

NZSL for Kiwi Kids 1

Course Outline for 5 weeks



Statement

This curriculum provides guidelines for content and learning objectives of New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) teaching and learning for children aged 10 - 16. Potential participants from different family backgrounds will be invited to attend the course.

The curriculum is intended for 5 weeks of NZSL teaching and learning (this course can cover between 5 hours to 8 hours of NZSL tuition). The five lessons allow NZSL tutors and learners to continuously build on their NZSL teaching and learning related to their everyday vocabularies.

This document has been developed in consultation with experienced NZSL teachers and advisors from TeachSign teaching materials.

Main Goals

By the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- understand and use NZSL in simple conversations on familiar topics at home.
- understand and use basic grammatical structures of NZSL in simple sentences or questions.
- appropriately use visual conversational behaviours in NZSL.
- show basic understanding and awareness of Deaf culture and community in New Zealand.

Grammar

This course will introduce basic grammar and sentence structures in NZSL:

- Personal, possessive and plural pronouns
- Plain statements and negated statements
- Yes/no questions and wh questions
- Use of plain verbs
- Number forms (cardinal, plural, time, ordinal)

NZSL Conversation Skills

This course will introduce the following conversation behaviours and strategies in NZSL:

- Getting and maintaining eye gaze in a conversation
- Turn-taking
- Opening and ending a conversation
- Asking for repetition
- Giving listener feedback

Content

Week	Lesson name	Learning outcomes
1	Kia Ora	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• give and ask personal information about self and others• learn some fingerspelling alphabet, spell their own first letter name• ask for clarification, correction and confirmation• learn about Deaf cultural behaviours (getting attention, maintaining eye-contact, pointing, etc.)• learn numbers 1-10
2	Our Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• learn how to ask 'how are you?' and respond• practice the NZSL fingerspelling alphabet• practise introducing your name and ask for other's name• learn the names of people in our class• ask about learning languages• review numbers (1 - 10) and learn numbers 11 - 20
3	Home & School Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• learn the names of toys and games• give and follow simple instructions and action commands• talk about home and school activities using topic-comment statements• express feelings and preferences about activities• learn colours in NZSL• learn numbers 21 – 30
4	Food & Drinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• name common food and drink items• respond to requests and offers for basic wants and needs• express likes and dislikes about food and drinks• express negative statements using 'none' and 'no'• learn numbers 31 – 50
5	Everyday Routines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• communicate about everyday routines and activities at home• use week calendar and clock time phrases• make simple requests and commands in the home• express preference of home activities• learn and review numbers up to 50

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