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Back-to-School In-Person Learning
Make Listening Easier
AB Tips #1

This year every student will be working harder to listen and understand, especially student's with hearing loss. When a teacher wears a mask to teach, it makes it much more difficult to understand the speaker.
https://www.hearingreview.com/hearing-loss/health-wellness/how-do-medical-masks-degrade-speech-reception

1

Roger™ system

Ask the teacher or any speakers in the classroom to wear a Roger™ mic with their mask. Learn how the Moog school is doing this
https://www.moogcenter.org/

2

Pre-learning strategies

Pre-teach vocabulary and concepts prior to classroom learning to help your child identify words, place them in context and remember them.

3

Educational team

Meet with your educational team to discuss how communication & learning are affected by communication with masks. Revisit IEPs an 504 plans as needed.
https://www.prweb.com/releases/asha_offers_tips_to_help_students_with_hearing_loss_in_virtual_and_in_person_learning_environments_for_the_coming_school_year/prweb17306369.htm

4

Mask options

Discuss mask options with your educational team. Follow the safety guidelines provide by the CDC, but include the use of a Roger system with the use of a mask.

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Back-to-School Virtual Learning
Make Listening Easier
AB Tips #1

This year, every student will be working harder to listen and understand, especially student's with hearing loss. When a child is hearing their teacher's voice through an online platform, it makes it much more difficult to understand the speaker.

1

Connectivity options

Use Roger™ or Bluetooth accessory like Naida CI Connect to connect to a computer or tablet. Contact AB to purchase.
- Use a (Y) splitter to connect two output devices to the computer or tablet so you can hear with your child.
- Encourage the teacher to wear an external mic to make it easier for your child to hear their voice.

2

Pre-learning strategies

Pre-teach vocabulary and concepts prior to your virtual classroom learning to help your child identify words, place them in context and remember them.

3

Educational team

Meet with your educational team to discuss how communication & learning are affected by virtual learning.
Revisit IEPs an 504 plans as needed.
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Captions

Use captioning for readers who are in Virtual Learning classrooms.
Learn more by visiting: SEE.HEAR.COMMUNICATION.MATTERS.
- https://tinachildress.wordpress.com/category/information-and-resources/accessibility/captioning/
- https://www.3playmedia.com/learn/how-to-guides/
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If you have questions about cochlear implant technology or connectivity options, contact AB:
866.844.4327 – hear@advancedbionics.com

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Back-to-School
AB Tips #2

Help your child succeed in school using the tips below

1

Technology & Access

Perform a daily listening check on hearing devices. Create a troubleshooting kit:
- Order back-up batteries, cables and a headpiece.
- Use the Naida CI listening check to listen to your child's CI.
- Download My Naida CI App to help with troubleshooting.

Get the Ling 6 Sound Test Instructions in Tools for Toddlers: hearingsuccess.com

2

Learning Strategies

Help your child understand vocabulary:
- Explain how you would use an unfamiliar word
- Describe the concept represented by the unfamiliar word
- Pair a familiar phrase or concept with a sophisticated word ("mmm, good is another way to say the treat was delicious")

3

Educational Team Collaboration

Discuss the best way to contact each of your child's educational team members:
- Sign release forms for communication between the clinic and school at the start of the school year
- Identify how to communicate: email, phone calls, text messages or FaceTime calls
- It may take multiple attempts to connect and communicate

4

Environmental Considerations

For virtual learning, ask teachers to modify the background to maximize visual cues:
- Use a solid, simple, clean background
- Use good lighting to make lip reading and focus easier
- Minimize background noise to make focused listening easier

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