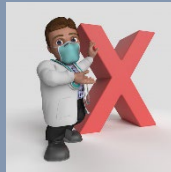


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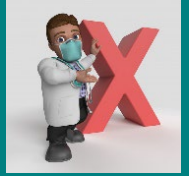
Hearing testing can wait

Many children at schools for the Deaf are diagnosed late, which makes their education challenging, as early diagnoses lead to early intervention and better educational outcomes



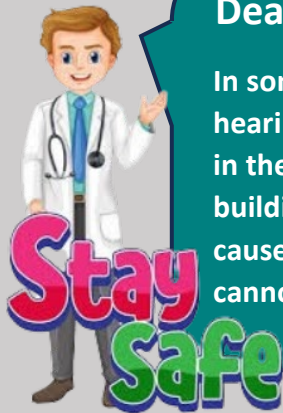
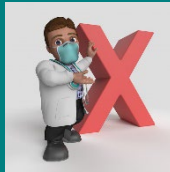
All hearing loss can be cured with hearing aids

Some people with hearing loss do not wear hearing aids because hearing aids cannot improve their hearing, not because they are noncompliant



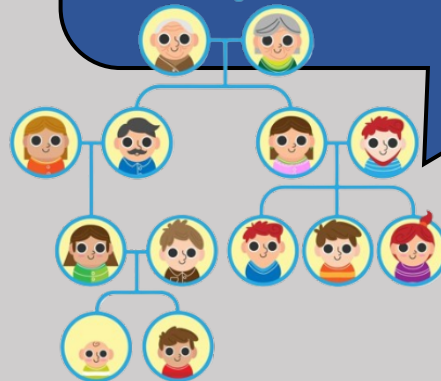
Deafness is always preventable

In some cases, people have hearing loss due to a change in their DNA (the body's building plan) which is not caused by negligence of ear health and cannot be prevented by the person



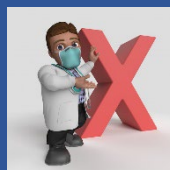
If you have a Deaf child, all your children will be Deaf

Even if hearing loss runs in a family, it does not mean that all children will be deaf



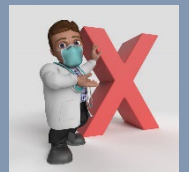
Deaf people do not need continued care

Teachers at schools for the Deaf find that many of their students also have other medical or behavioural challenges which require special care



All people with hearing loss are completely Deaf

Hearing loss can differ in severity amongst different family members, so some could be deaf while others are hard of hearing

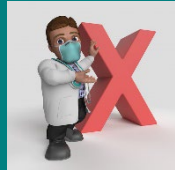


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Deaf people can't appreciate music

Deaf people might not be able to hear music, but they can feel the vibrations of the sound and can dance to it



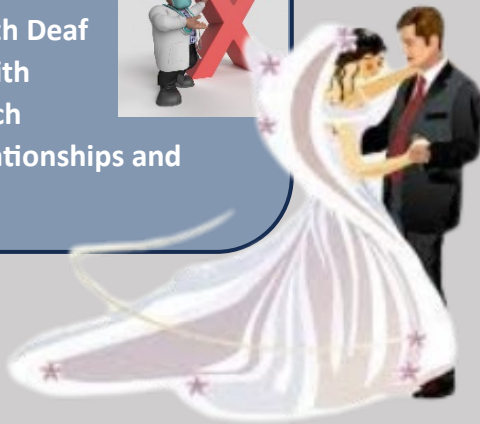
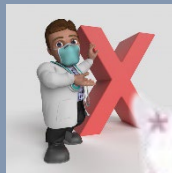
Deaf people do not want to interact with hearing people

Due to communication challenges, it may sometimes take extra effort for the Deaf to regularly socialise with hearing individuals, but Deaf people are enthusiastic to teach hearing individuals sign language




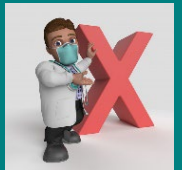
Deaf people only marry other Deaf people

People who can use sign language can engage with Deaf individuals as they do with hearing individuals, which allows them to have relationships and potentially get married




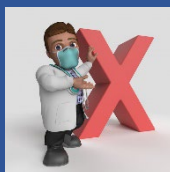
You can't get a job if you are Deaf

Many Deaf people have great jobs working at schools, universities, shops, organizations and much more



People with hearing loss always seek healthcare

Some people do not bring their child to the clinic to test and manage their hearing because they are worried about being judged by the community



There are no schools specifically for Deaf children

Schools for the Deaf exist but are not situated in all areas, which means students need to travel far and live away from home to attend school

