

BSL Level 3 Tips and Resources



Theme 1: Home Life

Objectives:

Good parenting

How have things changed over time?

Hearing parents and deaf children

Deaf parents and hearing children

Deaf parents and deaf children

How do these homes cope with technology?

Websites:

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk>

<https://rnid.org.uk>

<https://www.royaldeaf.org.uk>

<https://bda.org.uk>

Products and technology

Products and technologies are an important part of modern everyday life and can help with everything from waking up in the morning to communicating with others or watching a film with subtitles.

In this section you will find information about the wide range of products, apps and equipment that might be helpful to deaf children and young people at home, at school or when socialising with friends.



Technology Test Drive

Try out the latest tech for free through our loan services



Borrow to buy

We have launched our new Borrow to Buy pilot scheme with Phonak



Technology case studies

Take a look at how technology plays an important role for people at work



Technology to keep

How to get tech provided free of charge



Apps with a deaf angle

Information on apps which could help deaf children and young people



Hearing devices and technology

How tech works with hearing aids and implants



Technology for different situations

How tech can help at home, school, work and out and about



Relay services

Information on using text and video relay services to make phone calls



LENA

Find out more about the Language Environment Analysis system, or LENA

Facts and figures

Find out the latest facts and figures on deafness, hearing loss and tinnitus.

- There are 12 million people with hearing loss across the UK, that's around one in six of us.
- By 2035, we estimate there'll be around 14.2 million people with hearing loss across the UK.
- There are 50,000 children with hearing loss in the UK. Around half are born with hearing loss while the other half lose their hearing during childhood.
- An estimated 900,000 people in the UK have severe or profound hearing loss.
- We estimate that there are at least 24,000 people across the UK who use British Sign Language (BSL) as their main language (although there are likely to be more that we don't know about).
- More than 40% of people over 50 years old have hearing loss, rising to 70% of people over the age of 70.
- There are 7.1 million people in the UK living with tinnitus.

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Theme 2: Social & Recreational Activities

Objectives:

Social/recreational activities

Leisure activities

Cinema - types of films, access to the cinema for deaf people

Sport/exercise – are these accessible for Deaf people?

Deaf clubs

Social exclusion for deaf people

Deaf Conferences e.g. BDA, Rallies

Interpreted theatre, Deaf theatres

Websites:

<https://www.bslzone.co.uk/lifestyle>

<https://www.bslzone.co.uk/sport>

<https://www.bslzone.co.uk/comedy>

<https://www.deafinitelytheatre.co.uk>



50/50
Comedy drama about two friends - one Deaf, one hearing! Can they make it rich?



Deaf Funny
The world's first BSL TV comedy sketch show, with sketches based on Deaf life!



Fairytale of London Town
A bittersweet musical-day fairytale.



Four Deaf Yorkshiremen go to Blackpool
Can four grumpy old Deaf men enjoy a weekend by the sea?



Life Out There
Billy realises it's time to really find life out there.



Signs of an Affair
A black comedy about Flora, who suspects her husband of 21 years is up to no good.



Small World - Series 1



Small World - Series 2

The Limping Chicken

The world's most popular deaf blog! Laying eggs since 2012

NDCS launches campaign for cinema subtitles as 85% of deaf children miss out

Posted on January 29, 2020 by Editor

Thousands of deaf children across the UK are missing out on going to the cinema because films aren't being shown with subtitles, the National Deaf Children's Society says.



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Theme 3: Consumer Issues & Daily Living

Objectives:

- How can Deaf people contact the bank/electric or gas board
- Contact the Council?
- Telecommunication – what is there for Deaf people?
- What barriers do Deaf people face on a daily basis?
- How could shops/supermarkets be more accessible?

Health

- food, drink, obsessions and addictions
- keeping fit
- dieting
- access to health services for deaf people, communication barriers

Websites:

- <https://www.bslzone.co.uk/watch/punk-chef>
- <https://signhealth.org.uk/videos/>
- <http://bslscotlandact2015.scot/public-services/>
- <https://www.royaldeaf.org.uk/services/i-am-deaf/i-need-help-with-tax-hmrc/>

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Theme 4: Employment

Objectives:

Getting a job

- Can Deaf people gain support? Access To Work
- What obstacles do Deaf people face in getting a job?
- Where can unemployed Deaf people get support in applying for jobs?

