

Hearing Loss Terminology Glossary

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Android		Mobile operating system developed by Google-- Cell phone
APP		An abbreviation for application. An app is a piece of software. It can run on the Internet, on your computer, or on your mobile device
Assistive Listening Devices		A tool other than a hearing aid to assist hearing
Assistive Listening Systems		A system of tools to assist hearing
Audiogram		audiogram: a graphic representation of the relation of vibration frequency and the minimum sound intensity for hearing (What
Audiologist		A healthcare professional trained to identify and measure hearing impairments and related disorders—e.g., balance or vestibular disorders and tinnitus—and rehabilitate patients with impaired hearing and related disorders. Usually has an Aud. D degree.
Auditory Brainstem Implant	ABI	Similar to a Cochlear Implant, but used when the Acoustic nerve is damaged or destroyed. Instead of electrical stimulation being used to stimulate the cochlea, it is used to stimulate the brainstem of the recipient.
Bilateral Hearing Loss		Hearing Loss in both ears
Bilateral Hearing Aids		Hearing aids in both ears
Blue Tooth		A wireless technology standard for exchanging data over short distances (using short-wavelength UHF radio waves in the ISM band
Captioning		A text version of the spoken part of a television, movie, or presentation nearly simultaneous with the voice.

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CART	Communication Access Real-time Translation, Captioning
Cell Phone	A Digital Swiss Army Knife (Assistive Listening Device)
Cochlear	A spiral tube shaped like a snail shell, forming part of the inner ear; it is the essential organ of hearing
Cochlear Implant	A surgical treatment for hearing loss that works like an artificial human cochlea in the inner ear,
Conductive Hearing Loss	Affects the passage of sound between the ear drum and the inner ear.
Congenital Hearing Loss	Hearing loss present at birth. Congenital hearing loss can be caused by genetic or nongenetic factors.
Deaf	Use the uppercase Deaf when referring to a particular group of deaf people who share a language – American Sign Language (ASL) – and a culture.
deaf	We use the lowercase deaf when referring to the audiological condition of not hearing or non-hearing people who do not belong to the Deaf culture or community
Directional Microphone	A microphone that is designed to receive sound from a particular direction. A triangle type of reception direction.
Hands and Voices	Hands & Voices is a parent driven, non-profit organization dedicated to providing unbiased support to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing
Hard of Hearing HOH	“Hard-of-hearing” can denote a person with a mild-to-profound hearing loss. Or it can denote a deaf person who doesn’t have/want any cultural affiliation with the Deaf
Hearing Assistive Technology	Any device that helps a person with hearing ... Most often refers to alerting devices

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Hearing Instrument Specialist	Selects and fits hearing aids for customers. Administers and interprets tests of hearing. Assess hearing instrument efficacy. Differs from audiologist by years of training and academic degree--non-degree vs Doctorate
Hearing Loss Association of America	The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is the nation's leading organization representing people with hearing loss
HyperAcusis (also spelled hyperacusis)	A feeling that normal sound is extremely loud and hurtful. A sensitivity to normal sounds
iOS	iOS (formerly iPhone OS) is a mobile operating system created and developed by Apple Inc. exclusively for its hardware.
KAT Loan--KY Assistive Technology Loan P	The Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation (KATLC) offers low interest loans for qualified applicants with disabilities who need assistive technology.
KY Assistive Technology Network	The KATS Network serves as the Assistive Technology Act Program for the State of Kentucky. Our mission is to make assistive technology (AT) information, devices and services easily obtainable for people of any age and/or disability, their families, employers and employment service providers, educators, healthcare and social service providers.
KY Association of the Deaf KAD	is organized exclusively, by and for the deaf community. The specific purposes of the Corporation is for mutual assistance and encouragement of deaf people and to secure moral, intellectual and social improvement of their educational and vocational opportunities. Also it promotes measures to improve conditions and standing in society at large of deaf persons in Kentucky.

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KY Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	KCDHH	The KCDHH acts as an advocate for deaf and hard of hearing persons on legislative issues as well as a consultant to the governor, General Assembly and various state and local governmental agencies concerning policies and programs that pertain to people with hearing loss. KCDHH provides information, referral and advocacy services, and an interpreter referral service for state agencies. KCDHH produces the Kentucky DeaFestival and the following materials. TAP--Telephone Program
LACE Training		Listening and Communication Enhancement. LACE assists in developing listening and communication skills and strategies that will help compensate for those situations when hearing is inadequate.
Loop		A sound system (ALD) in which a loop of wire around an area in a building, such as a theater, produces an electromagnetic signal received directly by hearing aids (T'Coil) used by Hearing Aid users. (Must have an active T'coil)
Meniere's Disease		An inner ear disorder with symptoms that include vertigo, tinnitus, hearing loss, and the sensation of ear fullness.
National Association of the Deaf	NAD	The NAD is the nation's premier civil rights organization of, by, and for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals in the United States of America.
Omnidirectional Microphones		Receiving signals in all direction. 360 degree reception
Ototoxicity		The property of being toxic to the ear (<i>oto-</i>), specifically the cochlea or auditory nerve and sometimes the vestibular system, for example, as a side effect of a drug.
Personal Communicator		An Assistive Listening Devices that works with hearing aids or instead of hearing aids. It consists of an amplifier, microphone, and ear or hearing aid device.

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Pocket Talker	A proprietary assistive listening device that has become synonymous with Personal Communicator (Similar to Facial Tissues and Kleenex.)
Rocky Stone	Founder of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People that is now known as Hearing Loss Association of America.
Self Help for Hard of Hearing People	SHHH founded by Rocky Stone and is now called Hearing Loss Association of America
Sensorineural Hearing Loss	A type of hearing loss, or deafness, in which the root cause lies in the inner ear or sensory organ (cochlea and associated structures) or the vestibulocochlear nerve (cranial nerve VIII) or neural part
Signal to Noise Ratio	is defined as the ratio of the power of a signal (meaningful information) and the power of background noise
Silhouette	An Assistive Listening Device. A hook shaped, thin piece of plastic, which contains a small loop wire, and is placed over the ear and behind the hearing aid to activate the Hearing
Speech Reading	Lip Reading. Using the movement of the mouth, lips and facial expression to assist in the understanding of speech.
Statewide Hearing Aid Assistance and Reuse Program (SHARP)	SHARP. A KY low cost hearing aid acquisition program operated by the KY Assistive Technology Program and the Voc.
Telecommunication Assistance Program (TAP) (SEE KY Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing ABOVE)	Provides residents of Kentucky, who are deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired or have both a hearing and vision loss, with landline or wireless equipment to make communication on the telephone more accessible. See KY Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Telecoil (T'Switch. T'Coil)	A small electromagnet inside a hearing aid that assists in hearing on the phone and in using other assistive listening devices that utilize a

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Telephone Switch	A T'switch, Telecoil alternate name. Turns on the small electromagnet inside of a hearing aid to assist in hearing on a phone or other assistive listening device.
Tinnitus	is the hearing of sound when no external sound is present. While often described as a ringing, it may also sound like a clicking, hiss or roaring. Rarely, unclear voices or music are heard
T'Switch	Alternate name for Telecoil, T'Coil or Telephone Switch. Turns on the small electromagnet inside of a hearing aid to assist in hearing on a phone or other assistive listening device.
Vocational Rehabilitation	The Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation provides any vocational rehabilitation services a consumer needs to reach his or her employment outcome (vocational goal) specified in the Individual Plan for Employment for the consumer.

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