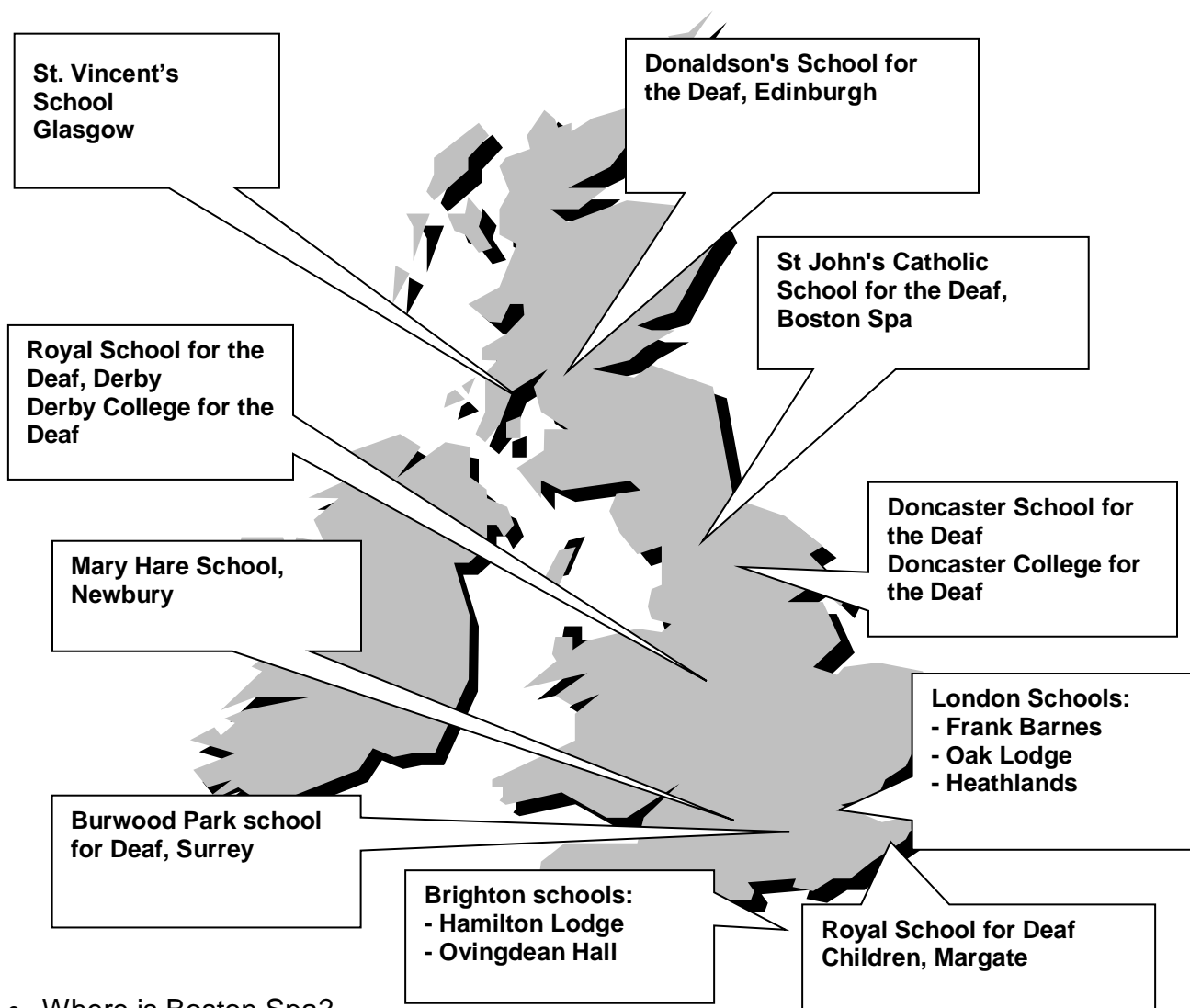


Aim: Activities at School

Objectives: By the end of this session, the students should be able to:

1. Describe our current experiences at school.
2. Describe our past experiences at school.
3. Ask and answer questions about school.
4. Express opinions about school.

