



Tips for People with Hearing Loss When Communicating with People Who Are Hearing

Rule

- *Communication is a two-way street.*
- *People with hearing loss must make as much effort as hearing people.*

Set Your Stage

- *Tell others how best to talk to you.*
- *Pick your best spot (light, quiet, proximity).*
- *Anticipate difficult situations; plan how to minimize them.*

Project Your Communication

- *Pay attention.*
- *Concentrate on speaker.*
- *Look for visual clues.*
- *Ask for written clues if needed.*
- *Don't interrupt speaker.*
- *Let conversation flow a little to gain more meaning.*

Establish Empathy with Audience

- *React.*
- *Let speakers know how well they are doing.*
- *Don't bluff.*
- *Admit it when you don't understand.*
- *If unable to concentrate, ask to discuss later.*