

Cued Speech experiences and general information



Complete spoken language through vision

Information Sheet 1a

What has been said about Cued Speech:

"Without Cued Speech I would not have been able to get as far as I am now and would have faced many more barriers in the 'hearing world'."

Quote from Rachel, profoundly deaf, BSc (Hons). Graduate Member of the Institute of Physics, presently employed as a microwaves engineer. UK

"The moment I was exposed to Cued Speech was the beginning of my linguistic and academic success. During the course of my fifth grade school year my reading performance jumped from C's in below-grade level classes to B's and A's in on-grade level courses.

Although I am fluent in American Sign Language.... and am capable of having a sign language interpreter, I still prefer to have certified Cued Speech transliterators in academic settings. There is only one reason for this - the ability of Cued Speech to give me unmitigated and unequivocal access to English. Spoken English that has not been able to reach my ears has now found a new channel into my head. It is through Cued Speech that I am able to see spoken language clearly, without any doubt in ambiguous passages that could be misread through lipreading alone."

An Extract taken from Volta Voices, by Daniel Koo, profoundly deaf. USA

More information? Send for our video



In the video *Cued Speech explained by people who use it* parents of deaf children and young people brought up with Cued Speech are amongst those who give first-hand accounts. Cuers contribute an overview of what Cued Speech is and why it works. Essential viewing for parents, professionals, and also deaf and deafened people interested in accessing English through vision.

Produced with open subtitles and BSL interpretation. Running time 17 minutes. Free to parents of deaf children, £5 to others.

Cued Speech is a simple sound-based system comprising eight handshapes used in four positions near the mouth together with the lip patterns of normal speech so as to make all the sounds of spoken language fully comprehensible to deaf babies, children and adults

More information?

Video, booklet and more information sheets available.

Learn to Cue

Regular courses (some residential) are arranged, with low cost or free tuition.

Contact us at:

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Call an experienced user now to discuss the benefits of Cued Speech

Cued Speech can help deaf children to reach their potential

Cued Speech facilitates:

- ⇒ Enhanced communication from an early age
- ⇒ Improved literacy
- ⇒ Early and rapid acquisition of language
- ⇒ Acquisition of internal spoken language
- ⇒ Improved ability to use residual hearing
- ⇒ Improved ability to benefit from cochlear implantation
- ⇒ Improved lipreading skills
- ⇒ Access to spoken language within a sign bilingual philosophy
- ⇒ Direct access to foreign spoken languages
- ⇒ Improved speech
- ⇒ Full access to the curriculum.

Reading with Cued Speech

“Our son was born profoundly deaf and we started to learn Cued Speech before he was one year old. It took a few months before I could cue fast enough to cue everything that I said. However, because Cued Speech is a sound-based system once you have learnt the system you can say anything. By the time he was two years old he understood a lot of simple sentences and by three years old he was talking, using long sentences. He was also starting to read. As he began to read I started to show him that some of the letters represented sounds and **he very quickly made the association between the sounds that he could not hear, but knew existed because of the cues, and the letters. When he started school aged four and a half he was reading fluently.**” *Names available on application. UK*

Research into Cued Speech shows:

1. **Lipreading.** *“Actually Cued Speech is different from the other systems and results of work with Cued Speech have shown that it far surpasses any other system as an efficient speech-reading aid for profoundly or totally deaf children.” Scores were reached of 96.1% for accuracy in lipreading in this research. (Nicholls 1979)*
2. **Reading.** *Profoundly deaf children with whom Cued Speech is used can achieve reading scores equivalent to hearing children of the same age. (Wandel 1989)*
3. **Internalising Language.** *Research has shown that profoundly deaf children with whom Cued Speech is used can internalise the spoken language of hearing society. (J Alegria et al 1989)*
4. **Audition.** *Cued Speech improved the use of audition and did not divert the auditory attention of deaf children. (B L Charlier & D Paullissen 1986)*
5. **Cochlear Implantation.** *Children’s use of Cued Speech prior to cochlear implantation has a significant positive effect on their ability to benefit from the implant. (M J Osberger 1997)*
6. *There is practical evidence from the performance of the many deaf children with whom Cued Speech is used of **rapid vocabulary and language growth.** (Cornett 1989)*

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Short extracts from written work by deaf children who have been helped by Cued Speech

The extracts have been reproduced exactly as written, including the punctuation. In most cases the original piece of work was longer. These children are unable to hear any sounds of speech, even with a hearing aid.

“Woooooo” went a noise.
Polly woke up. “Who made that noise?” It was a ghost.
Polly saw him and she got frightened and she put the covers over her head.
“Soooooo”. Polly woke up.
“Who did that?” It was an owl.
Daniel: aged 5

Tomorrow is pussy’s birthday. He will be seven. Pussy will have a birthday cake. I will give Pussy a present. It is a mouse and a ball. Rachel and I will blow the candles out for pussy.

