

Additional Difficult Environments for Listening and Communicating

- ❖ The teacher is reviewing a math problem and you don't understand the problem.
- ❖ You are having a Halloween Party in school and the teacher puts music on in the background. You cannot hear well enough over the music to talk to your friends.
- ❖ You are out for pizza with your friends and the restaurant is pretty loud. You cannot hear your friends talking.
- ❖ You are a swimmer in a swim meet. You cannot hear the start bell go off to begin the race because you cannot wear your hearing aids/cochlear implant when you swim.
- ❖ You are in the classroom and the person next to you is always talking during class. You cannot block out his or her voice.
- ❖ Your class goes to the planetarium for a field trip to learn about the stars. When the lights go out, you cannot see who is talking.
- ❖ You are seated in the front of the classroom, but your "worse" ear is facing the teacher. You are having trouble hearing.
- ❖ You are giving a presentation to the class and your classmates can ask questions. You are having trouble knowing who is speaking and hearing the questions.
- ❖ Your hearing aid/cochlear implant is not working well. The teacher's voice is unclear.
- ❖ During your cheerleading game, your coach is yelling the cheers out and you don't know which ones you are supposed to be doing because you cannot hear her over the crowd.

Difficult Environments for the Sign Language User

- ❖ You are doing group work and the interpreter has not joined your group. You are having difficulty understanding the group members.
- ❖ At basketball practice, the coach is not using the interpreter to give plays for the game. You are never sure what is happening and you are unable to hear because of the noise in the gym.
- ❖ You are invited to a sleepover and not everyone knows sign language.
- ❖ During school assemblies, your interpreter sits in front of you and you cannot see the program on stage as well as your interpreter.