



Deaf Awareness Month



The world is filled with people who are unique and different from each other. This month we are learning about and celebrating the Deaf community.





A Deaf person can't hear sounds. Some Deaf people cannot hear any sounds. Others can hear some sounds.

Can you hear sounds?

Yes



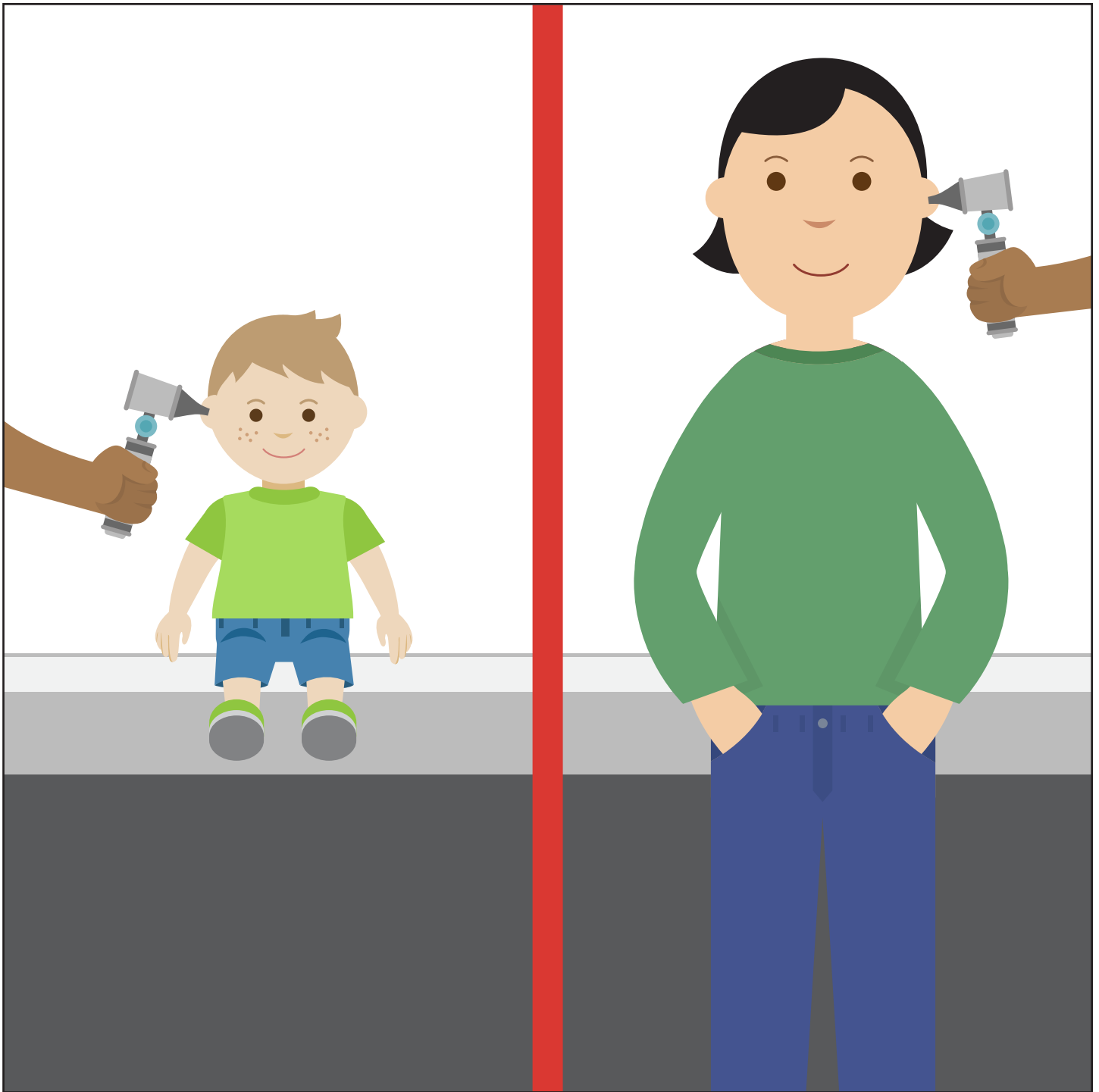
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People become deaf for many reasons. Some people are born deaf, and others lose their hearing later from getting sick. Some people lose their hearing as they get older.

