

Talking to your

deaf friends

Peppa's brother George has moderate hearing loss in one ear. These tips help him feel included.

Some deaf people speak, some use sign language and some use both.

Find out what your friend prefers.



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Get their attention.

Try waving or tapping their shoulder.

2

Speak normally.

Don't talk too slowly, loudly or quietly.

3

Ask, "Am I in the right place?"

Face your friend, or stay on the side they can hear you best.

4

Keep trying.

Use your hands, or point at what you're talking about.



Did you know...?



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Being deaf doesn't always mean hearing nothing. Your deaf friend might hear lots of sounds, some sounds or none.

People can be deaf in one or both ears. Your friend might hear more on one side.

Sign languages are different all over the world.

When you're deaf, listening can be tiring – even with hearing aids or cochlear implants. Your friend might need a rest sometimes!



Every deaf person is different!
Find out more about childhood deafness
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