EXERCISE 2 / Identifying Predicates. Circle the letter that indicates the PREDICATE of the sentence. Answers to even-numbered items can be found at the back of the book.

EXAMPLE

American Sign Language (ASL) is the dominant face-to-face communication system of deaf Americans.

1. ASL is not just pantomime—actions and gestures without words.

2. ASL users employ their hands—both shaping and moving them—to generate words and sentences soundlessly.

3. For example, a user signs mother by opening the hand and placing the thumb against the chin.

4. Not limiting themselves to their hands, ASL users also involve other parts of the body in their communication.

5. Among the facial expressions used in ASL is mouthing, or moving the mouth to form, but not speak, words.

6. The explanation for the sign mother comes from Bill Vicars.

7. Vicars, who teaches ASL at California State University–Sacramento, created and manages Lifeprint.com, a website about ASL.

8. Supplementing the vocabulary of signs is a finger alphabet for spelling out names and concepts lacking signs.

9. As with spoken English, there are regional accents and dialects of ASL.

10. It is not unusual to teach ASL to babies before they can speak.

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