

# TALKING TO YOUR DEAF FRIENDS



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Find out what your friend does.



## Five top tips



Get their attention. Try waving or tapping their shoulder.



Speak clearly. Not too slowly or too loudly.



Make sure they can see your mouth. Face them when you talk.



Use your hands. Point at what you're talking about.



Keep trying. Try texting on your phone or writing a message down.

# Did you know that...

Lip-reading can be really difficult and it's easy to miss information.



Sign language is different all over the world, in the same way that spoken languages are.

Learning sign language will not stop you learning speech.

With the right communication support, deaf children can learn equally well as hearing children.

Deaf people can't hear everything with their hearing aids or cochlear implants; some sounds might still be difficult for them to hear.



Sign language is a proper language like any other.  
The only difference is you use your hands instead of your voice.

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