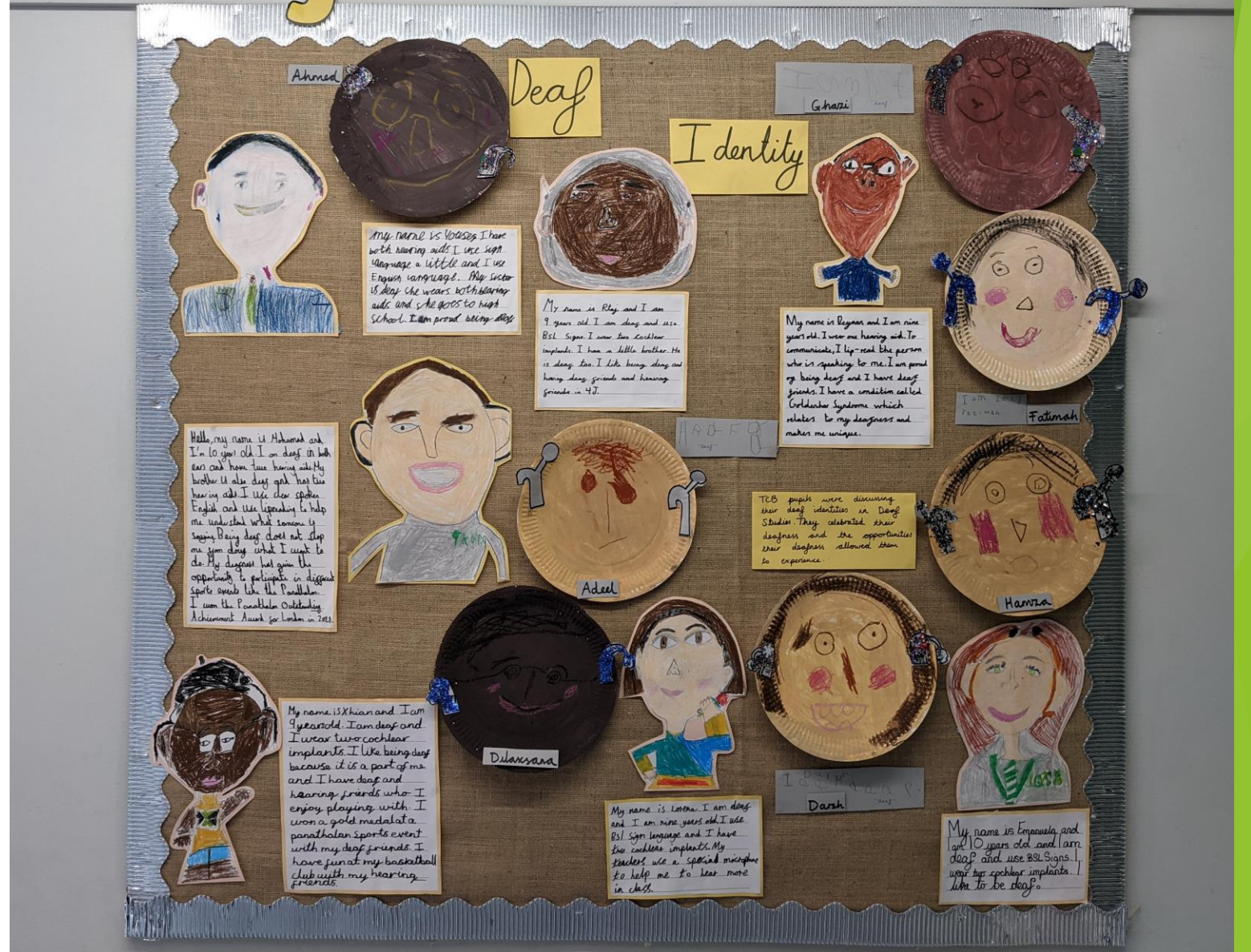


Deaf Awareness

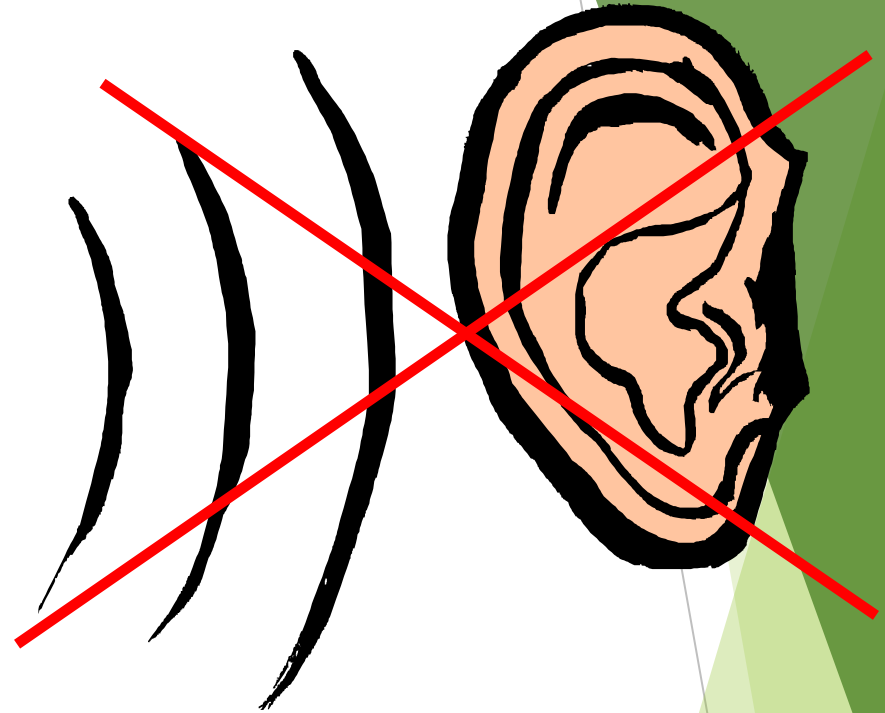
Deaf Awareness At Kingsbury Green Primary School



