



Difficulty locating sounds or voices are often experienced especially when :-

- crossing the road (i.e. listening for traffic)
- joining in a class discussion
- talking and listening to a group of friends
- taking part in team sports

Some will use a hearing aid and some will manage very well by relying on their better ear.

Hearing loss in one ear

Have regular hearing checks to make sure the hearing does not deteriorate and the better ear is still within normal limits.
Sometimes the hearing may fluctuate.

Always have the better ear towards the speaker or be face to face with the speaker. Minimise the distance between the speaker and the listener.
Consider carefully where the child is seated in the classroom.
Check you have the child's attention before speaking.

This type of hearing loss is often present since birth so the child may have adapted well to relying more on the better ear.

Background noise will make hearing the speaker more difficult, especially if the better ear is facing away from the speaker. Minimise background noise within and outside the room where possible.

