

TALKING TO YOUR DEAF FRIENDS

Some deaf people speak, some use sign language and some use both.

Find out what your friend does.



Five top tips

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Get their attention. Try waving or tapping their shoulder.

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Speak normally.
Not too slowly or too loudly.

3

Face them when you talk.
Make sure they can see your mouth.

4

Use your hands. Point at what you're talking about.

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Keep trying. Try texting on your phone or writing a message down.

Myth-busting

Daft things people believe about deaf people

All deaf people can lip-read.



Deaf people can't enjoy music.

Sign language is the same everywhere.



Deaf people can't use the phone.

Deaf people can hear everything with their hearing aids or cochlear implants.



Find out why these are wrong at www.buzz.org.uk/myths.

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