

# TIPS & TRICKS

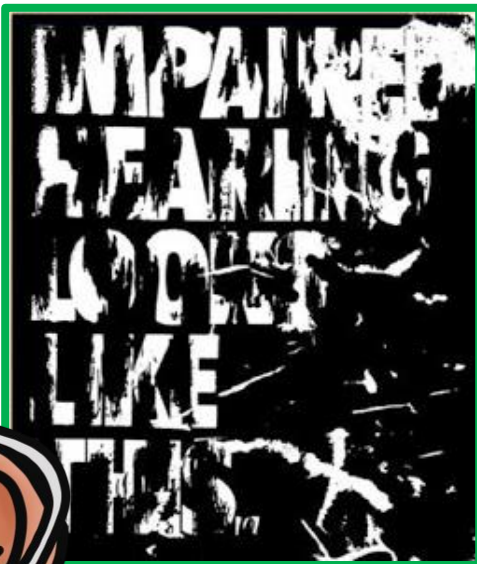
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Edition



Tip of the Week:

Hearing & vision loss are NOT similar

There is distortion in the ear when a person has hearing loss. Even with hearing technology, there are sounds some students will never have access to. Hearing aids and cochlear implants can make the sounds a student can access louder, but they do not clear up the distortion. Glass can restore vision to 20/20, but hearing aids only make distorted sounds louder. Hearing aids and cochlear implants amplify all sounds, including those you do not want to hear like background noise. This makes speech difficult to understand in most environments.



Trick to Try:

Instead of raising your voice, practice repeating yourself and using visual clues such as facial expressions, body language and gestures when communicating.

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