



CAVE Checklist

Communication Access in Virtual Education

This self-report checklist is intended to be completed students age 9 and above who are deaf or hard of hearing to identify possible communication access issues that may occur during virtual education situations.

Name: _____ Date: _____ School/Period: _____

| Read each question. Select the answer that applies in the situation most of the time. | Always Easy | Mostly Easy | Sometimes Difficult | Mostly Difficult | Always Difficult | Doesn't Happen |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. You can see the teacher's face during the online lessons. She is using a microphone. How well can you hear and understand the words the teacher is saying? | | | | | | |
| 2. You can see the teacher's face during the online lessons. She is not using a microphone. How well can you understand the teacher's words? | | | | | | |
| 3. The teacher is showing a worksheet or other information and her face is not shown. She is using a microphone. How well can you understand the teacher's words? | | | | | | |
| 4. The teacher is showing information on the screen and her face is not shown. She is not using a microphone. How well can you understand the teacher's words? | | | | | | |
| 5. In comparison to your regular classroom, using your FM/DM hearing technology during online learning is..... | | | | | | |
| 6. In comparison to your regular classroom, being able to see the interpreter clearly during online learning is.... | | | | | | |
| 7. The teacher is using captioning during online learning. With the captions, How well can you understand the teacher's words? | | | | | | |
| 8. The students are responding to the teacher in a chat discussion. How well do you feel that you can understand your classmates and share your views? | | | | | | |
| 9. Your classmates talk into the microphones on their devices. Sometimes it is as loud as the teacher and sometimes it isn't. How well can you understand your classmate's words? | | | | | | |
| 10. The students are talking into the microphone of their devices and everything they say is being captioned. How well can you understand what your classmates are saying? | | | | | | |

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| Multiply this number by the number of times each item was selected. Example: 5 items in the Mostly Easy column would be $5 \times 4 = 20$ points. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Score for each column | | | | | | |
| Not every situation listed will apply to every student. Situations indicating appropriate access will receive scores of 4 or 5. Items scoring 1, 2, 3 need to be addressed for appropriate access needs. | | | | | | Total score |

What I think helps me most during online learning is:

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| To have/use at home during e-learning I would like to: | |
| | Listen through the built-in speaker of the computer/iPad/Chromebook/media device. |
| | Use personal headphones that I know work with my hearing and media devices. |
| | Use a speaker that connects to my media device directly or via Bluetooth. |
| | Use a streaming device that plugs directly into my computer/media device with an audio cable. |
| | Use a special cable or Bluetooth connection that works specifically with my hearing devices. |
| | Use my FM/DM connected to the computer while the teacher uses the FM/DM transmitter. |
| During online learning my teachers would: | |
| | Allow me to see her face while she is talking and the faces of my classmates when they talk. |
| | Use a high quality headset mic so my FM/DM system works to hear better through the computer. |
| | Use captioning of what the teacher is saying (closed captioning). |
| | Captioning all of what the students say and what the teacher says (open captioning). |
| | Do class discussion with typed out answers in a chat so I can read it all and fully participate. |
| | Provide recordings of the lectures so I can preview/review to better understand what was said. |
| | Other: |
| | Other: |

My comments about online learning: