

# 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