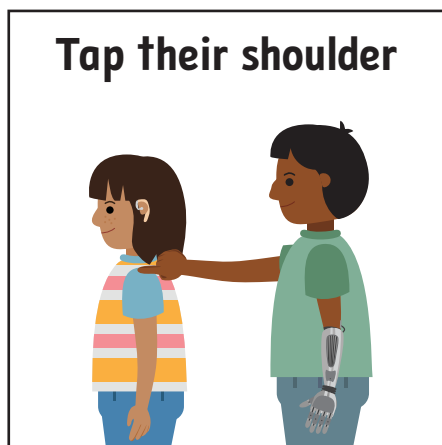


Let's learn more about the Deaf community.



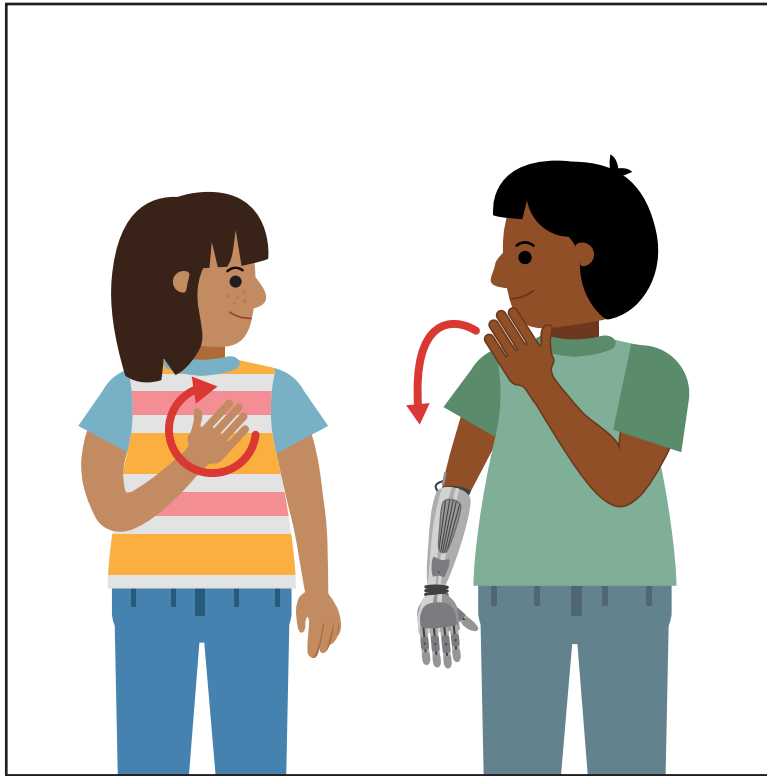
In the Deaf community, there are different ways to get someone's attention. You can tap someone on the shoulder, wave your hand toward them, or turn the lights on and off.

What is one way to get a Deaf person's attention?



