



Audiology - Hearing Tests



It is important to get your ears checked to make sure you can hear well as you get older. The people who check your ears are called audiologists. This book will show you the steps for your appointment to get your ears checked.

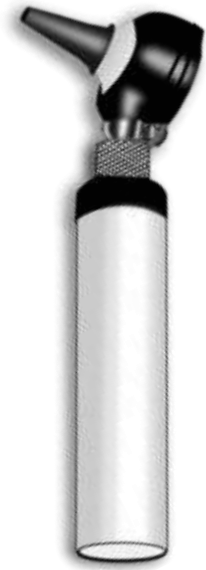


Let's go into clinic!

When you arrive for your appointment, you will wait in the waiting room. The audiologist will call your name when it is your turn.



The first thing the audiologist will do is look in your ears with a tool called an otoscope. An otoscope has a small light on the end so they can see in your ear to make sure it looks healthy. This does not hurt.



You can sit by yourself or with your grownup.

Next, the audiologist will do three tests to check your hearing. For the first test, called a tympanogram, the audiologist will put a small, soft earplug in each of your ears. These small earplugs will let your ear draw a picture on the screen - isn't that cool?



Your job is to sit in a chair and relax. During the test, you should hear a soft humming noise. Your ears might feel full of pressure, too. That's normal!



Does your ear picture look like a mountain or a road?

For the next two tests you will go into small, soundproof rooms. Soundproof means that the rooms are super quiet, and you can not hear any noises from outside of the rooms. Your grownup can go with you.



During the second test, the audiologist will make sure your cochlea is healthy. Your cochlea is a small part of your body that is inside your ear and helps you to hear. For this test, the audiologist will put a different small, soft earplug in your ear. They will also put a little black clip on your shirt.



Your job is to be really quiet so you can hear the noises the audiologist will play. Listen for silly “bee boops,” kind of like the sounds a robot would make to say hello! Once each ear has had a turn, you will get to move on to the last test.



For the last test, you and your grownup will go into another small, quiet room with a window. There are chairs in the room for you to sit. The audiologist will sit in the room with you and you may get to wear headphones. There are three different options for your last test.



Option 1:

Raise your hand each time you hear a sound in the headphones and then repeat the words that you hear loudly & clearly.



Option 2:

Put a toy in the bucket each time you hear a sound.



Option 3:

Listen for noises coming from speakers around the room and look at them when you hear a sound.



Your audiologist will know which is the best test for you.

Way to go – you completed all your hearing tests!