What does being deaf mean?



- ▶ Not being able to hear well
- ▶ Finding nearby sounds difficult to hear, for example:
 - ▶ Teachers talking
 - ▶ Friends laughing
 - ▶ The school bell



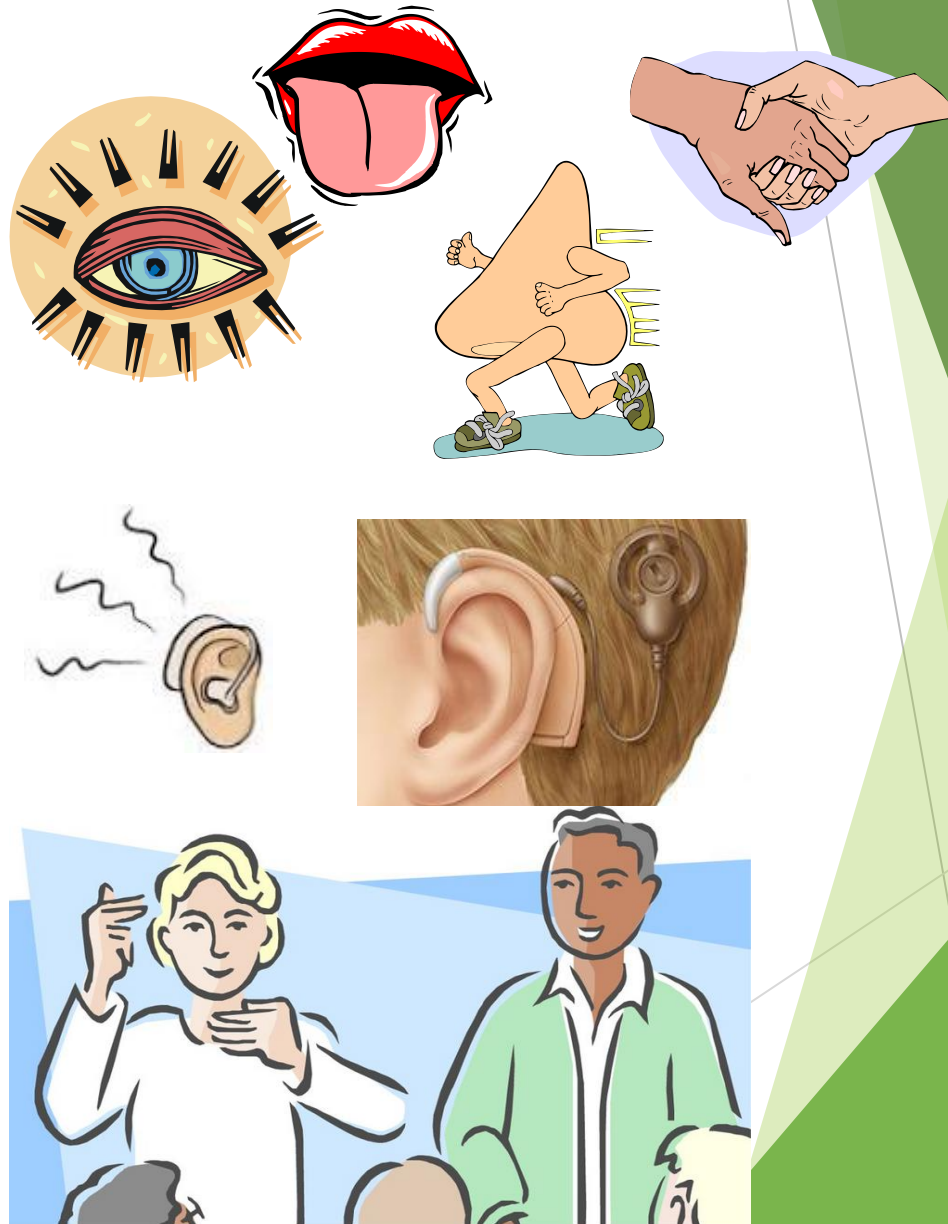
Why are some children deaf?

