

Ch 4 Notes

RANKING, pg 188

- With ranking, the fingers of the *non-dominant* hand represent the total number of siblings in birth order.
- When referring to a particular sibling, or oneself, the signer points to the corresponding finger.

To indicate your ranking among siblings, do the following:

- first, use contrastive structure to tell the number of brothers and sisters
- then use fingers on your non-dominant hand to represent each sibling in their birth order
- point to the finger that represents you to give your ranking

If you are an only child, ranking is not needed.

TELLING AGES, pg 195

When giving the age of a person, the number is blended with the sign for “OLD”. It starts with the index finger contacting the chin and moves outward.

<i>Possessive Pronouns are used to show ownership.</i>	Singular	Plural
1st Person: the person or people speaking or writing	my, mine	our, ours
2nd Person: the person or people being spoken or written to	your, yours	your, yours
3rd Person: the person, people, or things being spoken or written about	his, her, its his, hers	their, theirs

<i>Personal Pronouns Take the place of common and proper nouns.</i>	Singular	Plural
1st Person: the person or people speaking or writing	I, me	we, us
2nd Person: the person or people being spoken or written to.	you	you
3rd Person: the person, people, or things being spoken or written about	she, her he, him, it	they, them

- In ASL, possessive adjectives are made with a single movement of the “open B” hand followed by a noun.
- The “open B” hand is oriented toward the person who “owns” the person, place or thing being discussed.
- They do not reflect gender.

MAINTAINING A CLEAR SIGHTLINE, pg 210

- When several people are engaged in a conversation in ASL, it's best to sit in a circle so everyone can see or hear.
- This creates “clear sightlines” between all members of the group.