

My Health Stories

The Hearing Screening




Hello Ms. Harris. I am Ms. Jones, the audiologist. I will perform a hearing screening.




A hearing screening is a very short test. We will see if you might have problems hearing.






Before we start, please let me know your concerns.

I have been a musician for many years. I listen to very loud music. I am worried I have lost some hearing.

A photograph of two women in an indoor setting. On the left, a woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a white lab coat, is gesturing with her hands while speaking. On the right, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a black sleeveless top, is listening attentively. A yellow speech bubble originates from the woman in the lab coat, containing the text: "That is a big concern for people who play loud instruments." In the background, there is a wooden table with several potted plants and framed photographs. A blue electronic device is visible on a table to the right.

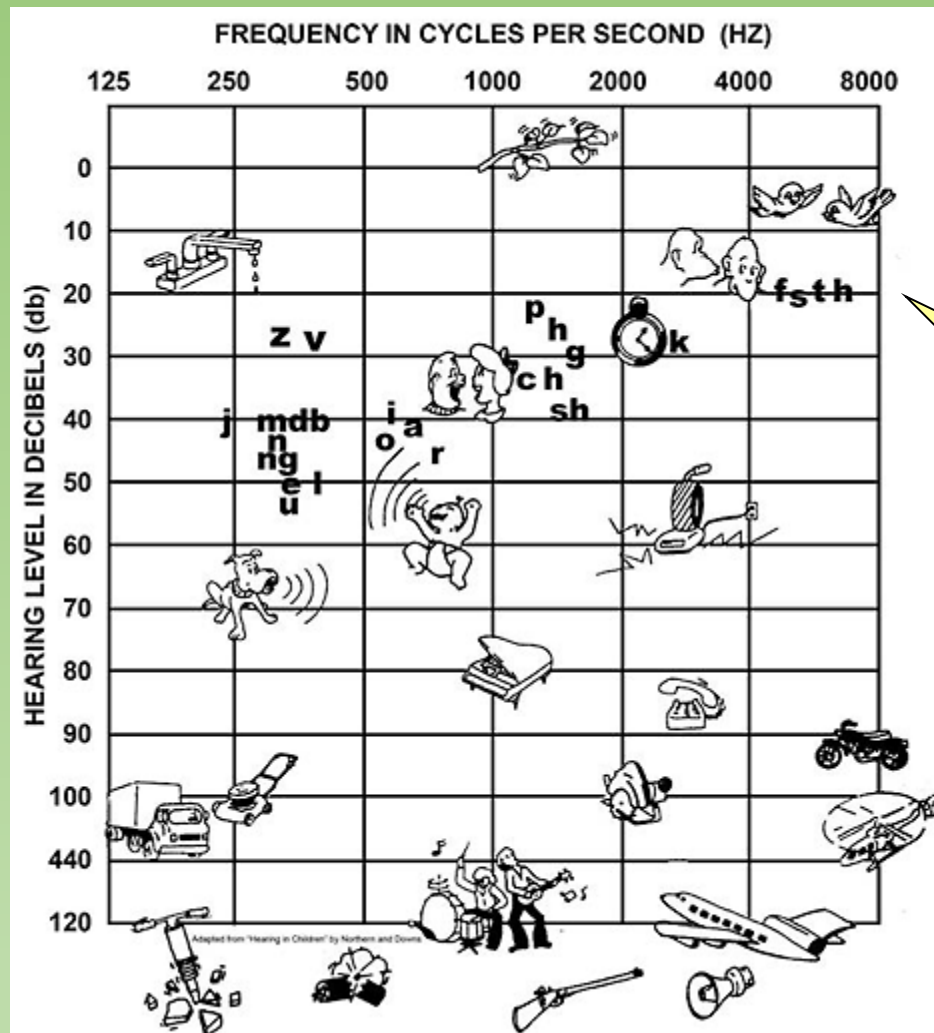
That is a big concern
for people who play
loud instruments.

It is a good idea to check
your hearing.

A woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a white lab coat, is seated at a table. She is holding a blue folder and pointing with a yellow marker at a chart inside. She is looking down at the chart. A young woman with long dark hair is sitting across from her, looking at the chart. In the background, there is a dark wooden piano with several framed photographs on top. A potted plant is visible on the right side of the piano.

First, let me show you an audiogram. We use these to show where sounds are.

I can see where all the sounds are in this chart.



The audiogram shows where different sounds are.

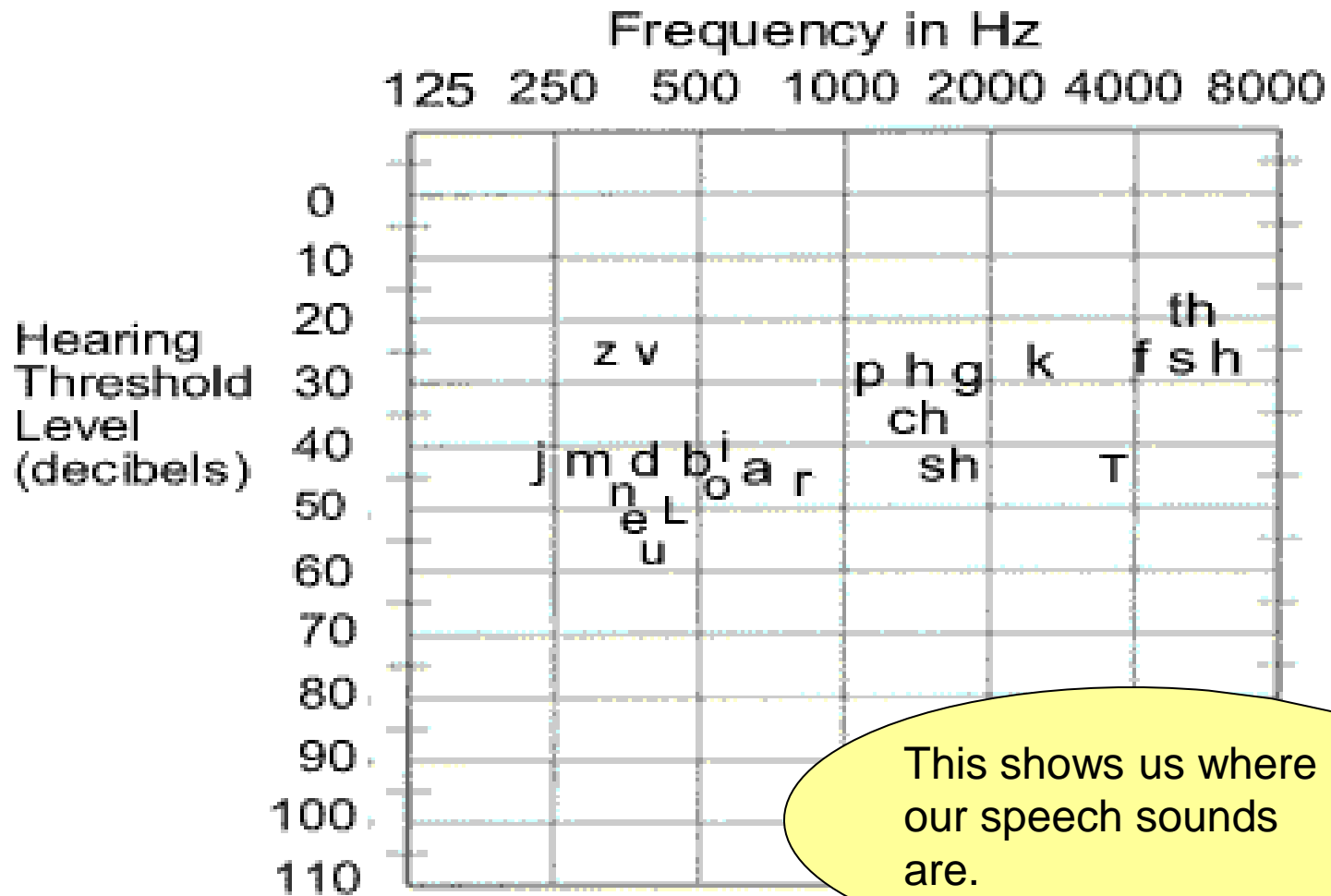
High and faint sounds, like birds, are more on top.