- ▶ Some children are born deaf
- ▶ Others become deaf through illnesses like meningitis



How do deaf children communicate?

- ▶ Using their senses to experience the world.
- ▶ Using hearing aids or cochlear implants to improve hearing.
- ▶ Talking
- ▶ Using British sign Language.



Hearing Aids

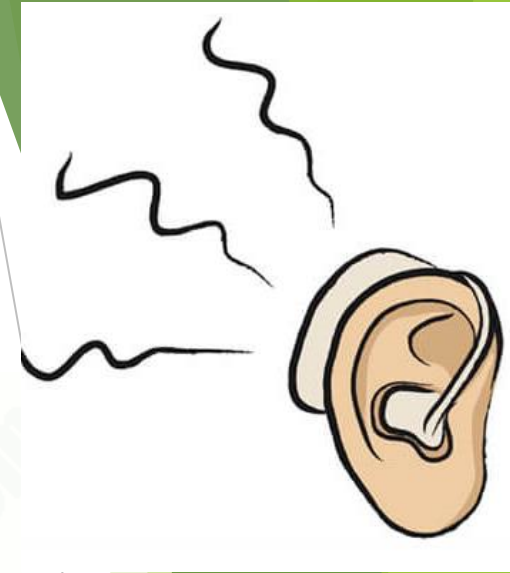
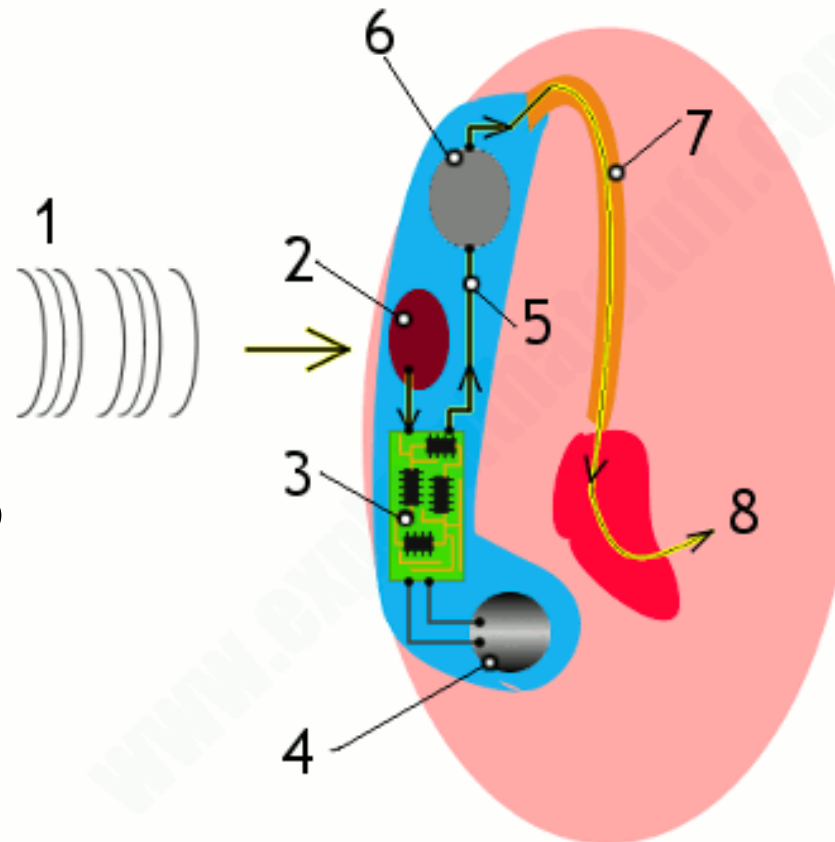


Cochlear Implants



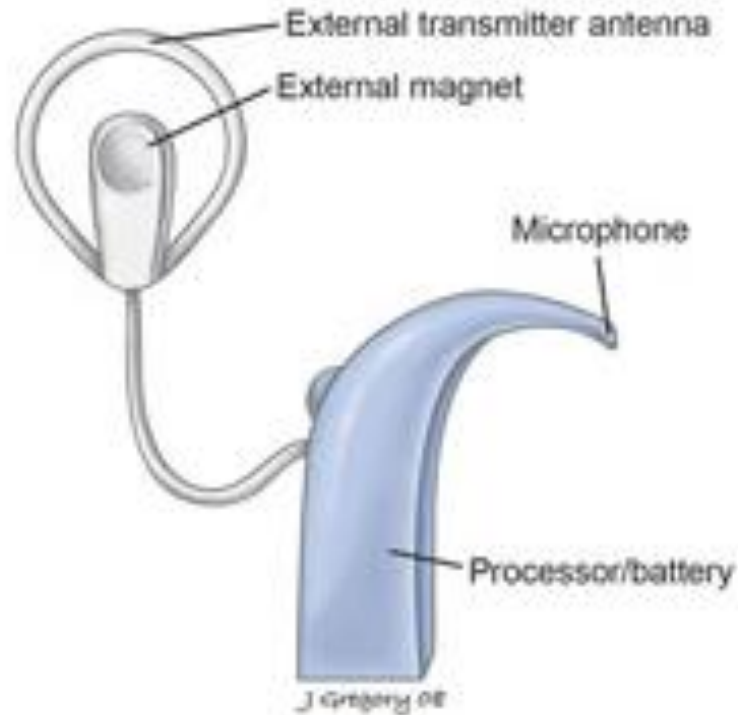
How do hearing aids work?

