

**Deaf Culture**

‡icZHb'W'a Yg'Ug'Ug' fdf]gY' hc' dYcd'Y' hLuh'a UbmXYUZdYcd'Y'  
fYZf' hc' hYa gYj Yg'Ug'W]b[ 'a Ya WfgcZ8 YUZW'h fY' HNY'  
**American Deaf culture** ]g'Ui b]ei Y' ]b[i ]g]W'a ]bcf]hmlhUh  
i gY5a Yf]Mbg'G][b'@Ub[i U[Y'fB G@t'Ub]h]g'df]a Ufm'a cXY'cZ  
W'a a i b]Mh]cb" HN]g]hdg]YYhdfcj ]XYg'UXYg]f]dh]cb'cZ8 YUZ  
W'h fY'UbX'g" [Yg]cbg]Zf' YZZW]j Y'W'a a i b]Mh]cb"

**Common terms used within the Deaf community:**

HNY5a Yf]Mbg'8 YUZW'h fY' Ub'UYg'Zf' ]XYh]Z]b[ 'lga Ya Wfg'  
HNYg'UYg'fYUW]hVch' W'h fU'j Uj Yg'UbX'WY']Yz'

**Deaf** - HNg'hfa 'fYZf'g'hc' a Ya WfgcZHb'Y'8 YUZW'a a i b]hmk 'c'  
g'UY'W'a a cb'j Uj Yg'bcfa g'lfU]h]cbg'Ub[i U[YzUbX'VM'Y]cfg'  
8 YUZdYcd'Y'Xc'bchdYfW]j Y' hYa gYj Yg'Ug'V'Y]b[ 'cg'igca Yh]b[  
f]Y'Z'YUf]b[ 'L'UbX'Xc'bch'h]b[ 'cZhYa gYj Yg'Ug'UbX'MbdYXz  
]a dUfYXzc'f X]g]U'YX" HNYmW'YfU'h'UbX'WYf]g] hYf'W'h fY'  
VWV'gY']h[ 'j Yg'hYa hYi b]ei Y'df]j ]Y[Y'cZg'Uf]b[ 'U'V'a a cb'  
\]g'cfm'UbX'Ub[i U[Y'8 YUZdYcd'Y'fY'W]bg]XYfYX'U']b[i ]g]W  
a ]bcf]hmk jh]b hY5a Yf]Mbg'W'h fY' HNYm'Y'f'ck b'  
W'h fY'UbX'Uh'hY'g]a Y'ha Y'j Y'UbX'k cf\_k jh]b hY'Xca ]bUbh  
5a Yf]Mbg'W'h fY"

**Deaf, hard of hearing, and deafened** - K ]h]b hY'8 YUZW'h fY'  
hYg'k cfXg'fYZf'hc' Udyfgcb]b]U X]c'c' ]M'g]h'g' Bch]W'ck Yf'  
W]b]XN'g]Y" 'D'Ycd'Y'k 'c'XYg]f]M'Y'hYa gYj Yg'Ug' \UF'cZ  
\YUf]b[ 'cf'XYUZbYX' 'Xc'bch'g'Y'hYa gYj Yg'Ug'a Ya WfgcZHb'Y'  
8 YUZW'h fY" 'Gca Ya Um\_bck' g]b'Ub[i U[Y'Vi hHb'Y'f'df]a Ufm  
'Ub[i U[Y'g]9b[ 'g]"

**Hearing Impaired!** HNg'hfa 'cZHb'g'i gYX'Vm'hY'a YX]U'UbX'  
g'VY'm]b[ 'YbYfU'hc' fYZf'hc' dYcd'Y'k ]h'U'YUf]b[ 'cg'f'5 'a cfY'  
UWWdH]U/Y' [YbYf]Mdg'fUg'Y]g] XYUZUbX'UF'cZ\YUf]b[ 'hc' fYZf'hc'  
all'dYcd'Y'k ]h'U'YUf]b[ 'cg'f'K ]h]b hY'8 YUZW'h fY' hY'f'ha  
'\YUf]b[ 'ja dUfYX'Z'Zh'b'gg'Yb'Ub]cZ]bg]Y'" h]g" [Yg]h]h]h8 YUZ  
dYcd'Y'fY'f'Vfc\_Yb' 'cf' ]bZf]cf' 'VWV'gY'hYm'Xc'bch'\YU"

