



There are **11 million** people with hearing loss in the UK. That's **one in six of us.**



**Hearing aids are free on the NHS and most effective when fitted early.**



**Speaking clearly** can make **communication** easier for people who are **deaf** or have **hearing loss.**

#### **British Sign Language (BSL)**

involves a combination of hand shapes and movements, lip patterns, facial expressions and shoulder movements.



**ACTION ON HEARING LOSS**

A national charity since 1911



**Hearing loss can lead to isolation** – using hearing aids reduces this risk.



**Tiny hair cells in our inner ears are vital for hearing. Each ear has 15,500 hair cells!**

# Did you know?

Action on Hearing Loss is the UK's largest charity supporting people who are deaf or have hearing loss. We give support and care, develop technology and treatments, and campaign for equality. We rely on donations to continue our vital work.

To find out more about deafness and hearing loss – and how we can help – contact our free, confidential Information Line: call 0808 808 0123, send a text message to 0780 000 0360 or email [information@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:information@hearingloss.org.uk)

[www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk](http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk)

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