1. Sound waves travel towards your hearing aid
2. A microphone picks up the sound then converts it to electrical signals
3. Electrical signals get sent to the amplifier which increases the power of the signals
4. The battery powers this
5. The amplified current drives a loudspeaker
6. The loudspeaker plays the sound into an ear hook
7. The sound passes from the ear hook into the tube
8. The sound passes into the ear mould which sends it to the inner ear

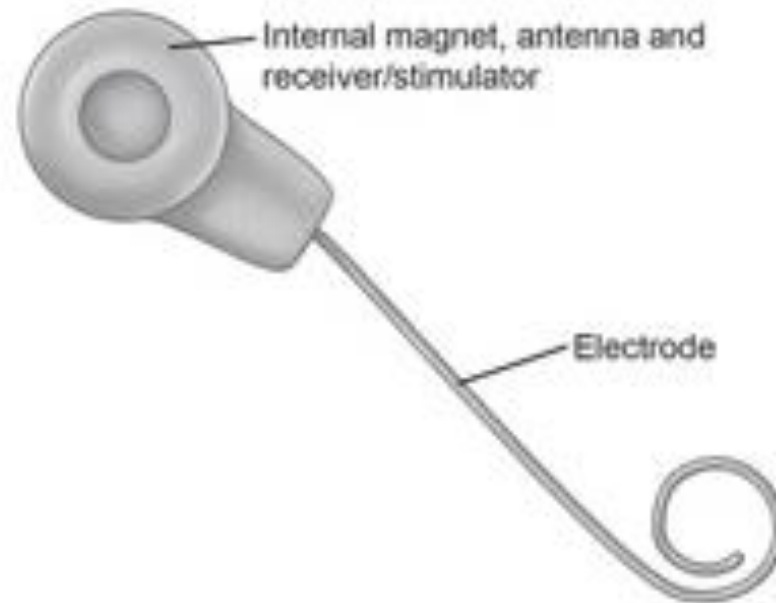


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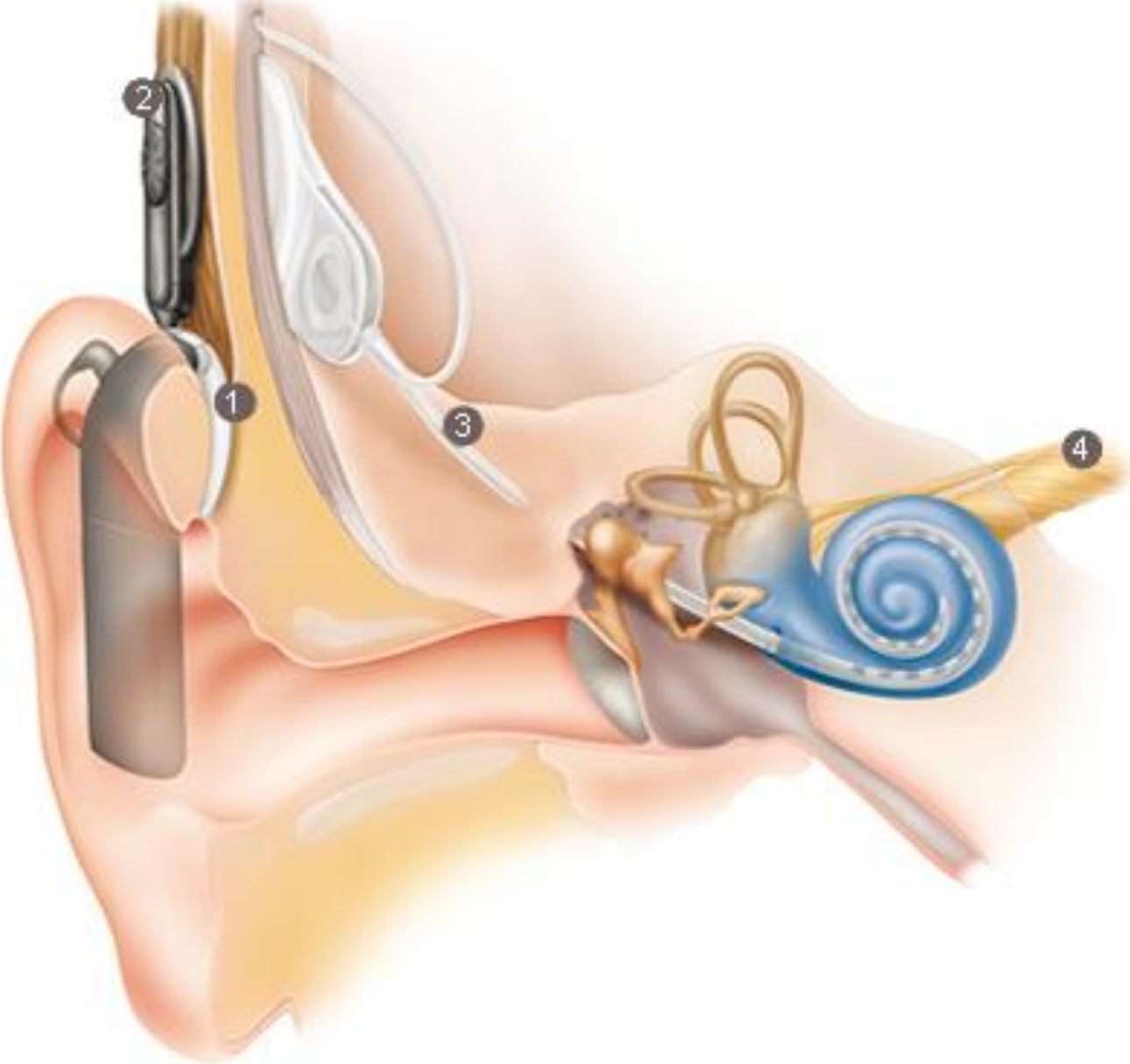
Outside the body



