

# Lesson 3

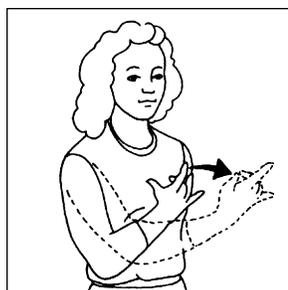
## Declarative Statements: Like and Don't Like

Using some basic principles of ASL, you can begin effective communication with your child with just a few basic combinations of words.

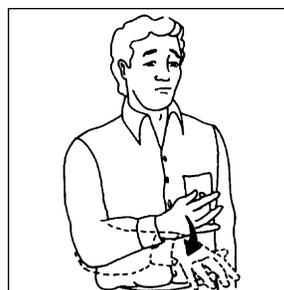
For example, start with two basic verbs:

LIKE and DON'T LIKE

When signing LIKE, you should have a natural, pleasant look on your face and nod your head slightly. When signing DON'T-LIKE, you should use an unpleasant facial expression and shake your head slightly.



LIKE



DON'T LIKE

### Some additional vocabulary you will need to get started

Some other important words you need to know are "you" and "I." These signs are made by pointing with the index finger to yourself for I and to your child or other person for YOU. ME is signed the same way that I is signed.

## Practice

Here's a great activity that should be a lot of fun for you and your family. Place some different kinds of food or drinks on the table or get pictures of some food and drinks. Point to different items and use the signs you have learned to say whether you like them/ don't like them. Go ahead and have fun with outlandish facial expressions! Remember your child is primarily a visual learner.

### *Practice Sentences for You to Try*

#### ENGLISH

-  I like \_\_\_\_\_.
-  I don't like \_\_\_\_\_.
-  I like apples.
-  Daddy likes milk.
-  You don't like cheese.
- You like ice cream.
- Sister doesn't like potatoes.
- I like bananas.

#### GLOSS FOR ASL

- (point to item) I\* LIKE
- (point to item) I\* DON'T-LIKE
- APPLES I\* LIKE
- MILK DADDY LIKE
- CHEESE YOU DON'T-LIKE
- ICE CREAM YOU LIKE
- POTATOES SISTER DON'T-LIKE
- BANANAS I\* LIKE

\*It is not always necessary to use the sign for "I" when signing I LIKE. Your child and you may sign COOKIE LIKE or APPLE DON'T-LIKE and that is fine.

## Activities

If you do not know the sign for a certain item, you can still practice these activities by just pointing to the item instead of using the name. Pointing to the item and then signing DON'T-LIKE is similar in English to saying "I don't like that." Have fun with the following activities.

1. Meal times and snack times are excellent times to practice expressing likes and dislikes in ASL with your child.

### ENGLISH

I like milk.  
I like sandwiches.  
You like ice cream.  
I don't like potatoes.  
You like crackers.

### GLOSS FOR ASL

MILK I\* LIKE                    \*I is optional  
SANDWICH LIKE  
ICE CREAM YOU LIKE  
POTATOES DON'T LIKE  
CRACKERS YOU LIKE

2. Children may have strong food preferences. You might want to look at what's in the refrigerator or go to the grocery store with your child and discuss what he or she likes or doesn't like.

### ENGLISH

I like carrots.  
I don't like spinach.  
You like chicken.  
You don't like bacon.  
You like cereal.  
You don't like coffee.

### GLOSS FOR ASL

CARROTS I\* LIKE                \*I is optional  
SPINACH I\* DON'T-LIKE  
CHICKEN YOU LIKE  
BACON YOU DON'T-LIKE  
CEREAL YOU LIKE  
COFFEE YOU DON'T-LIKE

3. Go through magazines or catalogs with your child. Point out things that both of you like or don't like.

### ENGLISH

You like bicycles.  
You like cars.  
I like shoes.  
You like pie.  
I like the teddy bear.

### GLOSS FOR ASL

BICYCLES YOU LIKE  
CARS YOU LIKE  
SHOES I\* LIKE                \*I is optional  
PIE YOU LIKE  
TEDDY BEAR LIKE

4. With some of the previous activities, it is a good idea to deliberately place things in front of your child that you know he or she does not like. Mix them with items your child does like. You can then practice the difference between like and don't like.

ENGLISH

You like oatmeal.  
You like toast.  
You don't like eggs.  
I like pancakes.  
You don't like coffee.

GLOSS FOR ASL

OATMEAL YOU LIKE  
TOAST YOU LIKE  
EGGS YOU DON'T-LIKE  
PANCAKES I\* LIKE \*I is optional  
COFFEE YOU DON'T-LIKE

5. Remember to give your child opportunities to express his or her likes and dislikes throughout the day by commenting on a particular activity, toy, book, or article of clothing.

ENGLISH

I don't like to walk.  
I don't like shoes.  
I like the dress.  
I like the book.

GLOSS FOR ASL

WALK DON'T-LIKE  
SHOES DON'T-LIKE  
DRESS LIKE  
BOOK I\* LIKE \*I is optional