

**Deaf & Hard  
of Hearing**  
*Corner*

# Hearing Aid Daily Listening Check



## Welcome to The Corner!



As a Teacher of the Deaf and certified Early Intervention Developmental Specialist with over 20 years of experience, I am dedicated to supporting families in navigating their child's hearing journey. My work focuses on helping families understand their child's hearing levels, use of assistive technology, and achieving developmental milestones. One of the key tools in fostering effective communication and language development is ensuring that hearing aids are functioning optimally every day.

The Hearing Aid Daily Listening Check is a simple yet essential practice to help maintain your child's hearing devices and ensure they are providing the best possible support. This guide will walk you through the steps to conduct daily checks, empowering you to stay proactive in supporting your child's auditory and language development.

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# Why are daily checks important?

The functioning of a child's hearing aids are essential to a successful listening day. Parents, caregivers, and therapist should check them daily, before therapy sessions, and anytime a concern arises. Changing a battery or cupping the hearing aid to hear its squeals are not a comprehensive way of checking its functionality.

## What do you need to maintain your child's hearing aids properly?

Your child's hearing aid(s) should be checked daily for cracks, rips, moisture, and wax build up. These can effect how or if sound can get in. You will need the following tools or care kit to properly and safely keep you child's hearing aids clean and functioning well. Use these tips and printable chart to guide you in easily completing the listening check each day.



**TIP:** Print the chart and place in a plastic protector and use a dry erase marker for repeated use.



*Hearing aid Care Kit:* Here is one example that can be purchased on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), if you were not not given one by your child's Audiologist when the hearing aids were fit. TIP: Always check to see if these items can be ordered by your audiologist and submitted through insurance.



# 5 Steps to Complete the Listening Check:



## 1. Get to know your child's hearing aid (s).

Knowing the parts of a hearing aid will help you in cleaning it, checking it properly, and determining if something is wrong.

2. visually inspect the ear mold to ensure they are clean, free of wax, cracks, and moisture droplets. If there is wax, dirt, or any other substances, use these tools to clean them. Blue Bulb Tools. If there is moisture use the dry aid kit over night.



**TIP:** Never use a pen or other sharp object to clean wax or debris.



**Vent Cleaner**- to remove wax and skin debris from hearing aid vents

**Brush**- Larger easier to hold, brush and wax loop to clean away skin & wax debris

**Steel Pick**- Steel pick to scrape away hard to reach wax & debris

**Screw Driver**- Perfect for removing tiny screws to open battery compartment

**Multi-Functional Tool**- 4 in 1, brush, wax loop magnet and vent cleaner

**Brush with Magnet and wax loop**- for removing battery and earwax



## 3. Next turn the Hearing Aid on and use the stethoscope to start the listening check.

Place the closed end of the stethoscope end in your ear and with the other end with an opening, insert the end of the ear mold, the part that would be placed in your child's ear.



4. say these sounds ah, ee, oo, ss ,mm, shh. If all sounds sound clear, place hearing aid in child's ear. Complete these steps with each hearing aid daily.



**TIP:** Use a typical level of loudness when saying the sounds. If your child has a severe to profound hearing difference , be careful how loud you speak as the hearing aid will be “loud” for your ear, if you do not have a hearing difference.

5. Use and print the chart on the next page to track your daily listening checks and document any problems or changes.

## Hearing Aid Daily Listening Check Chart:

AM Listening Check	Therapy Listening Check	PM Cleaning Check
M	M	M
T	T	T
W	W	W
Th	Th	TH
F	F	F

## Notes:

Use this section to document any differences you hear or when you replaced the battery.



**TIP:** When you change the battery, put the orange sticker from the battery on the chart for the day you changed it.

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