

“Philippine Sign Language [psp] (A language of [Philippines](#))

- **Alternate Names:** Filipino Sign Language, FSL, Local Sign Language
- **Population:** 100,000 deaf persons (Van Cleve 1986).
- **Language Use:** Scattered
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing).
- **Language Use:** Total communication used in deaf schools, with teachers both speaking and signing. Used by United States Peace Corps. American Sign Language [\[ase\]](#) well known as L2.
- **Other Comments:** Philippine Sign Language and ASL [\[ase\]](#) are very similar but generally regarded by Deaf people in the Philippines as distinct languages. Both are in use as a normal means of communication, with a lot of bilingualism. Different deaf schools prefer different languages.”

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