

Name _____ **Main Ideas**

The Main Idea

ASL is a visual language, which means that it has its own syntax and grammar. Because it is a “manual language,” words are formed by the “speaker” using combinations of hand, arm, and body gestures, as well as facial expressions. Syntax is indicated by indicating spatial locations, by the movements of hands and facial features, and by the context of the conversation. Intensity of language is conveyed by increasing the speed of the “speaker’s” gestures. Eyebrow motions are often used to indicate whether or not a sentence is declarative, imperative, or interrogative.

What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. ASL is a useful way for deaf people to communicate.
- B. ASL is an official visual “language.”
- C. ASL involves both hand and facial movements.
- D. ASL includes only nouns and verbs.



Write at least one supporting idea for the main idea.
