

# Top tips for supporting a hearing impaired child in an early years setting



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5 top tips for supporting a hearing impaired

## 1: Get the child's attention

- By using the child's name
- Get down to their level
- Get eye contact
- Talk about something when you have joint attention

## 2: Keep background noise to a minimum

- Create a quiet environment for focused work.
- Think about the background noise that will compete with your voice when you want the child to listen.

## 3: Be aware how much you use the TV/ whiteboard

- A visual signal means more than an auditory; they can be distracted by the screen if you are talking to them

## 4: Use visual prompts

- Story bags, real objects and pictures when you are talking.
- This helps to keep the child focused and will aid understanding.

## 5: It is the process not the end result that is important

- The process creates lots of opportunities for interaction and language development

