

# Communication Tactics for the Hearing Impaired



## Make it easy to read your lips.

- Face the person you are talking to.
- Stand where your face is well lit.
- Avoid talking whilst chewing, smoking, reading or leaning on your cheek.

## Don't try to converse with your back turned.

It is easier to hear what people say when you can see what they are saying.



## Use visual clues like facial expressions and lip movements.

## You don't need to shout.

- Speak at a natural pace and level
- Talking with someone who wears a hearing aid at normal conversation volume is perfectly ok.



## Try not to talk too fast.

- Speak naturally, but try to pronounce your words more clearly.
- Try re-phrasing your sentence rather than just repeating yourself. Some words are more easily heard or lip-read than others

## Try to reduce background noise.

- Turn off the television and close any open windows to reduce any noise from traffic
- Move closer to your listener so your voice is louder than the background noise

