

## Tips on Communicating With Someone That Has Hearing Loss

1. Speak slightly louder, but avoid shouting
2. Speak from a distance of 3-6ft away, and always face the hearing impaired person
3. Speak only when you are in the same room
4. Turn off distracting sounds, ie TV, radio, dishwasher. Close car windows to eliminate wind sounds
5. If you are misunderstood first, try rephrasing using different words
6. Write down important information to make sure it's understood
7. When listening, give your undivided attention, use eye contact and confirm what the person is saying by asking questions

\*Remember, it can be embarrassing for people with hearing loss. Treating them as if they are senile is not proper care giving and makes communication harder.

\*Smile, be patient, and understanding of their situation

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