

Signs of hearing loss

Babies

Doesn't startle
at loud sounds

Doesn't respond
when called

Doesn't babble
or coo

Toddlers

Talks too loudly
or too softly

Has delayed or
unclear speech

Often needs
things repeated

School-age children

Daydreams
or struggles
with following
instructions

Is easily tired,
frustrated,
inattentive or
withdrawn

Watches what
others are doing
before doing it
themselves

These could all be signs of childhood hearing loss.

Peppa's brother George has moderate hearing loss. By spotting the signs early, his family can make sure he gets the right support.



What to do next



Trust your instincts. Early action makes a big difference.



Keep notes. Write down signs you've observed and any changes in behaviour or speech.



Book an appointment with your GP. Your GP should take your concerns seriously and refer your child to an audiologist for a hearing test.



Support your child while you wait. Reduce background noise where possible. Make sure they can see your face when you speak. Use gestures and visual cues.



What to expect

Hearing tests are painless and can be adapted for all ages and abilities.

If hearing loss is confirmed, you should be offered support and options (such as hearing aids or referrals to other professionals).

You have the right to ask for communication support at appointments.

Need help or reassurance?

The National Deaf Children's Society supports children with any level of hearing loss, including mild, moderate, and single-sided deafness.



Scan the QR code or visit ndcs.org.uk/georgepig for information, advice and free resources. Contact our Helpline by live chat, SignVideo or on 0808 800 8880.

