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Create a masterpiece.

## **Children with Hearing Loss: Tips for Good Communication at Home**

Preferential seating/flexible seating

- In direct line of your voice and in full view of your face
- Seat child away from noise sources (doors, hallway, sinks, heater, pencil sharpeners)
- Minimize background noise

Face your child when speaking

Avoid standing with your back to a window or other light source

Gain your child's attention before speaking

Speak clearly in a natural voice and at a natural pace

- Avoid exaggerated lip movements
- Use natural gestures and body language

Use visual clues, gestures, key words, pictures, charts, and written directions

Rephrase instead of repeating a misunderstood question or direction

Check for comprehension

- Be aware many people with hearing loss will nod "yes" when they do not actually understand

Encourage your child to take responsibility for developing listening strategies

- Modify the listening environment (move closer to the speaker/teacher)
- Clarify auditory information (request repetition or simplification if necessary)

Contact your school audiologist with any questions and concerns