

What to Watch for -- Hearing Problem

Hearing impairment may be suspected when a child:

- Seems more aware of movement than sound
- Watches speakers face intently, especially the lips
- Frowns or wears a strained expression
- Complains of ears hurting or itching
- Confuses words that sound alike
- Becomes inattentive
- Articulates inaccurately
- Develops a flat or retracted quality in his/her voice
- Has phonetic difficulties with spelling or reading
- Turns in an effort to hear better
- Interrupts conversation without being aware that others are talking
- Has poor body balance or complains of dizziness
- Asks to have statements repeated or fails to respond when addressed
- Has ear drainage or inflamed ear canals