



Deaf Culture

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True or False

- All people with hearing loss know how to read lips.
- Some people who are deaf or hard of hearing can speak.
- Deaf people can drive/work.
- Everyone in the hearing loss community uses sign language.
- The needs of a Deaf person are the same as the other people who have hearing loss.
- All deaf and hard of hearing people can read written English.

Lesson

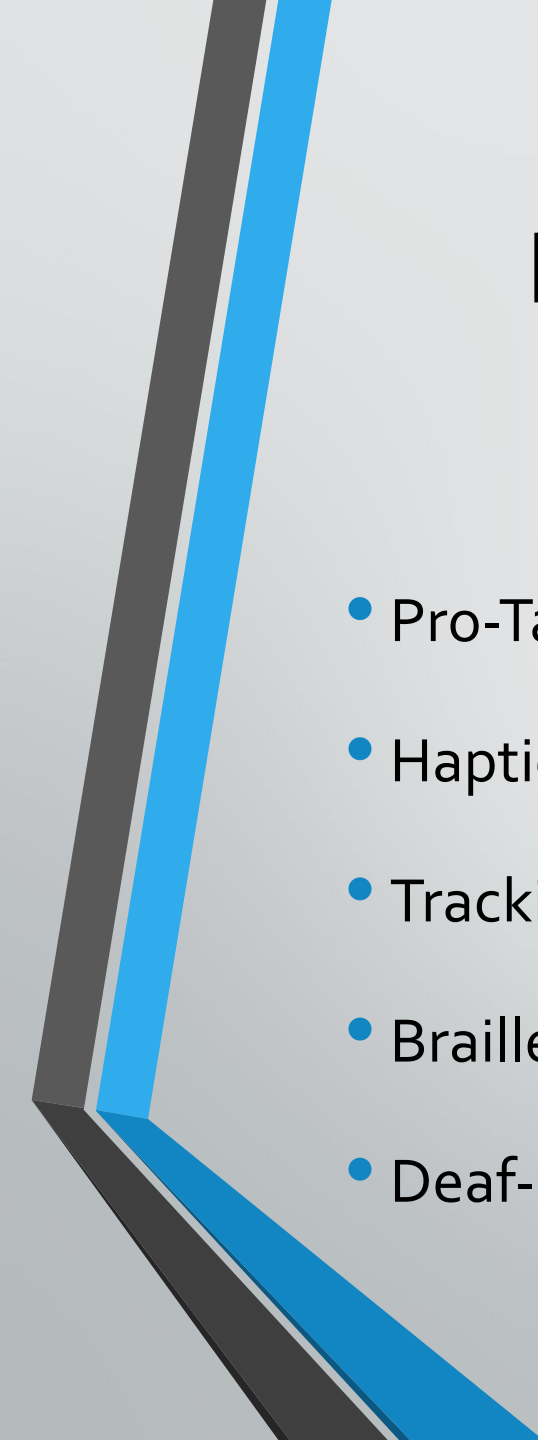
- Deafinitions
- Effective Communication
- Communication Access Resources

Terms

- Deaf
- Hard of Hearing
- Hearing Loss
- Deaf-blind

Effective Communication– Deaf Individuals

- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Use of body language and gestures
- Certified ASL interpreters and Deaf interpreters
- Brief written notes
- Videophone/Video Relay Service
- Speech-to-text apps or text-based apps



Effective Communication – Deaf-Blind Individuals

- Pro-Tactile
- Haptics
- Tracking
- Braille/Large print
- Deaf-Blind Interpreters

Effective Communication – sign language interpreting

- Communication is a two-way street
- Interpreting is a profession with national standards, a code of professional conduct and role guidelines.
- The interpreter attempts to take on the persona of the person speaking
- The interpreter's responsibility is to transmit information accurately and clearly.
- A Certified Deaf Interpreter has knowledge and understanding of deafness, Deaf community, and Deaf culture. Also possesses native or near native fluency in ASL.