Inside the body

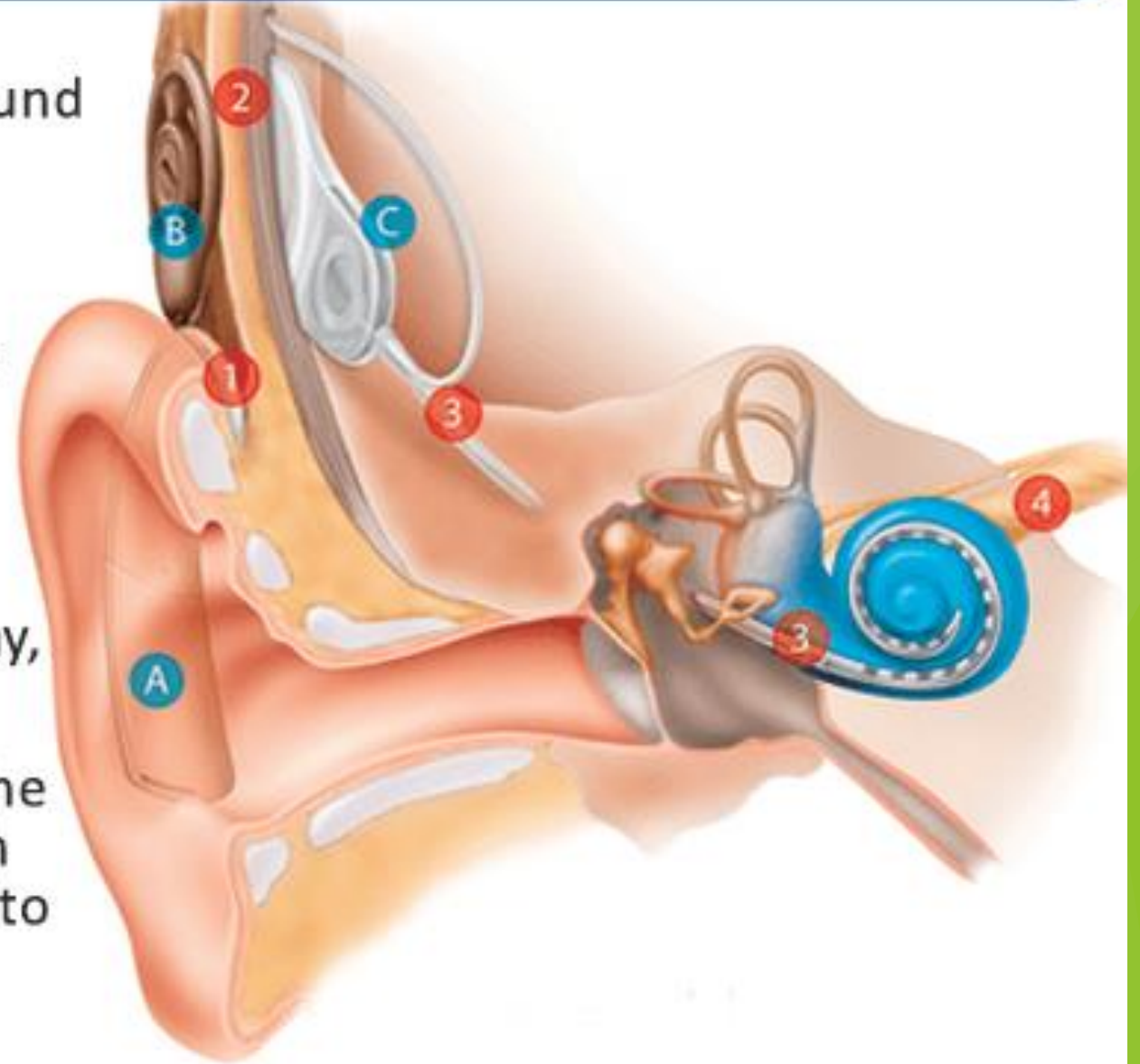


What does this look like on?



