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Silence is Lonely -- Roy Bain

When at first our hearing begins to fade;
Though the signs are foretelling, we may
choose to evade.
We tell others they don't speak clearly, they
mumble a lot;
My concentration is elsewhere, that's why I ask
what.
Please talk a bit louder; your voice is so weak;
I could hear you OK, if you would look at me
as you speak.
I can hear you just fine, when you're close at
hand.
If you would learn to enunciate, I could
understand.
Being with family is one of life's greatest joys;
But, don't expect me to hear with all of that
noise.
It's easy to blame others, though it's not really
fair;
It's your hearing problem, solve it, show others
you care.
He who said 'Silence is Golden' spoke for
himself only;
For the hearing impaired, "Silence is Lonely".

Pat Smith



Springfield Middle School
6th grade
happy, friendly,
hard-of-hearing

Things I like to do

Band - Trombone
Cross country
Scouts
Reading
Track
Video games



Things I'm good at

Athlete
Friend
Hard worker
Math & Science
Trombone



Things that are hard for me

- ★ Following a conversation with more than 1 person
- ★ Jokes can be confusing
- ★ Noisy places when I have to listen
- ★ Plays/Assemblies
- ★ Remembering information if it is not written down
- ★ Watching movies in school
- ★ Water activities when I have earmolds in & cannot hear



Quick fact

Hearing aids help amplify but do not mean my hearing is normal

Things that help me be successful

- ❖ Assistive listening devices in theaters
- ❖ Be close to me when you talk to me
- ❖ Closed captioning/subtitles for movies
- ❖ Gain my attention first by tapping my shoulder
- ❖ Let me watch an activity before I participate
- ❖ Look at me
- ❖ Patience and understanding
- ❖ Raise your hand if you are talking in a large group so I can find you to listen
- ❖ Speak up in noisy settings like lunch & PE
- ❖ Using my FM unit or Bluetooth and Dyna Mic in classes, small groups & meetings
- ❖ Writing down directions or important information