Loud sounds, like tools, are more in the bottom



See? We want to see if you can hear everything in this chart.

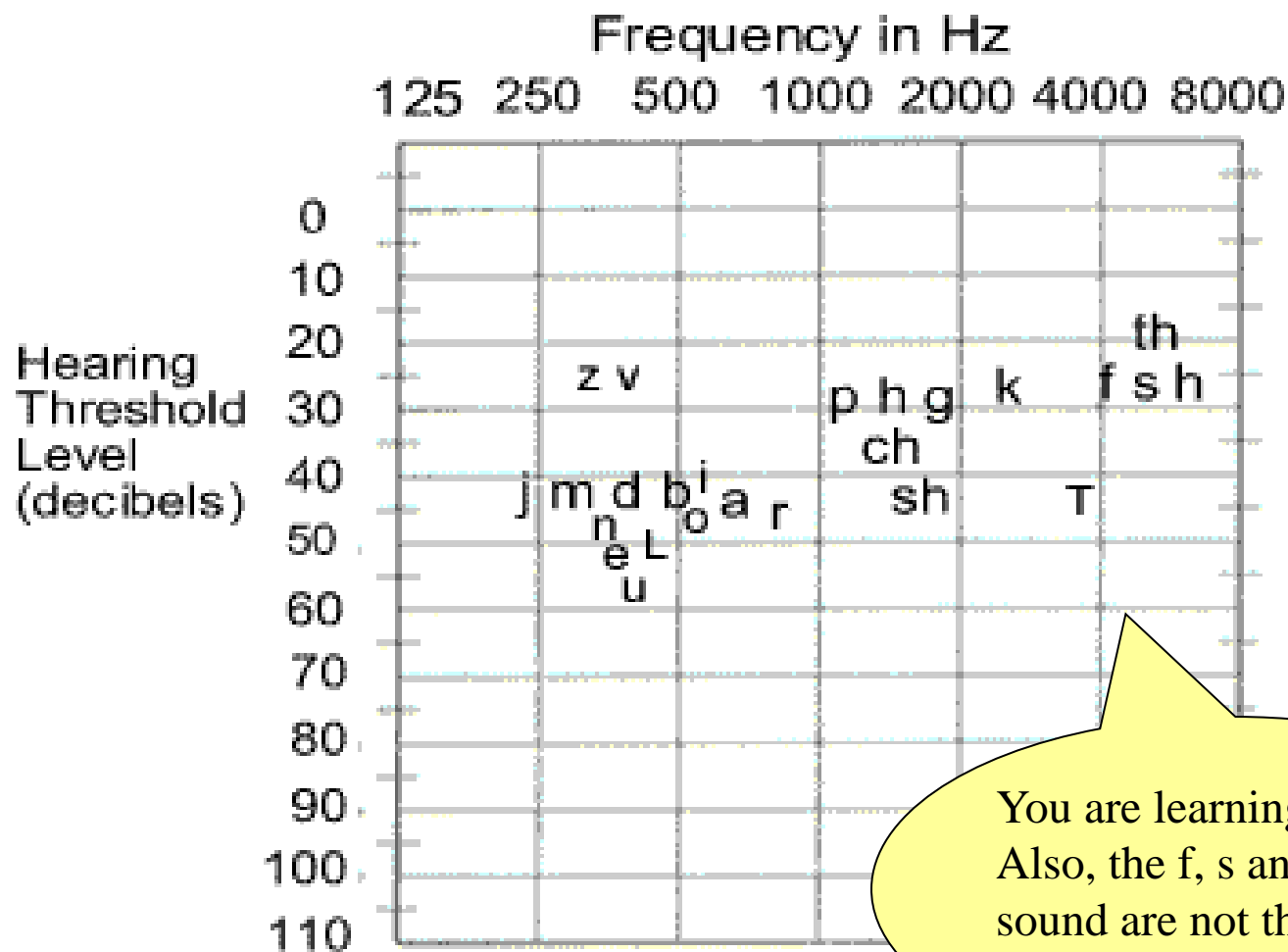
We also want to see if you can hear the sounds we use to speak.