How a cochlear implant works

- 1** The sound processor (A) captures sound & converts it into digital code.
- 2** The sound processor transmits the digitally coded sound through the coil (B) to the implant (C) just under the skin.
- 3** The implant converts the digitally coded sound to electrical signal & sends them along the electrode array, which is positioned in the cochlea.
- 4** The implant's electrodes stimulate the cochlea's hearing nerve fibres, which relay the sound signals to the brain to produce hearing sensations



Identity, Empathy and Deaf Awareness at Kingsbury Green Primary School



kindness is a language
that the deaf can hear
and the blind can see

- Mark Twain

While you're watching..

What is this scene showing?

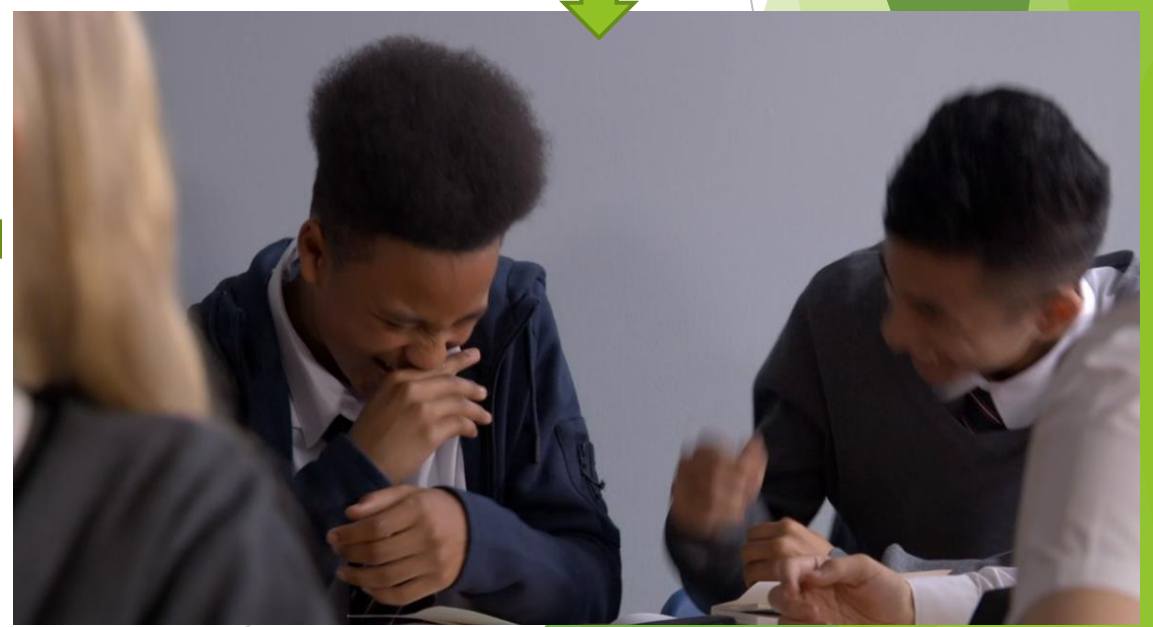
How do you think the characters feel?

How do YOU feel?



[BBC iPlayer - EastEnders - 06/09/2022](#)

