Pidgin VS. American Sign Language

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| Pidgin:* Common form of sign language
* Used by Deaf community
* Mix between ASL and English
* Signs with a more English word pattern
* Can be called “signed English”
* Easier to learn
* Mostly used by individuals whose first language is spoken English – may also be used to communicate with hearing people to make it easier for them to follow and understand signs
* Some similar signs but usually simpler
* Most “filler words” are removed
* Subject doesn’t always come first
* Not an official language
* No set rules
 | American Sign Language:* Most common form of sign language used in America
* Used by Deaf community
* Has its own syntax, vocabulary, and grammar
* Not linguistically tied to English at all – is an official language
* Subject always comes first
* “filler words” are taken out
* Set language rules
 | English:* Spoken language
* Used mostly with hearing people
* Written and spoken - no hand signs
* Has its own syntax, grammar, and vocabulary
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