
- 9) Why do many scuba divers use sign language?
- a) because they are lazy
 - b) to confuse the fish
 - c) going underwater makes you deaf
 - d) to communicate underwater
- 10) Football coaches use a variation of signs to send football signals to the _____.
- a) other team
 - b) players on the field
 - c) cheerleaders
 - d) tv camera crew
- 11) _____ will use signs so as not to alert the animals to their presence.
- a) animal trainers
 - b) zoo keepers
 - c) veterinarians
 - d) hunters
- 12) Why do police officers and other emergency personnel in many cities learn a few signs? So that they can more effectively talk to _____.
- a) their children
 - b) ASL teachers
 - c) Deaf persons
 - d) Helen Keller