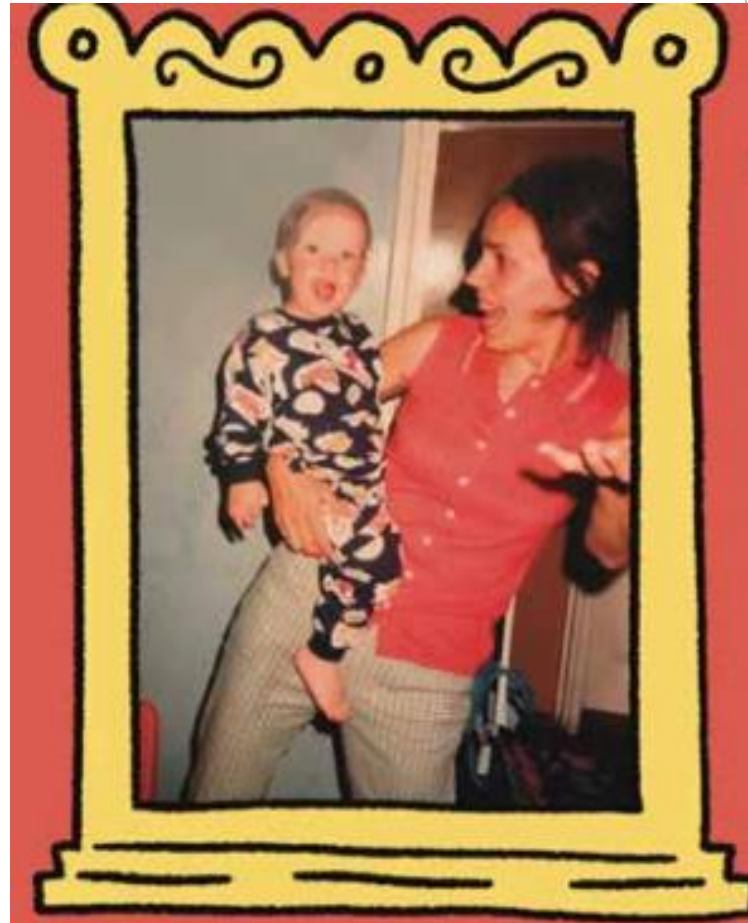
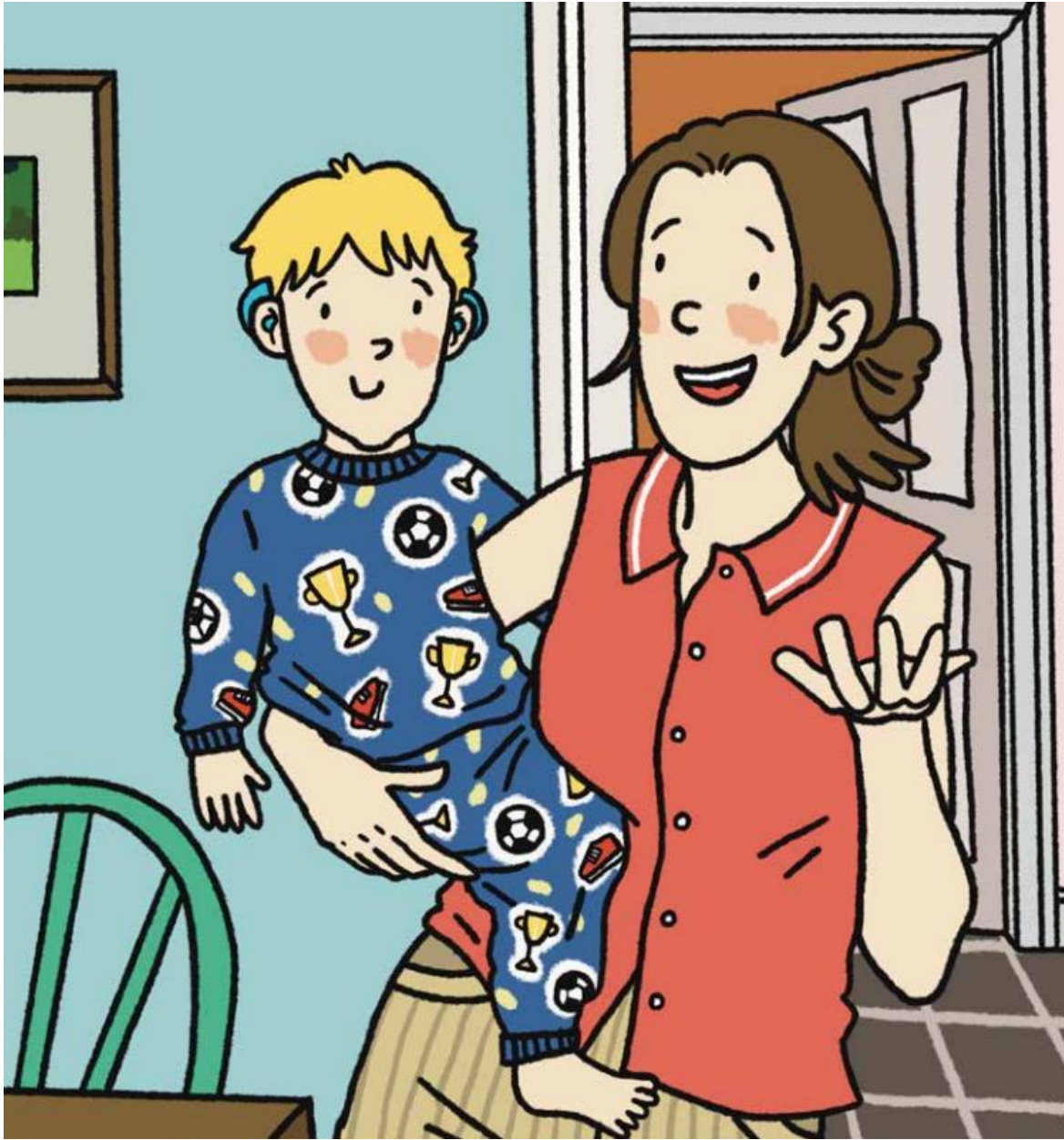
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What would you do if you were Amy?



Meet Karen Hardwicke!



