



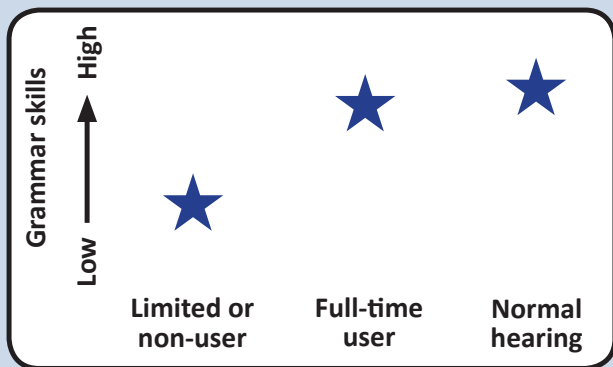
HEARING AIDS MATTER!

Results from the Outcomes of Children with Hearing Loss Study



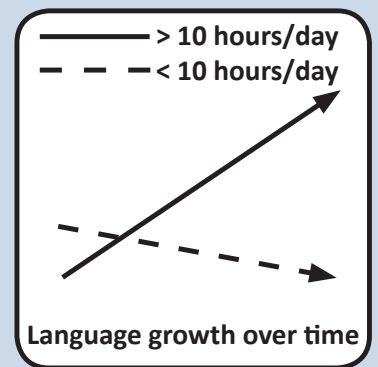
WEARING HEARING AIDS SUPPORTS LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Grammar Skills of Children with Mild Hearing Loss and Children with Normal Hearing



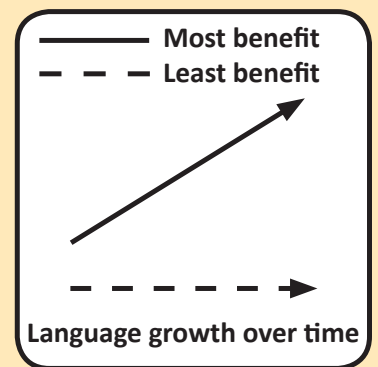
Children who are hard of hearing and wear hearing aids full-time have grammar and vocabulary skills similar to children with normal hearing. Children who do not wear hearing aids consistently, regardless of degree of hearing loss, are at risk for poorer language abilities.

If children wear hearing aids at least 10 hours per day, they are more likely to learn language faster and have age-appropriate skills by the time they enter school. Be persistent in encouraging hearing aid use for younger children!



BENEFIT FROM HEARING AIDS = ACCESS TO SPEECH

The amount of benefit, or access to speech sounds, depends on your child's hearing and how the audiologist programs the hearing aids. The most benefit is achieved when audiologists use real-ear, probe microphone verification to adjust hearing aids to children's unique hearing.



Talk to your child's audiologist about how well your child hears with hearing aids.



Perform hearing aid listening checks every day to ensure good sound quality.



Stay close to your child and limit TV and other noise in your home to make it easier for your child to listen and learn.