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ASL 104: Lesson 4
Talking About School: Deaf Culture

FILL IN THE BLANKS. Use the Word Bank to complete each statement below.

Word Bank	12-15 months	9 months
air	COOKIE	fingerspell
hands	handshape	lips
listen	MOMMY	MORE
sounds	talk	tongue

- 1) Researchers at universities are helping parents teach their babies to sign at as young as _____ of age.
- 2) Some parents teach their babies to sign because babies babble at a young age, but they do not normally begin to speak clearly until they are about _____ old.
- 3) To learn to speak, babies must learn to articulate _____ in a clear manner.
- 4) To learn to speak, babies must learn to control the movement of the _____, spreading and pursing the _____, controlling the flow and pressure of _____ through various sizes of openings in the mouth, and much more
- 5) Although babies can't speak at an early age, they can already control movements of their _____.
- 6) By 9 months of age, babies can move their hands to make signs such as: _____, DADDY, SLEEP, FOOD, MILK, _____. FINISH, and _____.
- 7) Babies, however, are not able to control their fingers well enough to _____ at that early of an age.
- 8) Babies learn to use whatever _____ they can use to make a sign even if it is not the same as the ones made by adults.

Multiple Choice. Select the best answer for each statement or question below. NOTE: Not all words will be used.

[1 point each blank]

- 9) Deaf parents are well aware of the benefits of teaching signs to babies. What do they do so that their babies are able to do certain signs more readily?
 - a) talk to them
 - b) teach them the alphabet
 - c) modify their handshapes
 - d) play patty-cake

- 10) When are babies ready to be taught to sign? Deaf parents begin signing to their babies at _____.
- a) 9 months
 - b) birth
 - c) 1-year birthday
 - d) 3-years old
- 11) Researchers believe the physical milestone of being able to sit up as a good time to start signing to a hearing baby. This usually occurs when a baby is _____.
- a) one month old
 - b) 2-months old
 - c) 6 months old
 - d) 1-year old
- 12) What do some people think that hearing children will do better on, if they are taught how to sign when they are babies?
- a) the SAT
 - b) an IQ test
 - c) the ACT
 - d) college entrance exams
- 13) An early start at communication can lead to what? Stimulating the development of _____ at an earlier age.
- a) speech
 - b) reading
 - c) listening skills
 - d) neurons in the brain
- 14) So, is it true that babies who learn to sign have higher IQs? There is not enough _____ to answer this question
- a) baby signers
 - b) ASL teachers
 - c) research
 - d) parent signers
- 15) What is one sure thing researchers now signing helps babies do?
- a) communicate
 - b) eat better
 - c) grow faster
 - d) gain IQ points