

TIPS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH A DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING CHILD.

ASK A DEAF PERSON IF THEY WOULD LIKE YOU TO REPEAT SOMETHING IF YOU THINK THEY HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD YOU>

USE WHOLE AND CONCISE SENTENCES TO HELP A DEAF PERSON PICK UP CLUES>

HAVE ONE PERSON SPEAK AT A TIME ESPECIALLY WHEN IN A GROUP>

Multiple people speaking is difficult for anyone to follow.

STAND WITH YOUR FACE TO THE LIGHT>

SPEAK CLEARLY AND NATURALLY>

Try to use an expressive face.

GET A DEAF PERSONS ATTENTION BEFORE YOU START TO SPEAK>

Try waving, knocking on a table or tapping their shoulder lightly.

FACE A DEAF PERSON WHEN YOU'RE TALKING>

Always leave enough room for the deaf person to see your face clearly.

USE VISUAL CLUES WHERE POSSIBLE>

Point to what you are talking about.

MAKE IT CLEAR WHAT THE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IS>

Always let them know when or if it changes

It is important to keep in mind when communicating that we are all individuals with different backgrounds, experiences and abilities.

Remember, deaf individuals may use and require different communication strategies. Some may use sign language [Auslan], some may lipread, others may listen and speak, while some may use a combination of these modes and methods. When communicating with a deaf person, it is always best to ask how they would prefer to communicate.



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