



WHY USING ANIMATIONS IS CRITICAL TO LITERACY...

There is a great deal of evidence that visual supports benefit students of all ages, especially students with learning disabilities, language delay, and non-native English speakers. Images can benefit English language acquisition for students needing some additional support.

Students who are deaf/hard of hearing benefit from sign representations associated with text. Using animations for representing signs has an important advantage over still images since movement plays an important role in sign language. An animated image more accurately represents signs thereby providing students greater understanding of the concept and increased access to the curriculum.

Images and movies can be used in picture adapted digital storybooks, vocabulary study activities, adapted curriculum activities and more.

Suggested activities to use with ASL Animations:

- Develop an activity in which students must put the signed words in the correct order (e.g. calendar items - months, weekdays, seasons, etc.).
- Match the signed animation to the appropriate English word.
- Associate a concept to related images or words.
- Fill in the correct words in context of an English sentence.
- Introduce words within specific categories (feelings).
- Identify English synonyms for the displayed signed animation.
- Identify English antonyms for the displayed signed animation.
- Practice recognition of multiple meaning English words. Display the English word and the variations of sign animations

- (can, can1). Ask students to write or demonstrate in sign or orally sentences using the signs in context.
- Provide sentences that contain multiple meaning words. Ask students to identify the correct signed animation to match the context of the sentence.
 - Adapted Digital Books, support vocabulary items within a digital book (PowerPoint or IntelliPics Studio) with signed animations.

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