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How children with hearing loss learn to write

Learning to write can be hard for some children with hearing loss. Here are some reasons why children with hearing loss may have trouble writing:

Some children with hearing loss have a learning delay.

This means it may take your child longer to learn English and the skills he needs to read and write at a higher level.

- Some children with hearing loss get stuck with their writing. They may get stuck at the basic skills level. They may get left behind in school.
- Your child may not know where to add commas and exclamation points. This is because your child can't hear when the speaker pauses or raises his voice.

Your child may not know what to do when a sentence doesn't follow the rules.

- Many children with hearing loss never learn to write more than very basic sentences.
 - They can write "Spot trips."
 - But they may not be able to write, "Spot was tripped by Scott" or "As Spot was running, he tripped."
- Children with hearing loss have a hard time adding tenses to verbs.
 - Maybe they can't add the -ed ending to show the action happened in the past.
 - They may write, "I help yesterday" instead of "I helped him yesterday."

It's very hard for your child to learn how to write if he can't read.

If your child has trouble with reading, he will have a hard time with writing.

- Good readers make good writers
- He must practice everyday!

American Sign Language

Many people think that knowing ASL will help your child learn English better.

- If your child communicates in ASL, he will already know many English words. This will help when he begins to learn how to read and write in English.
- Others think that children with hearing loss shouldn't choose between English and ASL. They can learn both.
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It doesn't matter how your child chooses to communicate. However, it is very important to learn how to read and write in English. It is the best way your child has to communicate with other people.

But there is help.

Teaching your child to write is one of the most important things you can do as a parent.

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