TIPS & TRICKS

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Edition

Tip of the Week:

SPEAK NATURALLY





Avoid ventriloquism. Talk naturally without raising your voice or exaggerating mouth movements. Speaking louder will not help the student hear you better. Rather speaking louder will distort sound clarity. Using clear speech is especially important when wearing a face mask because the student is relying only on your auditory signal to listen. Exaggerating mouth movements will interfere with speechreading abilities.

DON'T SHOUT SPEAK CLEARLY



Trick to Try:

Speak just like talking to your other students. Repeat yourself as necessary. If your student is struggling to listen, slow down the rate of speech, not the words themselves.

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