

Difficult Environments For Listening and Communicating

- ❖ The teacher is talking with her face to the board.
- ❖ You have a substitute teacher who speaks very softly.
- ❖ You are working together with classmates and it is loud in the classroom.
- ❖ You are in an assembly and your class has to sit in the back. You are having trouble hearing the speaker's presentation.
- ❖ You are in the classroom and the teacher begins to talk in the back of the classroom.
- ❖ You are in the classroom and the teacher is not using the microphone.
- ❖ You are in the classroom and children are giving a presentation. You cannot hear them very well and they are not using the microphone.
- ❖ You are in the office and the phone is ringing and there are people talking and you cannot hear the principal.
- ❖ You are at lunch and a friend is trying to tell you about her weekend. She is eating and talking to you at the same time. You are having trouble hearing and understanding her.
- ❖ You are in computer class and the teacher is sitting down at a computer and giving instructions. You cannot see her or hear her over the computer noise.
- ❖ You are at music class and everyone is learning a new song. You cannot understand the words of the song and you are having trouble hearing the words over the music.
- ❖ It is summertime and to keep the room cool, the teacher has turned off the lights, opened the windows, and turned on the fan.
- ❖ The announcements came on at the same time the teacher was giving out your homework assignment, so you missed the assignment.
- ❖ The teacher is talking about social studies and you missed one of the words. You don't understand what she is teaching anymore.
- ❖ When you come in from recess in the afternoon, the sun is in your eyes and you can't see the teacher.
- ❖ You have been listening to the teacher talk for a long time and you start to daydream. You cannot follow or understand the teacher anymore.
- ❖ You are going on a field trip to an outdoor museum and it is windy and hard to hear.
- ❖ You are outside playing soccer at recess and you can't hear your teammates call your name, so you never get the ball.

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- ❖ You are seated in the classroom near the bathroom. Each time someone uses the bathroom, the fan turns on and the toilet flushes. You are constantly interrupted during class.
- ❖ You are at a sleepover with your friends. When they turn the lights out, you cannot see them. When you take your hearing aids/cochlear implant off, you cannot hear them. You are embarrassed and think they will make fun of you.
- ❖ You are at a restaurant with your family and everyone is talking and laughing, but you can't understand the conversation.

Difficult Environments for Using Sign Language

- ❖ The teacher is moving away from the board where a math problem is illustrated. The interpreter is moving with the teacher. You cannot see both the interpreter and the math problem.
- ❖ The teacher turns off the lights to see a movie. You cannot see your interpreter in the dark.
- ❖ Your interpreter is wearing a bright pink striped shirt. You are having trouble seeing her signs.
- ❖ The friend next to you keeps tapping you to get your attention during a class lecture. It is distracting.
- ❖ The classroom teacher says something from her desk in the back of the room while the interpreter is out of the room. You don't know what was said.