It is very interesting. I can see where all the sounds are. I did not know it was so complicated.

The vowel sounds appear lower than most consonants. They must be louder than the p sound.

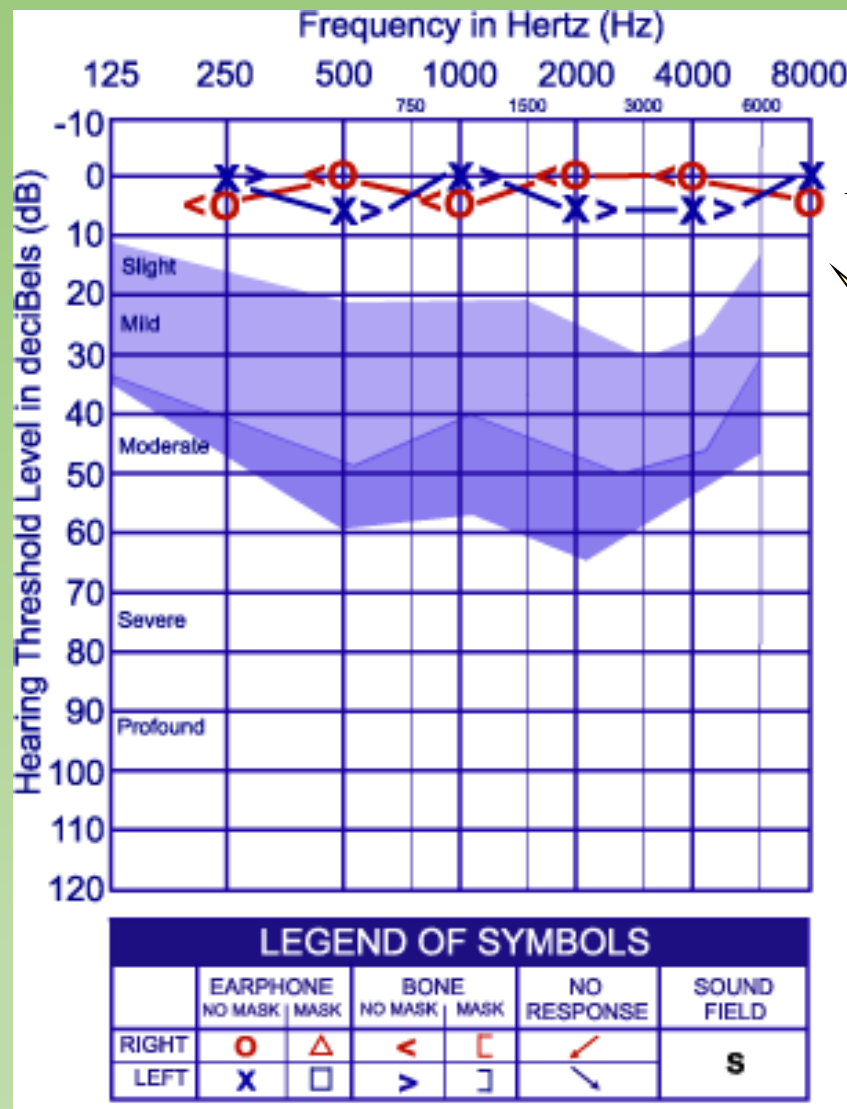




You are learning fast.
Also, the f, s and k
sound are not that loud.

