ASL Up-Close #29

**Negation in ASL**

In ASL, you make a sign or a statement negative by:

* shaking your head
* signing a negative word
* frowning and/or eyebrows squeezed together

When glossing these statements you should use the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Typically the negative goes at the end of the statement.

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PAPER I HAVE NOT FOOD I HAVE NONE

Before you translate a sentence you must first figure out the meaning within the sentence.

* NO is used in response to a Yes/No Question
* NONE can be used to indicate zero quantity/amount

New words that are also considered negatives:

* \*NEVER - can appear either before the verb or at the end of the sentence.
* CAN’T – unable to…
* WON’T – to refuse…
* NOT – used to negate affirmative statements, in place of the English word DON’T

Remember words like DON’T-WANT, DON’T-KNOW, DON’T-LIKE do not use the sign NOT.

*Let’s translate a few together.*

English: I am not happy. ASL: I HAPPY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

English: No, I will meet you later. ASL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , LATER I-MEET-YOU

English: I don’t have your number. ASL: YOUR NUMBER I HAVE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

English: I won’t go. ASL: GO I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or I GO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*English: I don’t have any socks. ASL: SOCKS I HAVE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *\*tricky one*

English: I never see my friends. ASL: MY FRIENDS I SEE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or

MY FRIENDS I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SEE

**Practice Sentence**

If you were to translate these sentences what negative word would you use.

Just write the NEGATIVE SIGN that would be used. *\*don’t worry glossing the whole sentence or signing them.*

1. I wanted to buy a ticket but they had no more.
2. Katie does not want pizza.
3. I won’t go to the store again.
4. I didn’t see any of the movie last night.
5. She doesn’t see me.
6. Bullying isn’t cool.
7. We don’t understand your signing.

Translate the following sentences back into English.

1. IT DIRTY NOT IT
2. FOOD HERE I LIKE NONE
3. WOMAN I DON’T-KNOW HER I
4. BOOK HE DON’T-LIKE HE
5. LAST-WEEK CLOTHES I BUY NONE
6. YESTERDAY CLASS WE LEARN NONE
7. SHE EXERCISE NEVER SHE