



Deaf Awareness Week

6–12 May 2019



When you meet a deaf person

- Face the person while you are speaking, don't turn away
- Speak clearly without shouting
- Repeat yourself if necessary
- Never say 'It doesn't matter'
- If the person doesn't understand you, don't give up!
- Write it down or draw a picture
- Speak one at a time, don't talk over each other
- Keep your mouth visible
- Smile and relax
- Don't speak too quickly or too slowly
- Please use gestures

At least
24,000 people
in the UK use British
Sign Language (BSL)
as their main
language

There are
11 million people
with hearing loss
across the UK

There are
50,000 children
with hearing loss
across the UK

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