



How to describe your child's hearing

Some terms you might hear floating around:

hearing levels hear	ing difference	<u>deaf</u>	hearing loss*
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hard-of-hearing	hearing impairment*	deafnes	SS Deaf

*Some people in the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (DHH) community avoid using the terms "hearing impairment" or "hearing loss". They may prefer other terms that reflect the individual's abilities and identity in a more positive way.

Is your child's hearing loss:

☐ Unilateral (affecting only one ear) ☐ Bil.	ateral (affecting both ears)	
Left ear	Right ear	
Type of Hearing Loss	Type of Hearing Loss	
☐ Conductive	☐ Conductive	
☐ Sensorineural	☐ Sensorineural	
☐ Mixed	☐ Mixed	
☐ Auditory Neuropathy (AN)	☐ Auditory Neuropathy (AN)	
□ Unsure	□ Unsure	
☐ Not applicable	☐ Not applicable	
Degree of Hearing Loss	Degree of Hearing Loss	
☐ Normal hearing (<15 dB)	☐ Normal hearing (<15 dB)	
☐ Slight hearing loss (16 to 25 dB)	☐ Slight hearing loss (16 to 25 dB)	
☐ Mild hearing loss (26 to 40 dB)	☐ Mild hearing loss (26 to 40 dB)	
☐ Moderate hearing loss (41 to 55 dB)	☐ Moderate hearing loss (41 to 55 dB)	
☐ Moderately severe hearing loss (56 to 70 dB)	☐ Moderately severe hearing loss (56 to 70 dB)	
☐ Severe hearing loss (71 to 90 dB)	☐ Severe hearing loss (71 to 90 dB)	
☐ Profound hearing loss (91+ dB)	☐ Profound hearing loss (91+ dB)	
□ Unsure	☐ Unsure	
Configuration/Frequencies	Configuration/Frequencies	
FLAT SLOPING RISING	FLAT SLOPING RISING	
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Examples:

- Bilateral mild sloping to moderately severe sensorineural hearing loss.
- Unilateral severe conductive hearing loss in his left ear. Normal hearing in his right ear.
- Unknown hearing levels with bilateral auditory neuropathy.

Your turn:			

Questions?

- Other terminologies you may have heard?
- Permanent versus intermittent?