

# TIPS & TRICKS

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Edition

Tip of the Week:



## AVOID OBSTRUCTING YOUR MOUTH

Your student will find it easier to understand with a clear view of your face. This will allow them to pick up on more visual cues and supplement their listening with speechreading. Some things to avoid that may distort or obstruct a clear view of mouth visuals include: chewing gum, putting papers or your hands in front of your face, and resting your chin in/on your hand. If you have a beard and/or moustache, consider keeping it well trimmed. Even small things can that don't cover your entire mouth can hinder understanding for Deaf and hard of hearing students.

**I CAN'T HEAR  
YOU IF YOU  
COVER  
MOUTH.**

Trick to Try:

Hold materials you are reading during instruction at belly level to avoid covering your face. If you are teaching behind a computer or cart, make sure no parts of your face are hidden by wires or other small objects.

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