**Hearing** - K ]h]b hY'8 YUZW'h fY' hY'f'ha ']\YUf]b[ 'g'i gYX'  
hc' ]XYbh]ZmdYcd'Y'k 'c'fY'a Ya WfgcZHb'Y'Xca ]bUbh5a Yf]Mbg'  
W'h fY" 'C bY'a ]\h]b hY'5G@g]b'Zf'f'YUf]b[ 'g'f'Y'Uh'X'hc'  
hY'[fc' dg'U']h]h'c 'YUf'fY' "zd]b]h]b[ 'hc' hY'YUf'P' < ck Yj Yfz  
hY'g]b'Zf'f'YUf]b[ 'g'f'Y'Uh'X'hc' hY'U']h]h'c 'h]h'\_i' hY'Um  
cZh]U]b[ 'g'WUf'mj ]g]VY'hc' 8 YUZdYcd'Yz]h]g]h]b]b[ 'cf'  
\YUf]b[ 'g]bch' : fca hY'8 YUZW'h fY' dYfgdYh]j Yz]h]g]h]Y'Um'cZ  
'h]U\_]b[ 'h]h]h'WUf'mg]dUfUh'g'hY'hc' [fc' dg'

**Comparison of Values**

HNY'a cgh'Xca ]bUbhW'h fU'dUHf'fb' ]b'hY'1 b]hX'GhUhYg]g'  
*individualism*" 'A cgh'5a Yf]Mbg'UY'VYb'fUg]YX'hc' W]bg]XYf'  
hYa gYj Yg'Ug'g]dUfUh]b]Xj]Xi Ug'k \c'f'Y'YI W'gj YmfYgdcbg]VY'  
Zf' hYf'f'ck b'']j Yg' '7 ca a cb'd'fUg]Yg'hUh'fYUW]h]g]W'h fU'  
dUHf'fb'f'Y'YI W'gj Yg' '7 ca a cb'd'fUg]Yg'hUh'fYUW]h]g]W'h fU'  
UbX' =X]X' ]ha mk Uh' 'cf'Y'Ua d'Y'Zk \Yb'5a Yf]Mbg]b]f]cXi W'  
hYa gYj Yg]h]Ym'ZY' ]h]g]a dcf'Ubh]h]c' ]bW'XY'hYf'f'Ub]a Y'UbX'  
cW'dU]cbz]k 'JW'g'fj Y'hc'Ya d'Ug]n'Y'hYf'f'b]ei Yb]Ygj' '7 'cg'f'm  
Ugg]V]h]YX'k ]h]b]Xj]Xi U]g] 'g'hY']a dcf'Ub]W'5a Yf]Mbg]d'UW'  
cb'df]j Um'h]5a Yf]Mbg'UY'YI dYfgcbU'g]dUW' 'UbX'f'YfgcbU'  
hci [\h]j' hNYm'UbX' ]h]cXX' ]ZUdYfgcb]XcYg'bch]j Uj Y'W]b[  
UcbYi'

↳ W]b]f'Ub]zcbY'cZHb'Y'a cgh'Xca ]bUbhW'h fU'dUHf'fb' ]b'hY'  
8 YUZW'h fY'j'g'collectivism" '8 YUZdYcd'Y'W]bg]XYf' hYa gYj Yg'  
a Ya WfgcZU[fci d'h]h]b]W'XYg'all' 8 YUZdYcd'Y' hNYm'dYfW]j' Y'a

Another important cultural value for Deaf people is their language - ASL. Most Deaf people spend the majority of their liv