



Title of Activity: [ASL Extreme Makeovers: The Art of Personification](http://www.trixbruce.com)

ASL Extreme Makeovers: The Art of Personification

Learn how to “change yourself” into someone or something else through American Sign Language (ASL) presentations. In literature, the technique of “personification” gives an inanimate object, a plant, or an animal characteristic that make it seem “human.” The object shows emotions and takes on human-like behaviors. You can use this technique in American Sign Language to “become” a flower, a butterfly, or even a book! Trix will demonstrate how to personify characters and shift roles within a story. You’ll learn how to “become” a baseball, basketball, beach ball, bowling ball, football, marble, ping pong ball, racquetball, soccer ball, water polo ball, and more!

Educational Objectives:

After the workshop, the learner should be able to

- * Describe an object's appearance and action
- * Demonstrate creativity in "becoming" an object/character
- * Demonstrate the ability to break down storytelling with places, objects, and persons.

Materials:

Power Point presentations
Laptop & LCD Projector

Action Plan:

1. Present introduction to a list of ways to use “ASL personification”
2. Instruct and demonstrate how personification can illustrate actions
3. Form groups and create storytelling for assigned actions
4. Hand out worksheets for self-exercises
5. Distribute and collect workshop evaluations

Evaluation & Assessment:

Instructor will observe participants' engagement in activities and use of storytelling features. Instructor will promote discussion.