What is Deaf Awareness Week

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Deaf Awareness Week will take place between 4th-10th May. Deafness and hearing loss can mean different things to different people. People use various words and terms to describe how they view their own deafness or hearing loss.

How can I be more deaf aware?

Make sure you have the person's attention before you start speaking.

Stand or sit in a place with good lighting, so that you can be lip-read.

Try to find a quiet place to communicate with little background noise as this can be distracting.

Use your usual voice level. If a deaf person uses a hearing aid it can be very uncomfortable for them and can seem as though you are shouting.

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☺ Enjoy!



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Information

This PowerPoint introduces Deaf Awareness week and helps to explain how deaf people communicate. You could use this information and your own research to create your own PowerPoint or fact file. Why not give a presentation to the people in your house, or even over video call with other family members.



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Finger spelling challenges

Practice your fingerspelling skills with these Word Searches by finding the words for the British Sign Language signs.

Open the links and then click download as there are multiple sheets.

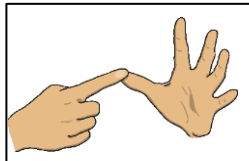
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British Sign Language Fingerspelling Challenge

Practice and improve your BSL fingerspelling receptive skills with this 2 minute fingerspelling challenge. How many fingerspelling words can you read in 2 minutes? Can you do it quicker than other people in your house? Try and see who is the fastest.

https://www.signlanguageforum.com/bsl/fingerspelling/fingerspelling-game/



Finger spelling fun

Sign Language is a way of communicating using gestures, facial expression, and body language. Even though there are lots of different signs for lots of different things it is impossible to sign everything. So, in situations where you cannot sign the word you need you can fingerspell it out. Here is a link to learn the different letters. Can you learn to spell your name?

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Makaton signing



Makaton is the sign and symbol language used in Something Special. Makaton is designed to support spoken language – signs are used with speech, in spoken word order to help children and adults to communicate. You can use the link to learn some Makaton.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/something-special-getting-started-with-makaton

https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b006m8q4/something-special

Numbers

This simple number mat features numbers from 0 to 20 in British Sign Language.

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Can you create your own maths calculations and answer using British Sign language?

Days of the week

These flashcards show the signs for the different days of the week in BSL. Use them to practise then see if you can use the correct one each day.

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Research and create

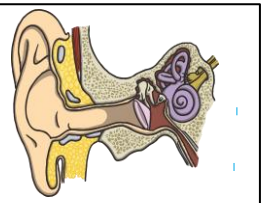
Why not research and create your own Deaf Awareness week poster.

Here is an example with some facts to give you some ideas.

Make sure you add lots of colour and make it fun.

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Ear science



How does the ear work? Can you research how the ear works? You Could even label parts of the ear.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgdmsbk/articles/zkdkmfr

British sign language Bingo

This fantastic bingo and lotto game pack includes picture boards and cards, counters, picture and word cards and boards, a word list and word lotto cards.

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You could even get creative and design your own Bingo board.

Lip-reading



Practise lip-reading by playing a simple game. Work in pairs, without speaking, but just moving your mouths as if you are speaking. Take it in turns to tell each other their favourite food. Challenge children to say a silly sentence in the same way. Could they understand the sentences by reading each other's lips?

Did you know?



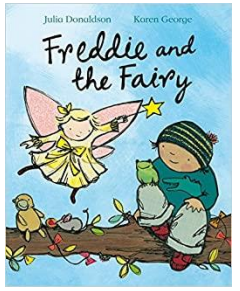
Thomas Edison was an American inventor. He is probably most famous for inventing the lightbulb. Thomas had hearing problems from a very young age and lost more of his hearing as he got older.



Ludwig van Beethoven is famous for being one of the main composers of the Classical music era. When he was in his twenties, Beethoven began to lose his hearing. Although he could no longer hear music, Beethoven was still able to compose music. Because he had been playing and writing music for his entire life, Beethoven was able to 'hear' the music he was writing in his head. Here is his most famous composition on YouTube.

Can you research and find out more about Thomas Edison and Ludwig van Beethoven?

Freddie and the Fairy



Freddie is desperate for a pet, so when he rescues Bessie-Belle and she offers to grant his wishes he knows just what to ask for. The only problem is that Bessie-Belle can't hear very well, and Freddie tends to mumble. Whatever can they do?

Click here to listen to Mr Clarke reading the book.

Look at the facial expressions of the characters at different points in the story. How are they feeling? Can you draw your own pictures that show different emotions? How does Freddie communicate more clearly with Bessie-Belle? How can we help others to understand us? Could you learn some sign language to help Bessie-Belle to understand Freddie?

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