

“On the edge of a conversation is the loneliest place on earth.”

## Helpful Hints

### Communicating With the Hearing Impaired

1. Wearing a hearing aid can be extremely helpful but cannot restore normal hearing.
2. Attract their attention before you start speaking, otherwise they may miss the first part of the sentence.
3. Don't try to talk from another room.
4. Move away from noises like dishwashers.
5. Automobile road noises are particular difficult, especially in the back seat.
6. Turn down the TV or mute to facilitate conversation.
7. Don't cover your mouth or eat while talking.
8. Be considerate in groups. Don't leave the hearing impaired out of the conversation. Repeat when necessary.
9. Never say, “It doesn't matter.”
10. In restaurants and social gatherings try to position the hearing impaired with their back to the wall to minimize background noise.

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