



Hearing Impairment: Simulation

Est. Time: 1.5 Hours

Objective

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

Overview

It is important to understand how a hearing impairment 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 impairments.

Activity

Have the class watch a thirty-minute situation comedy either on television or online. Instruct them to watch the program with the volume turned down very low and music turned up very loudly. After they watch the show, discuss as a group the questions below.

Questions/Discussion Topics

1. Having taken part in the activity described above, what limitations did you observe?
2. Were you able to figure out the plot of the program? If so, how did you do it?