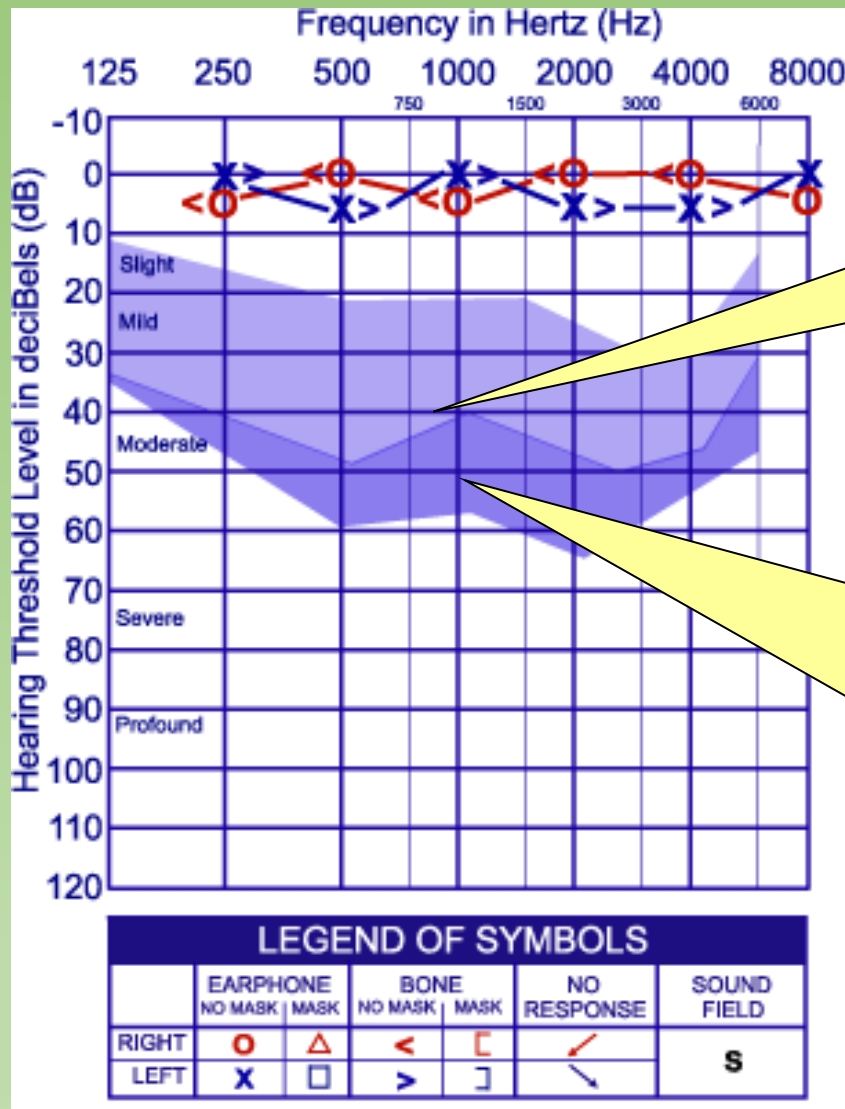
The next audiograms show where the sounds are. They are in blue. Also, I want you to look at where normal hearing is.





The red marks
show the right ear.
The blue marks
show the left ear.

These are the
marks of a person
who does not have
a hearing problem.



This big purple section shows our speech sounds.

When blue and red marks are here, there may be a problem. If the marks are below, then we also say they have a bigger a problem.

Thank you very much for all the information. Now I have a better idea of what you are testing.

I am glad that it helped. Now, we are going to start.



We use an audiometer to make the sounds you will hear.



I will put this headset on
your ears. That is where
you will hear the sounds.




I will also check your ears
with an otoscope.

It will not hurt.



I will look to see if your ear is healthy. If there are objects or a lot of wax. I will see if you have any holes or scars.





Everything looks fine. I don't see anything that might cause hearing problems.

That is good to hear.

I will put this headset on
your ears.



