

Introduction

This paper gives people an opportunity to view sign language through a semiotic [[47]] perspective. The annotated bibliographies help to emphasize the meaning of semiotics of sign language.

The second section of this paper, titled “what sign language is” talks about the basic understanding of what sign language is, where it came from, why it is learned, and why it is used. This article helps understand the basics of sign language to help understand the semiotics of sign language. (1)

The third section of this paper, titled “signs” explains what kinds of signs [[51]] there are. The third section will give some basics of semiotics and touch upon non-verbal communication. (2)

The fourth section of this paper, titled “name signs” explains what names signs are and how they are incorporated in semiotics. (2,3)

The fifth section of this paper, titled “Sign language- natural or not” explains why and how people think sign language is a natural language but, it will be shown that sign language is not a natural language. (4)

The sixth section of this paper, titled “medical or cultural” explains how society views being deaf as either a medical condition while others consider it to be a cultural themselves. In this section I want my reader to understand the difference and why one of them is incorrect. (5)

The seventh section of this paper, titled “hearing world vs deaf world” explains what it is like to live in both “worlds”. This plays a big role in semiotics ((47)) when it comes to signs ((51)). (6)

The eighth section of this paper, titled “communication” explains what communication is like for people who are deaf. (6,7)

The ninth section of this paper, titled “gesture” explains different kinds of gestures. In semiotics and sign language, gesture ((16)) is a huge topic.

The tenth section of this paper, titled “semiotic analysis of sign language” explains natural language processing (NLP), iconicity and, framework and collaborative system. In this section I will explain how firstness ((14)), secondness ((46)), and thirdness ((64)) are used in sign language here.

The eleventh section of this paper, titled, “brain vs sign language” explains how sign language is perceived in the brain; it is a big deal for the Deaf community because it is processed differently from spoken language.

The twelfth section of this paper wraps up the whole paper of explaining semiotics in sign language.

What Sign Language is

I want to write about what sign language is. **I plan to focus on** sign language as a whole and explain the most important, main things about sign language. **I would like my reader to** have a simple background knowledge about sign language before diving into this paper.

- I will explain what sign language is
- I will explain who uses it
- I will explain finger spelling
- I will explain spoken language compared to sign language

Signs

I want to write about signs. **I plan to focus on** sign in sign language and sign in semiotics. **I would like my reader to** understand that differences between sign in both sign language and semiotics.

- I will talk about what a sign is
- I will talk about how a semiotic sign relates to sign language
- I will talk about the differences of sign in sign language and sign in semiotics

Name Signs

I want to write about name signs. **I plan to focus on** names that are given to people in the Deaf community. **I would like my reader to** understand why names are important in sign language and semiotics.

- I will talk about what a sign name is
- I will talk about how someone gets a sign name
- I will talk about why it is important to know about sign names

Sign Language- Natural Language or Not

I want to write about if sign language is a natural sign or not. **I plan to focus on** describing why people may believe it is a natural language then prove how it is not. **I would like my reader to** understand why and how sign language is sign or not a natural language.

- I will explain why people think it is a natural language
- I will explain why it is not a natural language
- I will explain that sign language is a sign or a direct sign

Medical vs. Cultural

I want to write about medical and cultural views on sign language. **I plan to focus on** the two types of ways society views deaf people. **I would like my reader to** understand the differences and the appropriate way to think of deaf people.

- I will explain the medical view
- I will explain the cultural view
- I will explain both of them, comparing the pros and cons

Hearing World vs. Deaf World

I want to write about the hearing world and the deaf world. **I plan to focus on** the issues with living in both of these “worlds”. **I would like my reader to** understand that there are challenges being in either place here, not just the deaf world.

- I will talk about the hearing world
- I will talk about the deaf world
- I will talk about how hearing people communicate with deaf people
- I will talk about things that are good to know when having a conversation with a deaf person

Communication

I want to write about communication. **I plan to focus on** the semiotic side of communication with sign language. **I want my reader to** understand the connection of communication and semiotics in sign language.

- I will explain semiotic repertoires
- I will explain composite utterance (deaf)
- I will explain composite utterance (hearing)

Gesture

I want to write about gesture. **I plan to focus on** different types of gestures associated with sign language. **I want my reader to** understand how gesture relates to sign language and semiotics.

- I will talk about iconic gesture
- I will talk about hand gesture
- I will talk about mouth gesture

Semiotic Analysis of Sign Language

I will write about semiotic analysis of sign language. **I plan to focus on** different aspects of semiotics in sign language. **I want my reader to** understand the important of different kinds of semiotic analyses in sign language.

- I will explain natural language processing and its issue (NLP)
- I will explain framework and collaborative system
- I will explain iconicity

Brain vs. Sign Language

I will write about the brain and sign language. **I plan to focus on** the brain, sign language, and semiotics. **I want my reader to** understand where sign language is processed in the brain to better understand how everything works.

- I will talk about how the brain processes sign language
- I will talk about what side of the brain sign language is processed (also hearing)
- I will talk about differences in the brain with spoken language and sign language