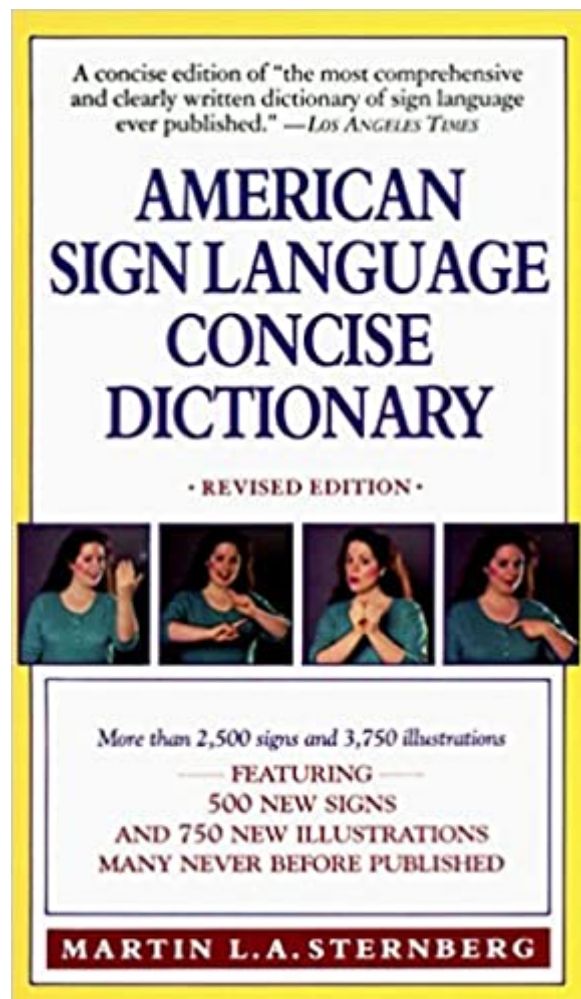




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# American Sign Language Concise Dictionary: Revised Edition



## Synopsis

Introducing the first revised edition to the original and most extensive pocket-size American Sign Language dictionary ever published. Included are more than 2,500 of the most widely used words, phrases and idioms in the language, with easy-to-follow illustrations of the hand, arm and facial movements that express each one. Completely updated and modernized, this monumental work introduces 500 new signs that have recently been added to the evolving American Sign Language lexicon.

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"The most comprehensive and clearly written dictionary of sign language ever published."-- "Los Angeles Times"

Martin L. A. Sternberg, Ed.D., is a native New Yorker. Deaf since the age of seven, he has spent most of his career working with deaf people. The idea for this book came from Dr. Elizabeth Peet, Dr. Sternberg's sign language teacher at Gallaudet University (for the deaf), in Washington, DC. Dr. Sternberg kept Dr. Peet's ideas and methods, but expanded the work greatly. Early work on the project received a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to New York University, the sponsoring institution. A graduate of the City College of New York, American University, and New York University, Dr. Sternberg has enjoyed a distinguished career as a teacher at Gallaudet, New York, Hofstra, and Adelphi Universities. HE is currently chairman of the board of

trustees of Lexington School for the Deaf and Lexington Center for the Deaf. He is the author of four ASL dictionaries and a Codies Award-winning CD-ROM, all published by HarperCollins. He also received Emmy and Peabody nominations for his ASL series by the NBC network, "Speaking With Your Hands," as well as medals at various international film and television festivals.

This is an older version of this particular ASL dictionary. Perhaps some things have changed in his newer versions. I was required to take ASL though Deaf in college as my foreign language requirement. Though I had been exposed to ASL before, English is my first language. Since then, I've collected many books on the Deaf and also ASL books that interested me. This one proved to be much better than the ones that were used in my classes. It is easy to carry, and provides a large amount of signs for a book. The problems with teaching ASL using a book is that it is two dimensional, rather than 3 dimensional. I recommend this book for beginners, but if you are serious about learning the syntax and grammar of ASL it is better to get a CD ROM or take advantage of web sites which show ASL in video streaming. It is even more important to get involved with the Deaf community, because a book cannot tell you how the community uses its language. Karen L. Sadler, Science Education, University of Pittsburgh, klsst23@pitt.edu

I have Martin L Sternberg's first unabridged dictionary that I bought back in the 80's. I used it for several class I took back then. The drawings are clear and the written explanations are clear. Bought this dictionary for a friend who is interested in learning american sign language. She will be taking a class in the fall and the instructor listed this dictionary as one of the items she will need. She is delighted with the size and the number of signs included in the dictionary. I would recommend this dictionary to anyone wants to learn sign language.

I have a 3 year old granddaughter that I have been teaching Sign language to. There are a lot of sites online but they don't have some of the words I wanted to teach her. This book is fantastic, it is extremely easy to understand every sign. I looked everywhere for a book. I recommend this book to everyone.

It has great pictures of signs inside, easy to follow/read, easy to understand & many great signs, I was hoping it would have more signs then the 2 I already have, but I still use it & it would be helpful to many people wanting to learn ASL.

American Sign Language Concise Dictionary is a good pocket dictionary if your on the go. However, I would recommend 1,000 Signs Of Life by Gallaudet University Press to add to your library.

My daughter ordered this book and loved it!

I bought this dictionary recently as a reference for an ASL class I'm taking. Unfortunately, many signs are missing or have changed in the past decade or two since this was created. Technically, however, this is a fine resource. The illustrations are well done and cross referencing is simple. Just know that you'll want to seek out a newer and or more exhaustive edition.

Great!!!

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