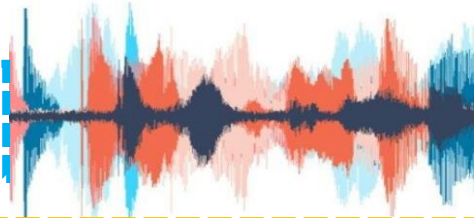


TIPS & TRICKS

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Edition

Tip of the Week:

BACKGROUND NOISE



A quiet learning environment benefits all your students, but is essential for your student with hearing loss. These students struggle to filter speech from background noise. Even intermittent noises can cause students to miss key parts of instruction. Reducing movement such as bathroom breaks or pencil sharpening during class will make a quieter classroom. Ask yourself: are desks and chairs scraping against the floor? Is my classroom close to the band room or other noisy environments? Are hard surfaces causing echoes? Are motors, HVAC, or light fixtures causing a buzz?

Trick to Try:

Close your classroom door. When practical, turn off all motors during instruction. Have HVAC and lighting checked to lessen or eliminate noise. Seat your DHH student away from noise sources that are not eliminable. Add soft surfaces.



echoes whispers paper rustling group projects
blowing air buzzing lights scoots sharpen pencils
taps motors hallway conversations clicking keyboard
electronic hum adjacent classrooms blowing nose

I can't hear with
all this noise

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