Classifier Handshapes: Visual Clarity

Workshop Description
This training strengthens your ability to select and use classifier handshapes with confidence and precision. Through guided practice and multiple examples, we explore how to transform English-based signing into rich, visual ASL imagery. Participants will learn how classifier choices affect meaning, clarity, and visual impact.

Educational Objectives
By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify appropriate classifier handshapes for a variety of objects, actions, and contexts
- Apply classifier handshapes to create clear and accurate visual imagery
- Expand English-structured signing into ASL-based visual descriptions
- Demonstrate improved fluency and confidence when using classifiers in narratives and explanations
- Analyze how classifier choices influence meaning and audience understanding

Activities:

- ***Group Activity***: Divide participants into break-room groups to practice the skills from the PowerPoint presentation. Each participant will demonstrate their skills.

- ***Participant's Skill Practice*:** We will discuss ASL dialects, language registers, and comparisons between English-influenced signing & ASL. Each participant will demonstrate examples.
- ***Incorporate Q&A*** throughout the session.

- ***Hands-on Practice*:** Encourage participants to demonstrate their skills and focus on signing and voicing the meaning, instead of using English word-by-word translations.

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