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## **Conductive Hearing Loss**

**Conductive (kun-DUK-tiv) hearing loss** is when sound can't reach your inner ear.

### **What causes conductive hearing loss**

- Ear infections
  - Ear infections can make fluid build up in your middle ear.
- Something growing inside your ear canal
- Earwax pressing on the eardrum

### **How it affects your child's hearing**

- This may make sounds seem quieter.
- Your child might not be able to hear quiet sounds.

### **Can it be fixed?**

Yes. This kind of hearing loss can usually be fixed with:

- Medicine to treat ear infections
- An operation

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<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/hearingloss/types/conductive.jsp>