

Hearing and Deaf, Each May be Viewed Differently...

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Attitudes color the way people think, feel and act towards other people. Attitudes can affect expectations for and views of different people. Here are some examples:

Hearing

He's good looking

Hmm. Nice.

He wears glasses.

Oh?

He can't sign.

He doesn't have to.

He has good speech.

So?

He knows American Sign Language.

Wow! He's talented.

He writes well.

He's well educated.

He gets a C in school.

He can do better!

He's crossing the street.

He'll make it.

He applies for a job.

Resume looks good – let's try him.

He's talking with coworkers.

He's discussing ideas.

He's outspoken.

He's concerned and involved.

He gets a job promotion.

He deserves it.

His secretary answers the phone.

He's important!

He starts his own business.

He's ambitious.

He marries a deaf girl.

He's noble.

He drives a car and doesn't hear the siren.

That's OK. The radio was on.

He's on his honeymoon.

He'll have no time to talk.

His kid joins in the conversation.

Kids should be seen, not heard.

He gives a presentation.

He's very good.

Deaf

He's good looking.

He's too cute to be deaf.

He wears a hearing aid.

He's got a problem.

He can't talk.

He must keep trying.

He has good speech.

He must be smart.

He knows American Sign Language.

OK but does he know English?

He writes well.

But he still can't talk.

He gets a C in school.

Great, for a deaf person!

He's crossing the street.

Boy Scout, come and do your good deed.

He applies for a job.

Him? He has too many faults.

He's talking with coworkers.

He's gossiping.

He's outspoken.

He's always complaining.

He gets a job promotion.

He's a token.

His secretary answers the phone.

He has to depend on her!

He starts his own business.

He's crazy.

He marries a hearing girl.

She'll help him.

He drives a car and doesn't hear the siren.

Deaf drivers are dangerous.

He's on his honeymoon.

How will he talk in the dark?

His kid joins in the conversation.

Smart kid, helping his father.

He gives a presentation.

The interpreter's very good.