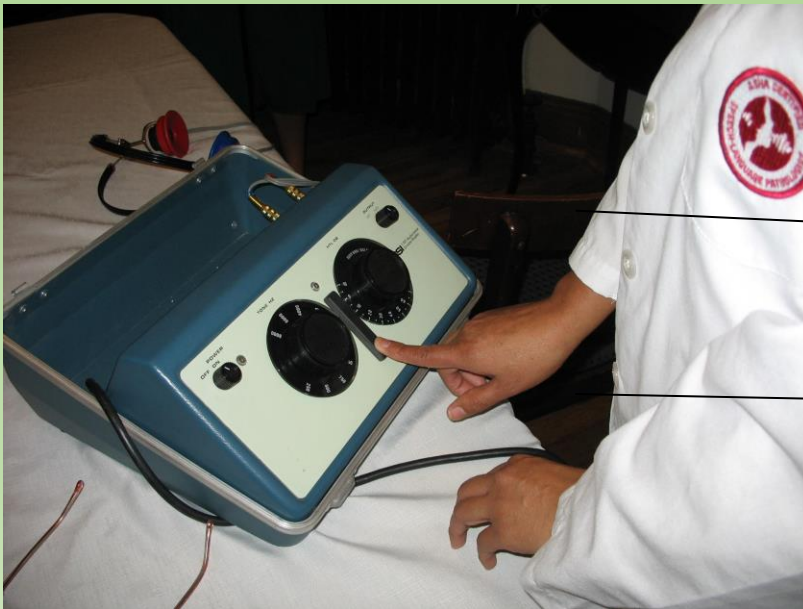
Listen carefully to the sounds. If you hear a sound, lift your hand.





BEEP

BEEP



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A photograph of a woman in a white lab coat with a red circular logo on the left chest, standing and talking to a seated woman in a black top. They are in a living room with a piano, a window with a crescent moon decoration, and a wine rack. Two yellow speech bubbles contain text.

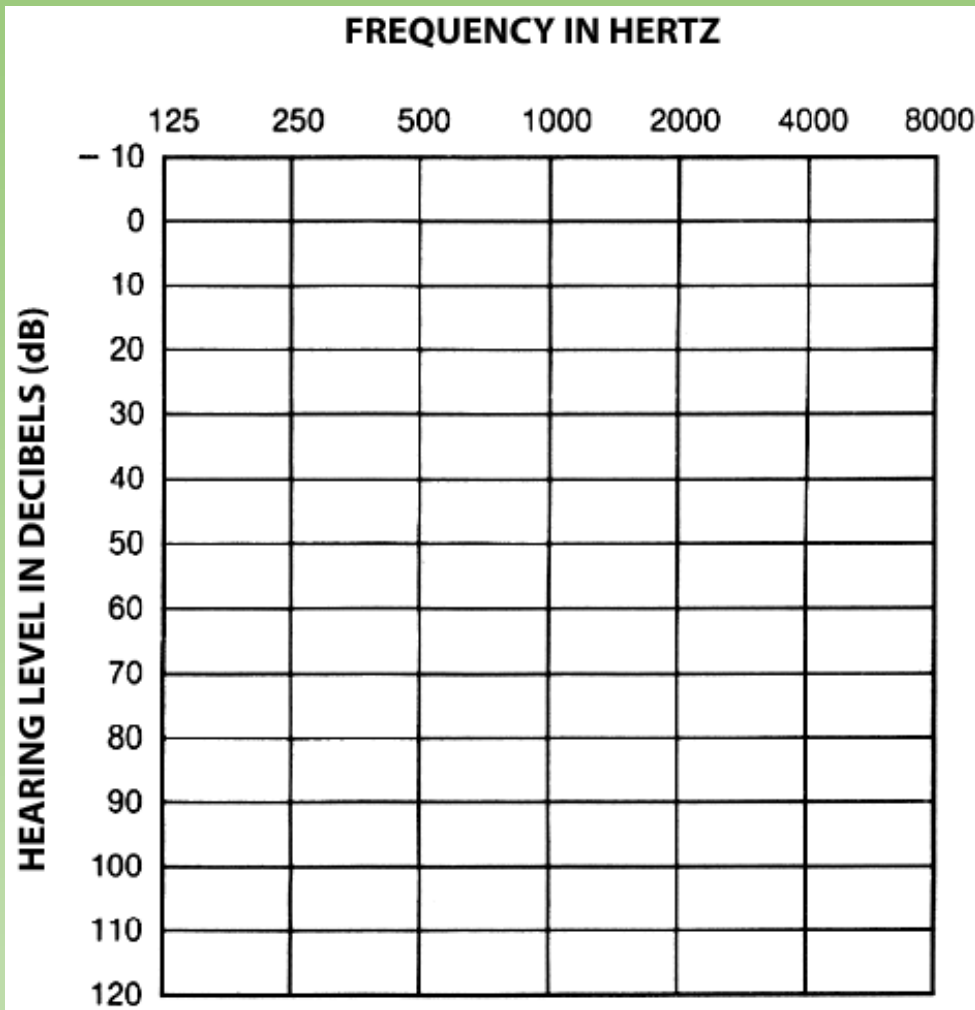
That was the exam. I will
discuss with you the
results. Ready?

