

IS IT A GOOD PLACE TO HEAR IN THE COMMUNITY?



Different situations can be hard when you are trying to listen. Every one of us has probably experienced environments where it is easier to hear and others that were harder. For children who are hard of hearing, different environments can make listening really tough.

in these activities, your child will learn to scan the environment and decide if they are easy or hard for listening. Older children can examine various parts of the listening environment and talk about how these can affect communication.



Rate Your Listening in Common Community Spaces

EASY—1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 – HARD

Instructions:

The number 1 represents the rating for the easiest listening space and 10 represents the rating for the hardest listening space. Have your child look at the images that represent a common listening space in their community and have them rate (on a scale of 1-10) the image by how easy their listening experience was in each area of the community. Once they have given each space a rating have them explain why each situation was difficult or easy (e.g., number of people, background noise, set up of the room etc.).

Community Space	Number	Reason why?
1. Library		
2. Park		
3. Movie theatre		
4. Small local store		
5. Big Box store		
6. Pool		
7. Arena		
8. Bike paths		

Rate Your Listening in Common Community Spaces

Library



Park



Movie Theatre



Small local store



Big box store



Pool



Arena





Playground



Rate Your Listening in Common Community Spaces

Instructions:

1. Cut out the images for Listening in Common Community Spaces
2. Have your child name each picture (e.g., this one is a park)
3. Ask your child if each community space is easy or hard for listening.
4. Based their answers have your child glue the image under the correct emoji
5. Finally look at the spaces under “hard to listen” and discuss possible strategies with your child on how then can improve their ability to listen in these difficult areas (e.g., asking for help etc.)

 It's <i>easy</i> to listen here	 It's <i>hard</i> to listen here

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