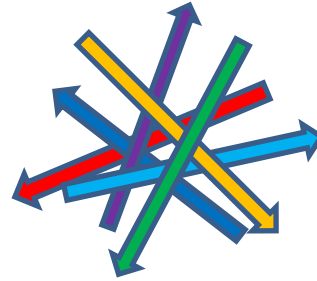


# TIPS & TRICKS

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Edition

Tip of the Week:

REDUCE REVERBERATION



Reverberation is how long a sound continues or echoes. Sound will continue to bounce on hard surfaces, but can be absorbed by soft surfaces. When sound is absorbed, it limits the amount of lingering noise in a classroom. If sound continues to bounce and remains in the room, speech becomes hard to understand. Speech sounds can overlap and smear together when bouncing back. Also, many noises reverberating back and forth interferes with a clear speech signal.

Trick to Try:

Introduce as many soft surfaces in your classroom. Some ideas are tennis balls on chair legs, soft tips on desks, rugs/carpet on the floor, curtains in the windows, felt or corkboard on the walls, and cushions.



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