

As with any language in the world, there are dialects and accents that accompany any person such as a Texan drawl, fast and clipped Eastern pace, and a casual Southern Californian. In ASL, one sees that the Eastern coast folks sign quickly and to the point, whereas in California, everything is not too fast or too slow and with their own slang. This SOD will focus on the Midwest regions and the Northwest Indiana-Northeast Illinois signs. Please see the Regional Signs for examples of different signs for one word.

Do you have friends from different regions in the States? Listen to how they talk; visualize how deaf people would sign in those particular regions.