



# S.I.S.G

**Sensory Impaired Support Group (Charity)**

## Lip Reading is...

AN AID TO  
COMMUNICATION

UNDERSTANDING  
WHAT SOUNDS  
MAKE THE  
SAME SHAPE  
ON THE LIPS

BEING ABLE TO  
INTERPRET ALL THE  
VISUAL CLUES

BEING ABLE TO  
RECOGNISE  
SPEECH SHAPES  
ON THE LIPS

KNOWING WHICH  
SOUNDS ARE  
INVISIBLE ON THE  
LIPS

USING  
RESIDUAL  
HEARING

GETTING THE  
GIST OF  
CONVERSATION

ADMITTING TO  
HAVING A  
HEARING LOSS

JOINING A  
CLASS CAN HELP  
YOU DEVELOP  
THESE SKILLS

LOOKING  
LISTENING AND  
THINKING

BEING ABLE TO  
ANTICIPATE  
CONVERSATION

BEING ABLE  
TO FILL IN  
THE GAPS

USING  
INSPIRED  
GUESSWORK

BEING  
ASSERTIVE

BEING  
ABLE TO  
CONCENTRATE

REGAINING  
CONFIDENCE

KNOWING  
WHERE TO  
POSITION  
YOURSELF

GETTING EXTRA  
HELP WITH  
FINGERSPELLING

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## **Good Communication** **Communicating with people who are hard of hearing**

- Make sure you have the person's attention before you start to speak
- Face the light and make sure your face is clearly seen
- Speak clearly, keeping a natural rhythm
- Use natural facial expressions and gestures
- Remove or reduce the background noise
- Give the topic of conversation
- If not understood, try saying it a different way
- Use straightforward language and don't waffle
- Check you've been understood before continuing
- Don't shout as it can be uncomfortable
- Don't turn away while speaking
- Don't cover your mouth
- Don't over exaggerate speech or gestures
- Don't say, "Never mind" or "It doesn't matter"
- Please take your time and be patient
- If all else fails, write it down

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