

CLASS DISCUSSION
DISABILITY: HEARING
ESTIMATED TIME: 1.5 HOURS

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

To gain a better understanding of the limitations which can often accompany a hearing disability.

OVERVIEW

It is important to understand how a hearing disability can affect everyday life functions. Teachers can most empathize and help with these limitations if they have experienced them firsthand or have close contacts with those who experience them. This activity will provide an opportunity to experience some of the difficulties encountered by those who have hearing disabilities.

ACTIVITY

For this activity, you will need:

- Musical CD
- CD player
- TV and VCR or DVD player
- Tape or disk of a thirty-minute sitcom

Have the class watch the sitcom with the volume turned down very low and the CD playing loudly. After they watch the tape, discuss the plot of the show. Were they able to figure out what was happening? If so, how did they figure it out?

Be prepared to discuss in class some of the limitations that you observed.