

Deaf Culture

Quiz

- Sign Language is a universal language?
- No
- Sign Language is used by all deaf people.
- False
- Deaf people only drive in emergencies
- False.
- It is not nice to touch Deaf people
- False. Go for it.

Quiz

- Deaf and Dumb is an appropriate term
- False, but it wasn't always this way.
- Many deaf people are color TV repairmen because of their superior visual acuity.
- False. No difference
- It is impolite to walk between two people who are signing.
- Depends.

Overview

- Timeline
- Models
- American Sign Language
- Deaf Community

Timeline

- 1816 Thomas Gallaudet
- 1817 1st American School for the Deaf
- 1852 Wisconsin School for the Deaf
- 1864 Gallaudet University
- 1881 Milan Conference
- 1882 Dummy Hoy

Timeline

- 1920 Football huddle
- 1964 TTY developed
- 1973-75 Section 504 and PL 94-142
- 1980 Closed Captioning
- 1984 First Cochlear Implants

Models of Deafness

- Pathological (Medical) Model
 - Hearing loss as a disease or disorder
 - Hearing loss interferes with communication
 - Deafness is viewed as a profound hearing loss

Models of Deafness

- Cultural Model
 - Deafness viewed as a distinct culture
 - Own language, values, traditions, and rule of behavior
 - ASL is a distinct language separate from English

American Sign Language (ASL)

- Adapted from sign language introduced by Thomas Gallaudet.
- Distinct grammar.
 - E.g., “I store go I” instead of “I am going to the store”
- Highly adaptable.
 - Many regional dialects.
- Communication tends to be very direct.

Deaf Community

- Tight knit community
- A few attributes
 - Very direct
 - Lighting is essential
 - Dependence on TTY
 - Changing attitude towards cochlear implants