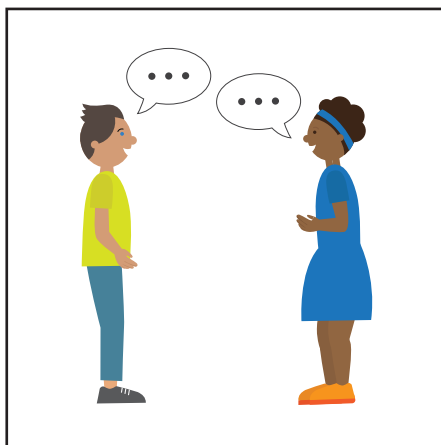


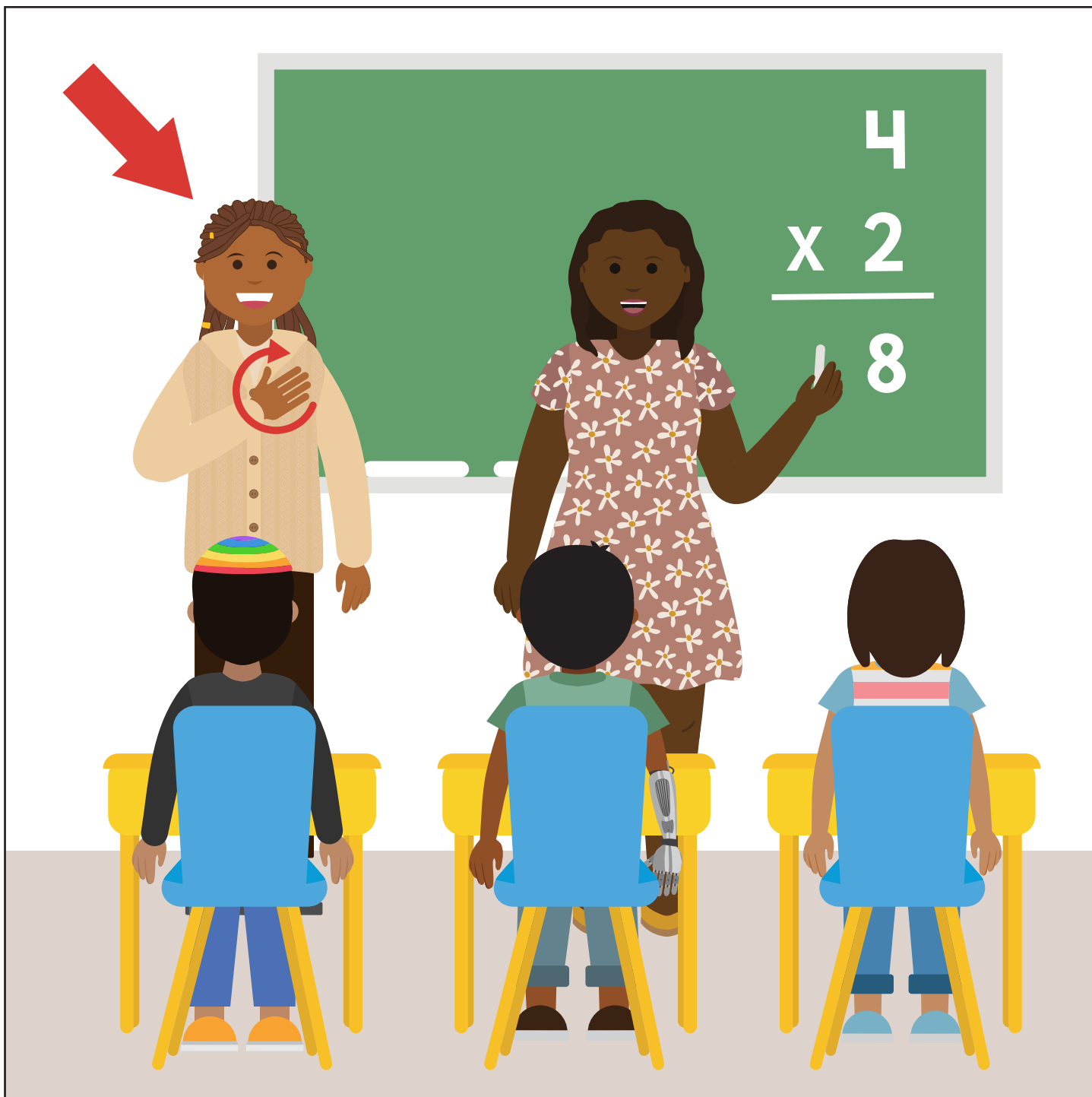
There are also different ways to communicate. Some Deaf people may want to read your lips, write notes on paper, or send text messages.



