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**ASL**  
**Linguistics:**  
**Verbs**

**EAT**

**ENJOY**

**FORGET**

**HAVE**

**LIKE**

**LOVE**



**PUNISH**

**UPSET**

**Can we  
change the  
starting and  
ending  
location of  
those signs?**

**Another way  
to ask that  
is...**

**Can we  
change the  
direction of  
those  
signs?**

**The direction  
(starting and  
ending  
locations)  
can't be  
changed for  
many signs.**

**It I sign**

**LOVE --**

**does that**

**tell you who**

**loves**

**whom?**

**Verbs that  
don't indicate  
the subject  
and object are  
called what  
kind of verbs?**



**“plain”**

**Do you  
remember  
what  
“articulation”  
means?**

**articulation  
means  
having to do  
with producing  
the sign**

**articulatory  
means  
having to do  
with  
articulation.**

**It we say  
something  
is  
articulatory  
it just  
means...**

**If we say  
something is  
articulatory  
we are  
saying...**

**...nothing  
about the  
meaning of  
the sign.**

**articulatory  
means  
having to do  
with producing  
the sign**



**articulation  
is void of  
meaning**

**articulation  
is form and  
process but  
not meaning**

**If a sign's  
location is  
articulatory**

**...**

**... then  
location  
doesn't  
influence  
meaning**

**What is a  
phoneme?**

**A small  
meaningless unit  
of language  
used to  
articulate  
words or  
signs.**

**Name some  
common ASL  
phonemes:**

**handshapes,  
movements,  
orientations,  
NMMs,  
locations**



**An articulatory  
starting and  
ending location  
(direction) is  
just a phoneme.**

**Direction of  
movement  
that is  
articulatory is  
just a  
phoneme.**

**A location**  
**that is just**  
**articulatory**  
**is a**  
**phoneme.**

**We call  
such  
verbs:  
“plain”**

**New  
topic...**

**Suppose the  
location  
isn't "just"  
articulatory  
?**

**Can you give me  
an example of a  
sign in which  
the starting or  
ending location  
is not  
articulatory? ...**

**Can you give me  
an example of a  
sign in which  
the starting or  
ending location  
is not JUST  
articulatory?**



**We really are  
not talking  
about “location”  
here so much as  
direction.**

**Another way to  
ask that is, can  
you show me a  
sign in which  
the direction is  
not just a  
phoneme? ...**

**Another way to  
ask that is, can  
you show me a  
sign in which  
the direction is  
a \_\_\_\_\_? ...**

**Another way to ask that is, can you show me a sign in which the starting and/or ending location is a morpheme?**

**Another way to ask that is, can you show me a sign in which the starting and/or ending location has meaning?**

**Can you give me  
an example of a  
sign in which  
the starting or  
ending location  
is not  
articulatory?**

**GIVE**

**INFORM**



**TELL**

**PICK-ON**

**SEND**

**PAY**

**you-GIVE-**  
**me**

**you-**  
**INFORM-**  
**me**

**TELL-me**

**you-PICK-  
ON-me**



**you-SEND-  
me**

**you-PAY-**  
**me**

**These  
verbs are  
called...**

# Indicating verbs

**Example:**  
**“I hate him.”**  
**doesn’t**  
**need “I”**  
**or “him.”**

**The  
direction  
and  
orientation  
of the verb  
indicate...**

**... who is  
the subject  
and  
who/what is  
the object.**

**1<sup>st</sup> location  
equals  
subject**



**2<sup>nd</sup> location  
equals the  
object**

**Exception:**

**HIRE and  
INVITE**

**HIRE: 1<sup>st</sup>  
location  
is object.**

**#SAY-NO-TO**

**can be used to**

**express the**

**English**

**sentence**

**I SAY NO TO**

**HIM**

**Review: Give  
me an  
example of a  
plain verb.**

**Review: Give  
me an  
example of  
an indicating  
verb.**

**What is the  
difference  
between a  
plain verb and  
an indicating  
verb?**



**Plain verbs do  
not use  
direction to  
indicate  
meaning.**