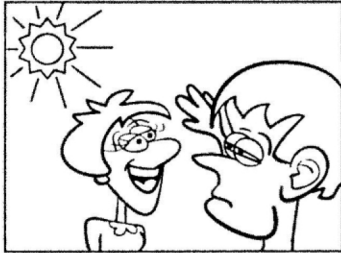


TIPS FOR TALKING TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED



SEE THAT BRIGHT LIGHT IS NOT SHINING IN THE EYE OF THE HEARING IMPAIRED PERSON

Speak in a normal fashion without shouting. See that the light is not shining in the eyes of the hearing impaired person. If a person has difficulty understanding something, find a different way of saying the same thing, rather than repeating the original words over and over.

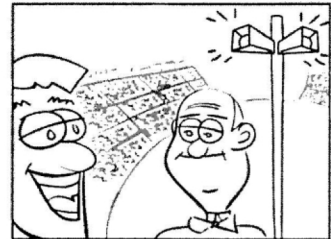
Face the hearing impaired person directly, and on the same level, whenever possible.



PEOPLE THAT ARE TIRED OR SICK HAVE LESS ENERGY TO COMMUNICATE THAN USUAL.

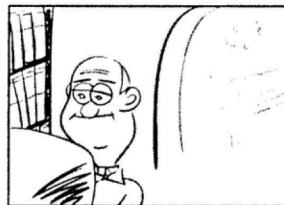
Reduce background noises when conversing...turn off the radio or TV.

Recognize that hearing impaired people hear and understand less when they are tired or ill.



REDUCE BACKGROUND NOISE WHENEVER POSSIBLE OR HAVE THE HEARING IMPAIRED PERSON POSITIONED SO THAT BACKGROUND NOISES ARE BEHIND THEM.

Keep your hands off your face while talking. If you are eating, smoking, etc. your speech will be difficult to understand.



AVOID TALKING FROM ANOTHER ROOM

Never talk from another room. Be sure to get the person's attention before you begin speaking.