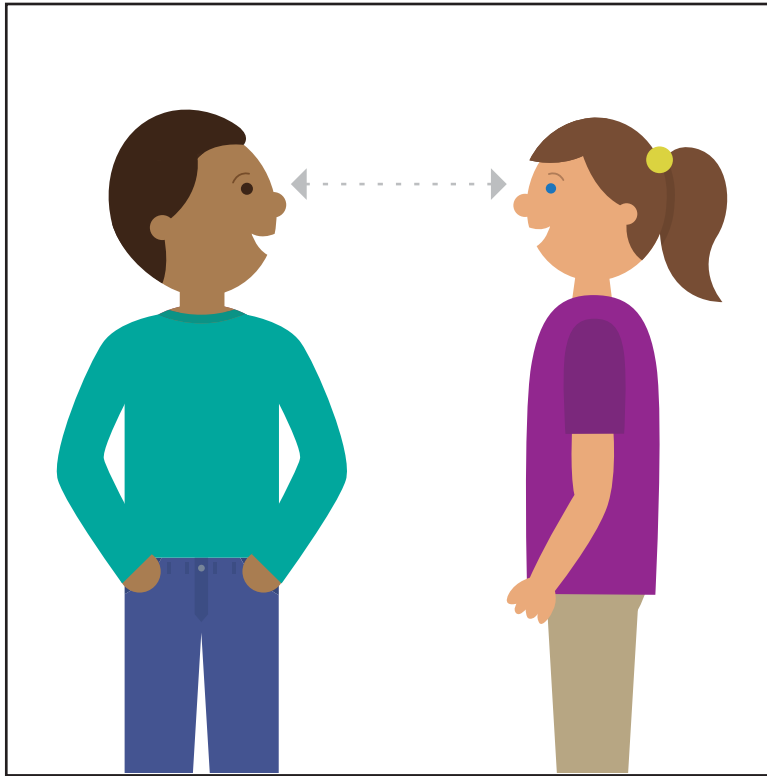
Other Deaf people may communicate using sign language. This means that they talk with their hands.

Which picture shows people using sign language?



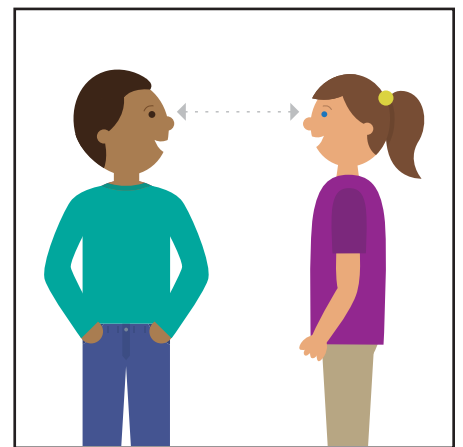
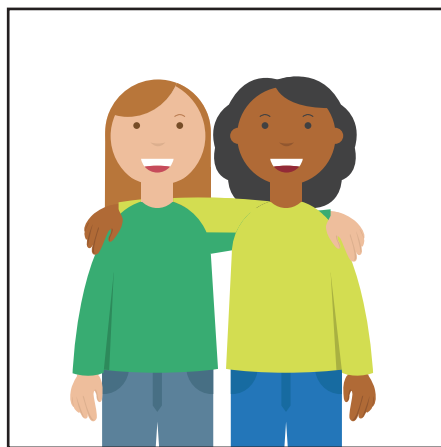
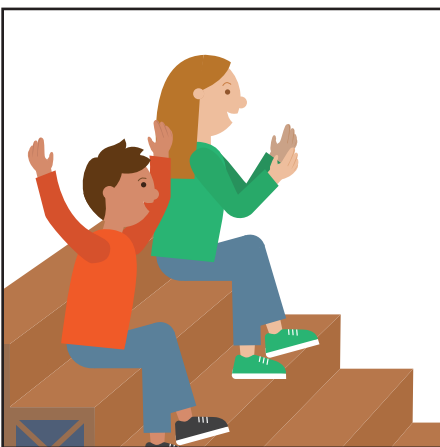


Sometimes there will be a sign language interpreter to help Deaf and hearing people talk to each other.



When communicating with a Deaf person, make sure you look at the person so they can see your mouth. It will help them see what you are saying. You can also point to things you are talking about.

Which picture shows where you should stand when communicating with a Deaf person?





Let's celebrate Deaf Awareness Month by learning more about the Deaf community and sign language. Do you know this sign?