



Communication Methods

Commonly used by children who are d/Deaf and/or Hard-of-Hearing in the U.S.

<p>Oral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combines using the child's hearing (using amplification or not) and lipreading to use and develop oral speech • Often used to ease the child's communication with hearing individuals 	<p>ASL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Sign Language; a distinct language with a unique vocabulary and grammar system • For many children who use ASL, English is their second language (ASL being the first)
<p>Cued Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitates lipreading by having the speaker use specific hand gestures while speaking orally so the listener can visually distinguish between similar looking sounds on the speaker's lips • Some U.S. schools have cued speech programs for students who are d/Deaf and/or Hard-of Hearing 	<p>Manual English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combines many traditional ASL signs with English word order/grammar to produce a visual communication system • Includes Seeing Essential English (SEE I), Signing Exact English (SEE II), and Signed English • Often taught to and used by children to help them learn to read and write English
<p>Fingerspelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses signs from ASL/other signed languages to code the alphabet and numbers; children use this code to spell out messages 	<p>AAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Augmentative and Alternative Communication; a way to communicate without talking (orally or signed) • Can include low-tech options (gestures, facial expressions, picture board, etc.) and high tech options (tablet app, speech-generating device, etc.)
<p>Total Communication</p> <p>Using any and all communication methods accessible to the child to facilitate language acquisition/communication! Includes using any combination of the methods described above.</p>	

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