

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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How Do I Know if I Have a Hearing Loss?

For adults

- You frequently complain that people mumble, speech is not clear, or you hear only parts of conversations when people are talking.
- You often ask people to repeat what they said.
- Your friends or relatives tell you that you don't seem to hear very well.
- You do not laugh at jokes because you miss too much of the story.
- You need to ask others about the details of a meeting that you just attended.
- Others say that you play the TV or radio too loudly.
- You cannot hear the doorbell or the telephone.
- You find that looking at people when they talk to you makes it somewhat easier to understand, especially when you're in a noisy place or where there are competing conversations.



For children

- Your child is inconsistently responding to sound
- Language and speech development is delayed
- Speech is unclear.
- Sound is turned up on electronic equipment (radio, TV, cd player, etc.)
- Your child does not follow directions
- Your child often says "Huh?"
- Your child does not respond when called.

If you have concerns, seek the services of an audiologist certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Children's hearing can be tested as soon as they are born. Use [ProSearch](#) to find an audiologist near you.