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## How children with hearing loss learn to read

### Learning to read can be hard for some children with hearing loss.

Here are some reasons why children with hearing loss may have trouble reading:

- It is harder for children with hearing loss to learn to read using phonics. Read [this parent's advice](#) for helping your child with hearing loss learn phonics!
- It is harder for children with hearing loss to learn the rules of grammar and spelling. They can't hear the difference in the way the words sound.
- Children with hearing loss may communicate in a language that's different from their family. It is important that families try to learn the language their child is using and share their language with their children.

### But there is help.

- Teaching your child to read is one of the most important things you can do as a parent.
- There are different ways your child can learn to read.
- You can teach him to read using manual communication, oral communication, or both.

### Remember!

- No matter how you communicate, it's very important for your child to learn to read.
- You need to choose the way that is the best for your child.
- It might be one of the ways talked about in the next two sections.
- It might be a combination of some or all of them.

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