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Considerations and Reminders for Parents for Improving Auditory Access

Although in typical day-to-day situations at home you may find that you have little difficulty communicating with your child, they will **likely (may)** experience more challenges accessing instructional materials **due to their hearing loss**, as it requires more sustained attention and focus on the auditory message. Here are a few considerations and reminders to help your students more easily access instructional materials provided by their Teachers and Related Service Providers while they are at home during this extended time of school closures.

- Remember that hearing their name with a simple statement, such as “it’s time for dinner” at 5:30 every day, is different from focusing on and processing more complex vocabulary and instructional information.
- Maintaining a quiet environment with minimal visual and auditory distractions will help students focus on their work.
- If you’re discussing their work or reading to your child, be sure you’re in close proximity where they can see your face to access speech reading cues and reduce any outside distractions.
- **If your child uses hearing aids and/or hearing assistive technology, please be sure the technology is working before they begin any instructional activities.**
- **If possible, ask your child to tell you about what they learned especially if they are listening to an audio source. Help clarify any misunderstandings or difficult vocabulary words. This will certainly be variable depending on the work teachers are sending home.**
- If teachers send written information as well as audio sources, it may be helpful for your student to review written work prior to the audio, in order to be familiar with vocabulary before hearing it.
- If your child has unilateral or minimal/mild/fluctuating hearing loss they should be able to use standard headphones to listen to any instructional audio lessons. You may need to help them adjust the sound to a comfortable volume.

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