Karen is the parent of a young deaf child, Teacher of the Deaf and author of three books. She loves reading, writing and running. We will be reading her books to help us think about deaf awareness at school.

A Girl like Ananya



Karen Hardwicke

an AVID Language resource



JASPER'S Tale



Karen Hardwicke Nicholas Child

Jack signs!

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Before you read this book,
explore the following
question:

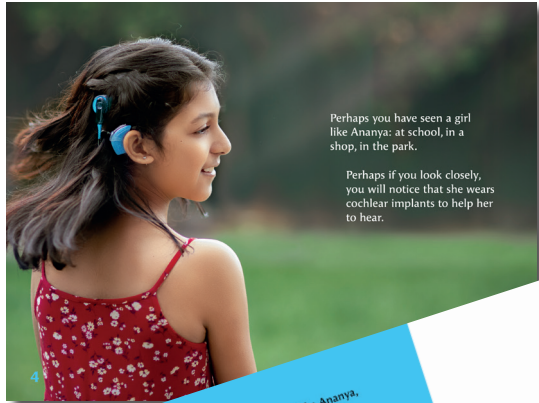
**Do these two phrases
mean the same thing?**

- 1. the deaf girl**
- 2. the girl who is deaf**

Being deaf - what does it mean?

When someone is deaf or hard of hearing, it means their ears don't work very well. They often need to wear assistive hearing devices like hearing aids or cochlear implants to help them to hear.

A Girl like Ananya - the real life story of an inspirational girl who is deaf



If you know a girl like Ananya, she may tell you she needs to see your mouth when you speak.



And that it is difficult to listen in noisy rooms like the dinner hall at school.
And that if you speak too slowly, or too quickly, this is difficult too.



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Ananya doesn't like waking up ...or getting lots of homework!



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www.avidlanguage.com/a-girl-like-ananya



We can watch the sign language version
of the book - available in both BSL and ASL
on the publisher's website



British Sign Language (BSL) version of 'A Girl like Ananya'



American Sign Language (ASL) version of 'A Girl like Ananya'



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Thinking about identity - activities

Before you read this book,
you thought about the following
question:

**Do these two phrases mean the
same thing?**

- 1. the deaf girl**
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Is Ananya deaf and that is all?
Or are there many parts to her
identity?

Have you changed your mind?





Deaf cook Yvonne Cobb to the kitchen for This Morning's first ever live deaf cookery item.



[Yvonne Cobb's childhood chicken chimichangas | This Morning \(itv.com\)](#)



Rose was Strictly's first ever deaf contestant. She won!

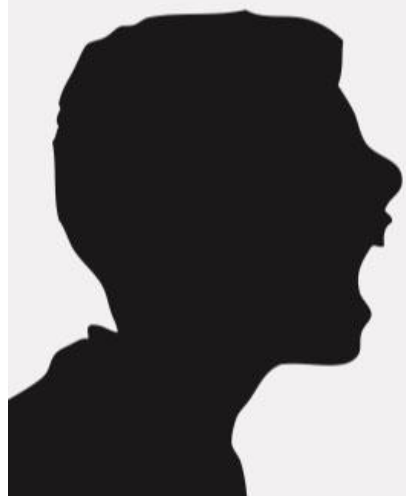


[WATCH AGAIN: Strictly's Rose & Giovanni silent dance to Symphony](#)
[BAFTA Must-See Moment 2022](#) 🌟 [BBC - YouTube](#)



What can you do to help deaf children hear you?

SHOUTING
WON'T MAKE IT EASIER
FOR ME TO HEAR YOU!



**I CAN'T HEAR
YOU IF YOU
COVER
MOUTH.**

**SPEAK
ONESPEAK
AT P ONE
A TIME
AT A TIME
A TIME**

**I CAN'T HEAR YOU
IF YOU MIMBLE**

**I CAN'T
HEAR YOU
IF YOU DON'T
...T'MOD UOY FI**

FACE ME.

What can you do to help deaf children hear you?

- ▶ Get the person's attention
 - ▶ Wave in their direction
 - ▶ Face the person
 - ▶ Use lots of facial expressions
- ▶ Speak clearly and talk normally
- ▶ Use some signs you know to support what you say
- ▶ Show empathy- if a deaf child asks you to repeat what you said, please do. Don't say it doesn't matter.



Deaf Awareness Week 2023

1-7th May 2023



Theme: Deaf Inclusion

Competition:

Design your own Deaf character and story



- Submit: a drawing (hand or digital) of your character
- brief information about them (do they have hearing aids or cochlear implants/ do they use BSL etc.)
- A brief outline of a story/ adventure they have
- Deaf Inclusion theme at the heart of your story

Competition:

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Submit: Digital entry: Full name and class to
Ichorekdjian@kgreen.brent.sch.uk

Or for hard copy to your child's class teacher FAO
Ms.Chorekdjian - Guest Judge Karen Hardwicke!

Reflection



Deaf children are just like any other children. They just can't hear. We will be empathetic and use deaf awareness strategies in the classroom to support them.

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