



CUED SPEECH

Giving unique access to all spoken language
for deaf babies, children and adults.

DO YOU WANT YOUR DEAF BABY OR CHILD TO:

- » UNDERSTAND AND USE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE?
- » BECOME FULLY LITERATE?



Complete spoken language
through vision

WHY IS CUED SPEECH NEEDED?

Without hearing or with imperfect hearing it is hard to understand English or any other spoken language - just because you can't hear it!

If you can't understand English it's hard to communicate in it and very hard to learn to read and write.

Lip-reading isn't much help; it's only possible to lip-read about 35% of what is said - the rest is guesswork so it's almost impossible to learn English through lip-reading.



'CUED SPEECH HAS TRANSFORMED HIS LIFE AND OUR LIFE SO COMPLETELY WE JUST CAN'T IMAGINE HOW

ONLY ABOUT 35% OF SPEECH CAN BE LIP-READ ACCURATELY

OUR LIVES MIGHT HAVE TURNED OUT WITHOUT IT'

WON'T HEARING AIDS OR COCHLEAR IMPLANTS BE ENOUGH?

They might! Some children do well, but others still fail to understand English or understand it only partially. Also hearing aids or implants can't solve the problem of background noise (which makes speech hard to understand) or distance.

WHY NOT JUST USE BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE?

British Sign Language will give access to the BSL-using community and - in time - a language for communication. But it takes years for hearing parents to learn so it doesn't give access to full language in a hearing home in early childhood - which is the most important time for language development. Also it is very different from English which is the language of education, work and the country as a whole.



WHAT DOES CUED SPEECH DO?

IT USES EIGHT HAND-SHAPES IN FOUR POSITIONS NEAR THE MOUTH TO COMPLETELY CLARIFY LIP-READING

SO THAT

DEAF BABIES AND CHILDREN CAN UNDERSTAND AND USE ENGLISH



WITH CUED SPEECH, 96% OF SPOKEN LANGUAGE CAN BE LIP-READ ACCURATELY

'BECAUSE THERE'S NO NEW LANGUAGE TO LEARN - JUST A SIMPLE SYSTEM - WE COULD USE CUED SPEECH STRAIGHT AWAY AND SAY ANYTHING WE WANTED TO OUR SON.'

Parents and teachers can learn Cued Speech in about 20 hours and use it straight away. Because it can be learnt quickly deaf children's language need not be delayed.

Through Cued Speech deaf babies and children can pick up the English language naturally and without effort. It complements what they hear through their implant or hearing aid and it works even if they hear nothing!

- » **It can be used with any spoken language.**
- » **Most children brought up with Cued Speech use it to understand what people say to them but communicate by speech alone.**
- » **It's never too late to benefit from Cued Speech use.**
- » **Cued Speech gives access to complete spoken language.**

CUED SPEECH IS:

ORDINARY SPEECH

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HANDSHAPES

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POSITIONS

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CUED SPEECH



'I was very worried when I read the research about deaf children's problems with literacy but I used Cued Speech to communicate with my son and his literacy level was much higher than his hearing peers!'

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

With Cued Speech deaf babies and children can see the whole of the English language as clearly as hearing people hear it.

- » **Families can communicate without barriers.**
- » **Education is fully accessible - teachers can use it for literacy, to teach phonics, to access the whole curriculum.**

CUED SPEECH - ENGLISH WITHOUT BARRIERS



Research shows that Cued Speech can be understood by young deaf babies and that deaf children brought up with it can:

- » **think in 'spoken' language**
- » **achieve literacy levels equal to those of hearing children**
- » **make better use of their residual hearing**
- » **make better use of their cochlear implant.**

Cued Speech can be used:

- » **alongside British Sign Language for true bilingualism**
- » **to complement aural/oral practices**
- » **to help deaf children's speech and some speech and language problems in hearing children**
- » **by a Cued Speech Transliterator, to make the speech of a third person fully accessible.**

Learning to cue is **not** like learning a new language. Because Cued Speech is a sound-based language tool – not a language – hearing parents and professionals learn a new way of expressing their own language. There is no new vocabulary or grammar to learn.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO LEARN CUED SPEECH?

It takes about 20 hours of study to learn the system. More practice is needed to become fluent.

LEARN CUED SPEECH NOW

CALL US ON **01803 832 784** OR VISIT **www.cuedspeech.co.uk**

HOW CAN I GET STARTED?

We offer face-to-face tuition, e-learning or a combination of both. Face-to-face can be anything from a one-day workshop to a five-day residential course. Our annual Summer Camp combines learning with a holiday.

CAN YOU PROVIDE A COURSE JUST FOR MY GROUP OR FAMILY?

Yes.

WILL YOU TEACH MY CHILD CUED SPEECH?

Young children and babies are not taught to cue; they pick up English by watching it cued just as hearing children pick up English through listening. Older children can be taught at our Summer Camp or by their own teachers.

The earlier you learn the sooner your child or pupil will reap the benefits of full access to the English language.



CONTACT US NOW

- » TO TALK TO AN EXPERIENCED USER OF CUED SPEECH
- » FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- » TO REGISTER FOR A COURSE.

We keep tuition fees low. If you can't afford the fees ask about our reduced-price or free tuition.

Cued Speech was devised by the late Dr Orin Cornett, Professor Emeritus of Audiology, Gallaudet University, USA, and has been adapted into 65 languages and dialects so far.

Cued Speech can also help deaf adults to improve their English skills and allows born-deaf and deafened people to communicate more easily in English.

The Cued Speech Association UK is a registered charity run by users of Cued Speech (both parents and professionals). It provides information about and training in Cued Speech.

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