

# **Grammatical Phenomena of German Sign Language**

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Sign languages are an interesting, widely unexplored field in linguistic research. In my talk, I would like to give an overview of the grammar of German Sign Language (Deutsche Gebärdensprache, DGS).

Firstly, I will outline the acquisition of sign languages, as well as their neurobiological aspects.

In the main part of the talk, I will focus on syntax, morphology and phonology and show some illustrative sample sentences of DGS. The most fascinating aspect seems to be, that although, we cannot hear DGS, there is phonology. How do syllables look in DGS, which role does sonority play and how is prosody expressed? In the talk, I will answer these questions.

Finally, I will show some interfaces of morphology and phonology.

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