When discussing sign language as a whole, there are 3 types of signing that are used. The first type of sign language is called Signing Exact English, or SEE. SEE was introduced in 1972 by Gerilee Gustason, and is not accepted as an actual language, but as a way to sign exact English sentences and with English grammatical structure (“Signed Exact English”, 2015). For example, the sentence “I have a brown dog” would be signed as “I have a brown dog” in SEE, since it is a direct translation of the English Language. Because with SEE that one signs every word in English grammar, it takes much longer to finish signing a sentence than it would to sign that same sentence but in ASL, as shown in the video “ASL vs. SEE Comparison”. In this video, the man is signing the same group of sentences in both ASL and SEE, showing both next to each other, and the ASL side finished almost a minute and a half faster than the SEE side of the video, showing that ASL is more efficient in signing lots of sentences than SEE (ASL That, “ASL vs. SEE Comparison | ASL – American Sign Language”). Another type of sign language is called Pidgin Signed English, or PSE. PSE is a mixture of using ASL and English (“Pidgin Signed English (PSE), 2015), and it incorporates the English grammatical structure but cuts out certain words in order to make the flow of the sentence more like ASL. For example, in the video entitled “Different Styles of Sign Language? : ASL - PSE – SEE”, the narrator describes how the sentence “Store me go” in ASL would be signed “Me go store” in PSE, showing that the simplified words are used from ASL but the signing follows the English grammatical structure rather than ASL structure (The Stews, 2014). Another video entitled “(Intro 3) ASL (American Sign Language) PSE (Pidgin Signed English) SEE (Signing Exact English)”, the narrator notes that PSE is a very common way that people sign, and is used prominently by translators, individuals who aid Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing individuals to understand what hearing people are saying (R.D, 2018). The final type of sign language is American Sign Language, or ASL. ASL began to be used when it was introduced in the 1800’s, when deaf education was introduced in the United States (Jay, 2020). The first school for the deaf was established by Gallaudet and Clerc in Connecticut and it was called the Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons, now called the American School for the Deaf (“History of American Sign Language, 2016). ASL, because it is recognized as a language of its own, has its own grammatical structure when it comes to signing sentences. In the video “Sign Language Sentences – The Basic Structure”, the narrator discusses how ASL sentences are set up in this general structure: Time, Topic, Comment, Referent (ASL Rochelle, 2017). For example, the sentence “I am going to walk my dog tomorrow” in English would be signed as “Tomorrow my dog walk I”. All three of these ways to sign all have similarities, however each of them are separate and have their own rules to follow.

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