



Communication Tips

For parents of children with hearing difficulties

If you are speaking with your child

- Attract his/her attention.
- Ensure he/she knows the topic.
- Do not shout.
- Do not over exaggerate lip movement
- Speak clearly but not too slowly.
- Keep your hand away from your face.
- Establish eye contact if possible
- Remove sunglasses.
- Try to keep items such as cups or cigarettes away from your mouth as these may prevent lip reading.
- Rephrase and don't just repeat a single word.
- Remember your child is watching you closely because they are lip reading.
- Move closer to your child.

Manipulate the environment

- Reduce background noise where possible.
- Choose quiet surroundings while doing homework.
- Always speak to your child while in the same room.
- Rooms with soft furnishings reduce echo.
- Sit where the light falls on your face.

Think positively and be understanding – a little extra effort eases frustration for everyone.

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