Well known Deaf schools



- Where is Boston Spa?
- Which school provides Total communication method?
- Which school uses the oral method for Deaf children?
- How many Deaf pupils in the average class?
- Which schools were closed down?
- Why did some of Deaf schools close?
- How many Deaf schools are there in London?

Describe your opinions with people who work in schools



Do you think your lecture was good? Was your lecture taking too long? Were the handouts helpful?



What do you think of Speech Therapist? Did he/she make Deaf children speak properly?



How many mainstream schools have note-taker or communicators?



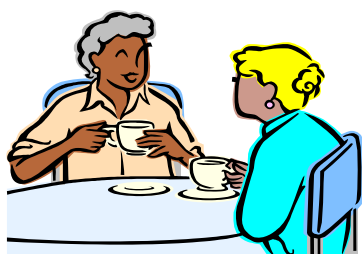
Were students friendly and worked as a team? How many students?



Does the caretaker live at the school or college? Can you describe what their home look like?



Would a careers office give advice to a Deaf person to be a lawyer, teacher or manager?



Did you have a counsellor in your school? Can you describe how you felt when you met your counsellor?



How would you compare the teachers now with your old ones?



What do you think of your head teacher? How did they manage the school or college?

Two different timetables

TIME	8.50 – 9.50	9.55 – 10.55	11.20 – 12.20	1.20-2.20	2.25-3.25
Monday	Technology	French	English	Art	Geography
Tuesday	PSHE	Science	Sociology	Psychology	Drama
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Find someone who

Can answer these questions. Write their name in the appropriate squares. Ask only one question at a time.

likes to do technology	hates maths	enjoys speaking French
loves art	dislikes Geography	won't learn Science
is keen on Computer Studies	loves Religious Education	hates English literature
find Sports boring	wants to go on a Drama course	love to read History

Retell your classroom stories



School story building

Who went to school?	e.g. My Deaf grandmother,
When did she go to her school?	e.g. 65 years ago, aged 3
Which school did she go to?	e.g. Blanche Neville School
Where is her school?	e.g. Tottenham
Who did she meet in her school?	e.g. Deaf children, her teacher
What did her school look like?	e.g. big, old and rotten
What kind of uniform did she wear?	e.g. black jumper, white shirt
Did she like her school?	e.g. Loved it, good, disliked it, poor
What was the size of her classroom?	e.g. small for eight pupils
Was her teacher good?	e.g. Nice, sign, oral, strict, boring
What time did she start her lesson?	e.g. 8am, 9am
What time did she finish her lesson?	e.g. 3:30pm, 4pm , 4:30pm
If it rained outside, what did she do?	e.g. Stayed inside, drew, read
If sun shined outside, what did she do?	e.g. Played outside with friends
What happened after her school?	e.g. Boarding school, day school

Comprehension of a narrative

My past experiences with education

A long time ago, I was three and I walked to a nursery near my home in Hammersmith. The lovely teacher opened the front door. I looked up at her and smiled. A lot of children played in the Wendy house but I sat on my own in the art area and painted a picture of my mother!

- **Where did I go to Nursery?**
- **What did I do on the first day?**
- **Did children play with me?**

From 5 to 12, I went to a primary day school for hearing children by car or tube. When I was 9 my mother was working so I travelled my own by tube! My old teacher was called Miss Bell. I thought she had a big bell in her tummy!

- **When did I go to Primary school?**
- **How old was I when I travelled on my own?**
- **Can you describe what I thought of my teacher?**

I enjoyed doing maths, geography and arts. I liked to look at history books on the shelf in the classroom. If it was a sunny day we went to the park and played a cricket. It was boring! If it was rainy we stayed indoors and did art or read a book.

- **Which subject did I like?**
- **Can you describe what I did at break time?**
- **Did I like playing a cricket?**

From 12 until 17 I went to a boarding school called St John's School for the Deaf in Boston Spa, West Yorkshire. It was a long way to travel by train from York Station to King's Cross. The Journey took me about four hours from home to school. I used to go home to London every two or three weeks for the weekend.

- **Which secondary, day, boarding, mainstream school did I go?**
- **How long did I go there?**
- **Did I go home to London every day?**