

Signs of Hearing Loss (Child)



It can be hard to know when your child has hearing loss.

If your child has hearing loss, it is important to get them tested. We must find out what kind of hearing loss they have. They may have to see a specialist.

You can ask your GP or your health nurse for a referral.

Here are some ways to tell if your child has hearing loss.

They like TV or music **loud**

- You can hear the music from their headphones.
- They sit close to the speaker.

They have **selective hearing**

- Some hearing loss can come and go. It may look like “selective hearing” – it is not!
- With a small hearing loss, it is sometimes harder to hear than others.



They have to **look at you** to hear

- They do not hear you if you are behind them.
- They look closely at your mouth when you talk.

Their **speech** is hard to understand

- Close family members find it hard to understand when they talk.
- They always get mad because adults do not understand them.

They always have a **blocked or runny nose**

- The ear, nose, and throat are connected. Sometimes a blocked nose also means blocked ears.
- They snore loudly.

They are **always tired** or in a **bad mood**

- They come home from school very tired.
- Working hard to listen can be frustrating.

They cannot tell **where a sound comes from**

- They do not turn their head to loud sounds.
- They turn their head **the wrong way** when there is a sound.

