

Grammar Notes Ch. 2

Pg 49: YES-NO QUESTIONS

To ask a wh-word question use these non-manual markers:

- a. Raise brows throughout the question
- b. Lean head forward with the last sign
- c. Hold the last sign until your listener starts to answer.

Responses to Yes-No Questions

- a. Nod when affirming information
- b. Shake your head when negating information

To answer without non-manual markers is like speaking in a monotone – boring!

Pg. 54: WHICH HAND DO I USE?

- a. One-handed signs = use your dominant hand
- b. Two-handed symmetrical signs = both your dominant and non-dominant hands are used in symmetrical movements
- c. Two-handed non-symmetrical signs = dominant hand moves while the non-dominant hand remains stationary

Pg. 77: IDENTIFY PEOPLE WHO ARE PRESENT

When identifying someone visible to you and your listener, follow this sequence:

- a. Opener – “Do you see....?”
- b. Describe the person (gender, appearance, body position or action)
- c. Glance toward & point to the person to whom you are referring
- d. Raise your brows
- e. Listener confirms

PG. 83: NEGOTIATING A SIGNING ENVIRONMENT

- a. Walk through
- b. Use touch
- c. Ask person to move