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## Bilateral Mild to Moderate Sensorineural Hearing Loss

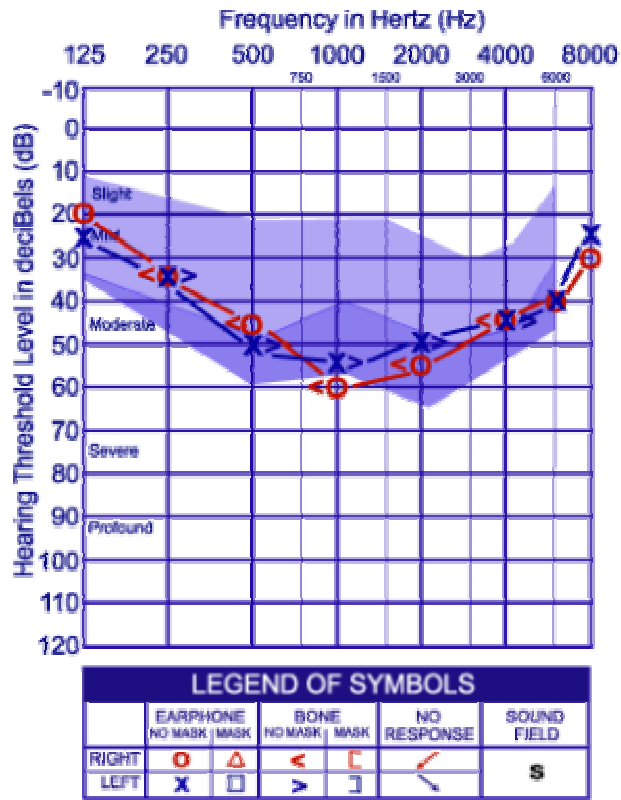


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This audiogram shows a **bilateral mild to moderate sensorineural hearing loss**.

- **Bilateral** means that both ears have a hearing loss.
- **Mild to moderate** means that the hearing loss can range from 15dB to 70dB. This means that the quietest sounds the child can hear range between 15 and 70 dB.
- [Sensorineural hearing loss](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/hearingloss/types/sensorineural.jsp) (<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/hearingloss/types/sensorineural.jsp>) is when the cochlea or auditory nerve isn't working correctly. If your child's air and bone conduction thresholds are about the same, then your child could have a sensorineural hearing loss.

The hearing loss in the picture is also called a "Cookie-Bite" hearing loss. This kind of hearing loss has the worst hearing loss in the middle frequencies. Many children with hearing loss from birth (or **congenital hearing loss**) have this kind of hearing loss.

A child with this much hearing loss will need to use hearing aids as well as assistive listening devices to hear what people are saying.

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*You can find this page online at:*

<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/hearingloss/testing/audiogram/cookiebite.jsp>