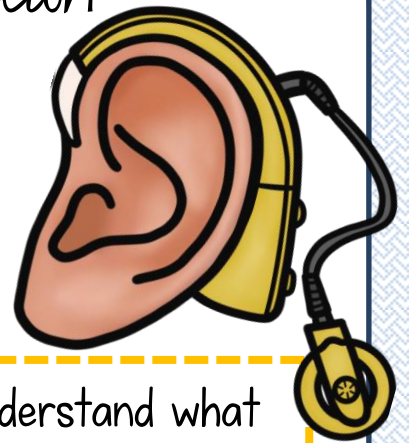


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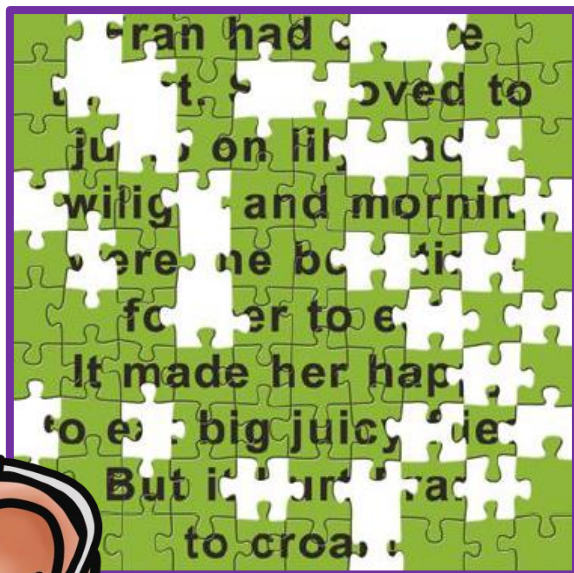
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Edition

Tip of the Week:

hearing is NOT understanding



It is important to make sure students can hear AND understand what we say. Audibility is not the same as intelligibility. With technology, most students are able to *hear* the person talking, but they do not *understand* all that is said. For example, for words like cap, cast, and calf, the student may clearly hear 'ca' but the ending will be missing. A teacher cannot raise their voice enough to compensate for fragmented hearing. The more effort used to catch the words being said, the fewer cognitive resources the student will have to comprehend what was said.



Trick to Try:

Check comprehension by asking specific questions. Refrain from yes/no questions. Nodding and smiling are common reactions from a student who is lost.

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