Yes. I was very easy to
do.

A healthcare professional, likely a hearing aid specialist, is seated at a table with a white tablecloth. She is wearing a white lab coat over a red and white patterned top, glasses, and has a name tag. She is holding a blue and yellow pen and pointing at a document in a folder. A patient, a woman with long dark hair, is seated across from her, looking at the document. In the background, there is a dark wooden piano with a framed photo on top, and some indoor plants. The scene is set indoors, possibly in a home or a private clinic.

Let me show you an audiogram. This is where we write the results.

Oh yes. Just like the ones you showed me before.



This is an audiogram. We will put the results in this chart.

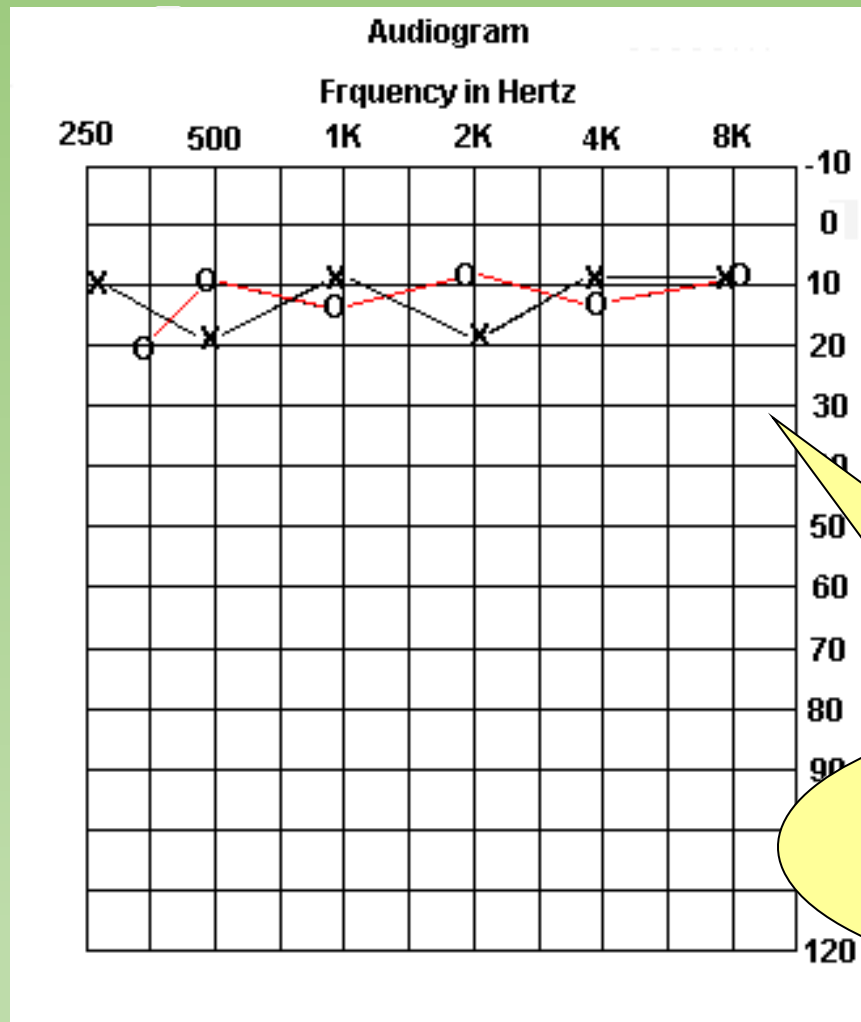
It shows how well a person can hear different sounds.

<http://infotogo.gallaudet.edu/535/frequencychart.GIF>




I used an audiogram to write the results.

Before I show you your results, I will show you what normal hearing looks like.