Pussy will drink a milk. I will drink blackcurrant juice.
David: aged 6

On June 6th we will go to Hengrove Road street party. I will eat sausages on sticks, cakes, jelly, cheese and pineapple on sticks and bread. I will drink orange juice. I will wear my long dress. My dress is white. Lorraine, Haley and Steven will play games. I will play statues. Lorraine has a flag. It is white and red and blue.
Yvonne: aged 6

Learn to cue in 20 hours

- ⇒ **Free tuition for parents of deaf children and deaf people.** Tuition costs £60 for others for a 20-hour foundation course.
- ⇒ Foundation courses for beginners are run regularly, some with accommodation provided.
- ⇒ At the end of the Foundation course participants are able to cue any word in the English language and to have an understanding of the theory and uses of Cued Speech.
- ⇒ Intermediate courses, with the aim of increasing speed and fluency, and Advanced courses, for those who would like a professional level of competency, are also organised.
- ⇒ Instructional videos are available, and e-learning is being developed, but potential students are strongly advised to have some face-to-face tuition.
- ⇒ The policy of the Cued Speech Association UK is to aim to provide courses for parents of deaf children, their teachers and carers, wherever and whenever needed. Please contact us at the address overleaf for further information if you would like to discuss using Cued Speech to help your child.

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Yes, I am interested in Cued Speech

Please send me:

Additional general information	✓
Further information about particular areas of interest, please specify	✓
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Further information about learning to cue.....	✓
Application for Membership (minimum cost £5, four newsletters annually).....	✓
<i>An Introduction to Cued Speech</i> , parents booklet (free to parents, £2 to others inc. p&p)...	✓
<i>Cued Speech explained by people who use it</i> , video (free to parents of deaf children, £5.00 to others inc. p&p).....	✓
<i>The Cued Speech Resource Book</i> (cost £19.95 inc. p&p).....	✓
<i>Cued Speech Instructional Video</i> (cost £10 inc. p&p).....	✓

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Cued Speech Chart

Standard English pronunciation

Publications

'An Introduction to Cued Speech' is a 16-page booklet available free to parents of deaf children and priced at £2 to others.

The booklet contains information about how Cued Speech can help deaf children understand and use English. Included are answers to some basic questions, practical examples and some users' views. It should be read by all parents of deaf children.

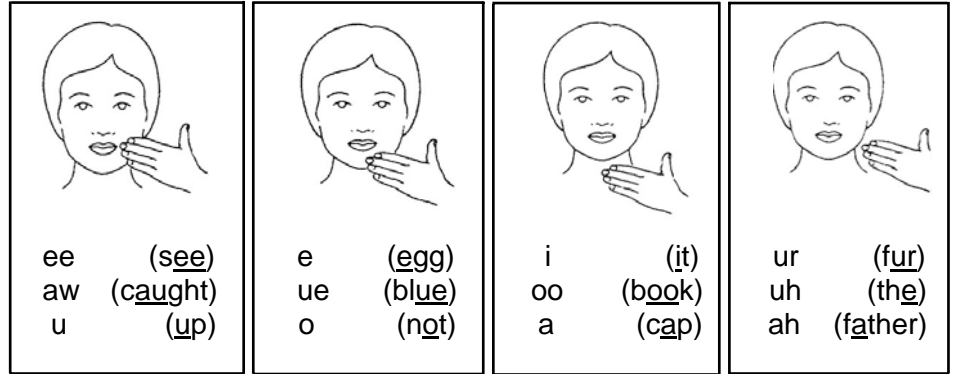
'The Cued Speech Resource Book for parents of Deaf Children' by Dr R Orin Cornett and Mary Elsie Daisey is available from the Cued Speech Association UK, price £19.95.

This publication is a comprehensive source of information for parents and professionals who wish to know more about Cued Speech. It includes answers to commonly asked questions and many personal stories from young people around the world who have benefited from the use of Cued Speech.

Order form overleaf

(The sounds are written in Dr. R. Orin Cornett's 'Fuhnetik Speling')

Hand positions - to clarify vowel sounds



mouth position

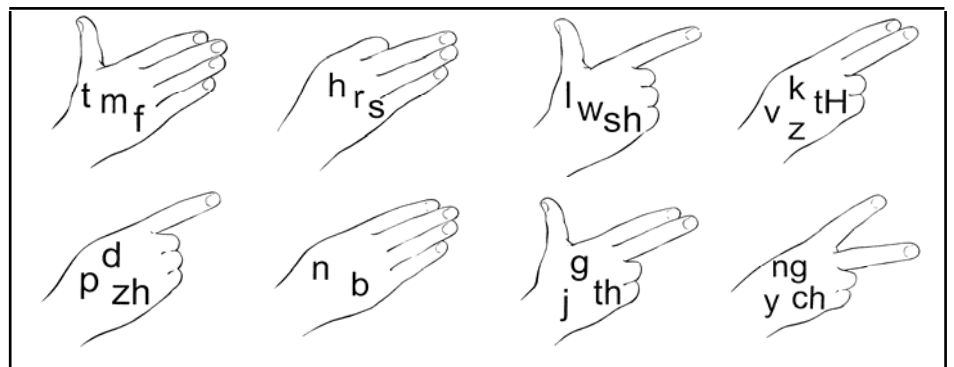
chin position

throat position

side position

The English language also contains diphthongs where one vowel sound runs into another (e.g. ear, air, eye). Diphthongs are cued by moving the hand from one vowel position to another as appropriate.

Handshapes - to clarify consonant sounds



The first handshape shown above (t/m/f) is also used with an isolated vowel - that is, a vowel not preceded by a consonant.

Name.....

Address.....

Interest (parent, teacher, etc).....

Please post form to:

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