ASL and English

- ASL is recognized as a distinct, natural language by Dr. William Stokoe
- Same linguistic properties as spoken languages with grammar distinct from English
- ASL utilizes facial expressions and body language to convey meaning.
- Differences in ASL and ENGLISH
- I went to the mall vs Mall finish
- Words with different meaning

Writing Sample

1. CHANGE BRAIN
2. YOU ME CROSS MISS ME KNOW SORRY
3. ME HUNGRY WHY ME LUNCH NOT

Lipreading

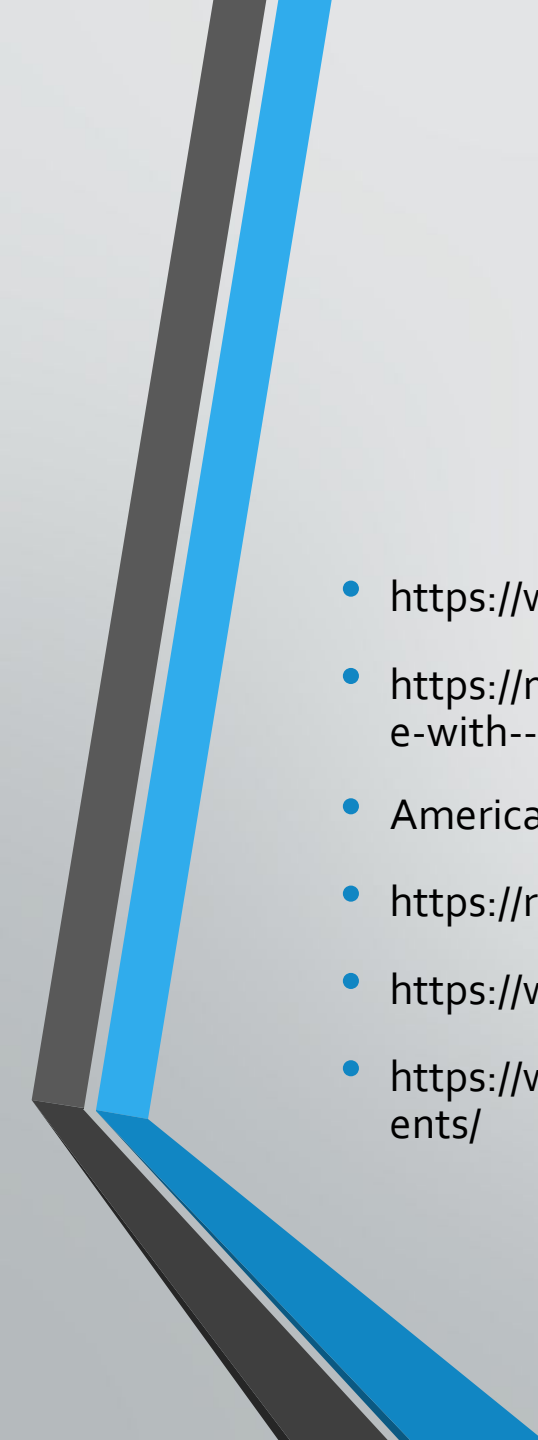
- Only 30% of the English language is clearly seen on the lips
- Many factors reduce lip reading abilities
- Lighting, facial hair, foreign or regional accents
- Many sounds cannot easily be read on the lips.
- Individuals who are anxious, scared, fatigued, affected by medication, may all hinder the patient's ability to effectively lip/speech read.
- Many deaf people, particularly when stressed, will feign to understand and nod their heads in agreement.

Lipreading

- Island view
- I love you
- Olive juice
- Pay me
- Baby
- Maybe

Resources

- Hearing Loss Association of America: <https://www.hearingloss.org/>
- National Association of the Deaf: www.nad.org
- Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: <https://rid.org/>

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- <https://www.nationaldeafcenter.org/sites/default/files/Communicating%20with%20Deaf%20Individuals.pdf>
 - <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles/4050-hearing-loss-tips-to-improve-communication-with-people-with--hearing-loss>
 - American Association of the Deaf and Blind: http://www.aadb.org/factsheets/db_communications.html
 - <https://rid.org/about-rid/about-interpreting/setting-standards/>
 - <https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/american-sign-language#6>
 - <https://www.nad.org/about-us/position-statements/position-statement-on-health-care-access-for-deaf-patients/>