Having a job

- Flexible working hours – should everyone be entitled to this or just parents?
- Discrimination at work
- What obstacles do Deaf people face in employment?
- Will Access to Work be available to all?

Retirement

- What age should people be able to retire?
- Pensions – Should people be expected to work longer than 65 before getting a pension?
- How will Deaf people decide on annuities or pensions?

Websites:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/DeafUnity/videos>

<https://www.royaldeaf.org.uk/services/i-am-deaf/employment/>

<https://www.royaldeaf.org.uk/rad-is-delighted-to-continue-its-careers-advice-service-in-partnership-with-city-lit/>

The image shows two screenshots. The top one is the website for the Royal Association for Deaf People (RAD), featuring a navigation menu with 'About Us', 'Services', 'Support Us', 'News', 'Events', and 'Contact Us'. Below the menu is a banner for a partnership with City Lit, with a video player showing a man in a grey sweater. The bottom screenshot is the YouTube channel for Deaf Unity, which has 69 subscribers. It shows a 'Home' tab and a list of uploads, including a message from Dr. Justine Durno, an interview with Professor Gary Morgan, an interview with Rob Wilks, and a video about Deaf Unity projects.

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Theme 5: Education & Training

Objectives:

Pre-school education

Nursery costs, should every child have a free nursery place?
Will any nurseries accept deaf children or deaf children with additional needs?

What age should children start school? - Deaf children

What support is available in mainstream schools for deaf children?
Why are deaf schools closing?

BSL in schools

Should BSL be part of the National Curriculum?

University

What support is available?

Websites:

<https://www.batod.org.uk/information/schools-for-the-deaf/>
<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/information-and-support/education-and-learning/>
<https://www.britishdeafnews.co.uk/which-are-the-best-universities-for-studying-sign-and-which-are-the-best-for-the-deaf-community-to-attend/>

BATOD
British Association of Teachers of the Deaf

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About us: We promote excellence in Deaf Education
Jobs: Find your future role
Events: Come and meet the community
Resources: A wealth of material for your use
Information: Information to help and inspire
News & Blog: Keep up to date
CPD: Track your Continuing
Contact us: Questions or queries? Just ask

Education and learning

Resources and guidance to help you support your deaf child's education, learning and choices from the early years through to their teens, including childcare options and choosing a deaf-friendly school

Special schools for deaf children in

Information / Deaf Education / Schools for deaf children / Special schools for deaf children
Information | 28.02.2018 | By Paul Simpson

There are 22 Schools for deaf children in the UK. All have websites which describe the activities and some have additional helpful information for teachers and parents.

Which are the best universities for studying Sign and which are the best for the Deaf community to attend?

By Edmund West - 11th August 2018

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Early years

Education and learning for pre-school age deaf children, including childcare options

Primary years

Primary school education for deaf children and tips for starting school

Secondary years

Education for deaf children moving schools

Your child's future

Supporting your child's education and career choices at 14+

Getting additional support

Find out about getting additional support for your child in education

Creating good listening conditions

Find out why good listening conditions are so important to your child's learning

Resources to share with teachers

Pass on our resources to help staff support your child's learning

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Theme 6: Deaf History & Culture

Objectives:

- History of fingerspelling
- The origins of Sign Language up to BSL Recognition
- The Milan Conference 1880 and 2010 official apology
- History of deaf schools
- Deaf Organisations
- Deaf people

Websites:

<https://www.bslzone.co.uk/chat-shows>

<https://www.bslzone.co.uk/watch/deaf-history>

<https://www.deaflympics.com/news>

<https://www.historypin.org/en/share-the-deaf-visual-archive/>



**UNDERSTANDING
DEAF CULTURE**
In Search of Deafhood



Paddy Ladd



Close Up 3: Frances Elton
Interview with Frances Elton about her unique career as a teacher of BSL linguistics.

Close Up 3: Ilyaas Cader
Interview with Ilyaas Cader, a Deaf refugee from civil war in Sri Lanka, who has made his home in Britain.

Close Up 3: Kevin Buckle
Interview with Kevin Buckle, a leading activist and historian in Britain's Black Deaf community.

Close Up 3: Paddy Ladd (Part 1)
Tessa Padden interviews Dr Paddy Ladd about his traumatic childhood.