

Tips for teachers and students

Classroom Tips for Teachers

- Repeat other students' answers and comments
- Repeat instructions more than once
- Make sure your mouth is visible, try not to turn your back to the students
- Speak clearly
- Don't put students with hearing loss in the spotlight (e.g. Did you get that?)
- Ask other students to speak up and speak slower
- Remember to talk to the student directly (not an interpreter)
- Teachers should talk loud, clear, and understandable

Tips for Students

- Let teachers experience what it sounds like to have a hearing loss (earplugs)
- Ask other students to speak up and speak slower
- Review information with teachers throughout the year
- Ask for a copy of notes from teacher or peers

General tips related to Technology

- Hearing aids don't let you hear normally
- Use closed captioning or real time captioning when available
- Don't take tests using recorded materials (especially foreign language)
- Teachers and students need to know how to troubleshoot
- Give student's more choice in selection of amplification

Tips for behavior modifications for teachers

- Provide directions in writing
- Write assignments on board or in planner
- Provide written script of movies or videos that are not captioned
- Consider proficiency testing in small groups