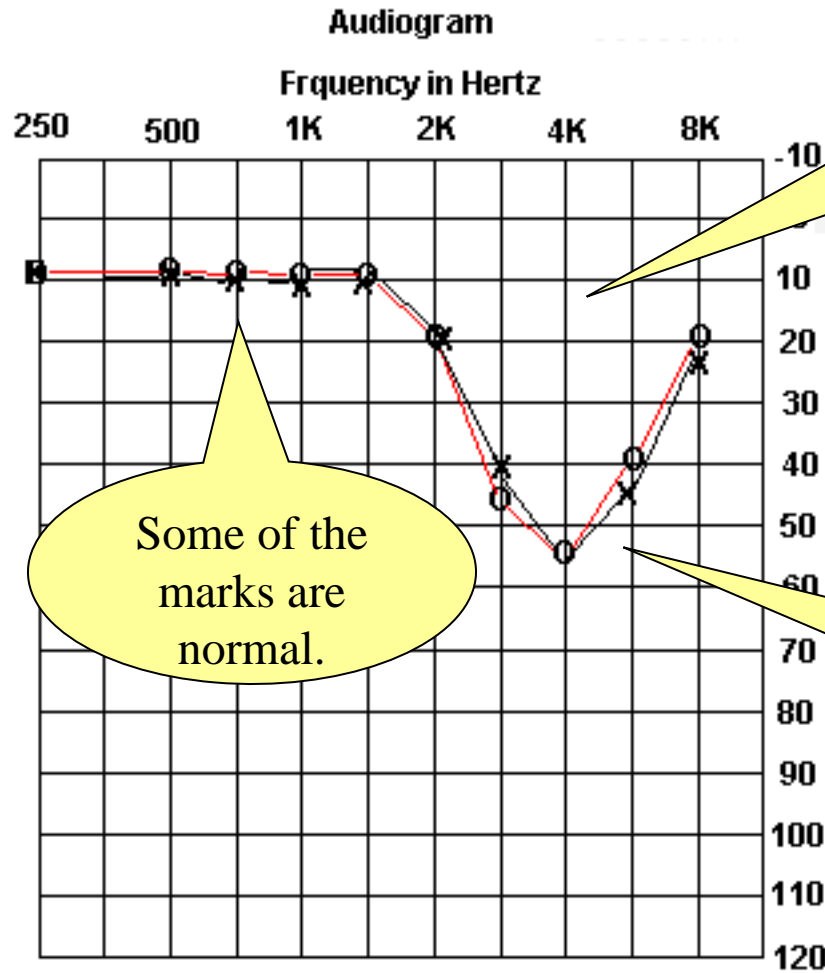
Remember, we had said that a person's normal hearing is marked here.

With these results a person should be able to hear almost everything.

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This is what your audiogram looks like.

Yes, I can see a different. My audiogram looks different than the normal one.



Today, we made the marks here.

Some of the marks are normal.

But, both ears do have problems hearing sounds.



It is good that you came for this short test. It looks like you are having hearing problems.

Now, we need to do a longer test. That is called a complete audiological exam.



I am glad I am finding out about my hearing. Now I can start to see what to do.


With a complete test we learn more. Then we can tell you what to do.

The complete test may tell us the cause. You might need to go to another doctor.



The test will tell us if you need a hearing aid.

The test will also tell us if you will need therapy to help you understand people when they talk to you.

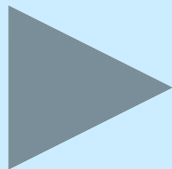
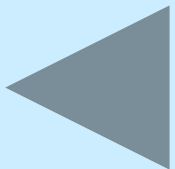


Thank you very much for your help. I have learned a lot. I want the complete exam soon.

I am happy we helped you. We will give you a date for you to come back.

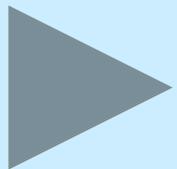
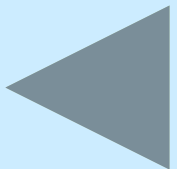
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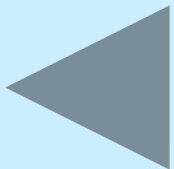


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