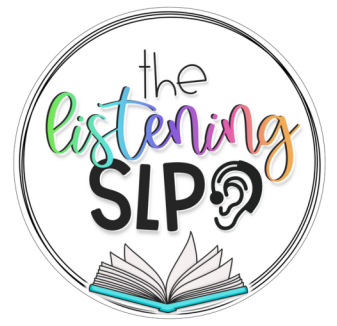


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Types of Hearing Loss

Conductive
Sensorineural
Mixed

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Conductive

Occurs when sound is unable to get through the outer and middle ear.

Common Causes:

- Ear wax
- Ear infection
- Fluid in the middle ear space
- A problem with how the ear is formed
- Poor Eustachian tube function



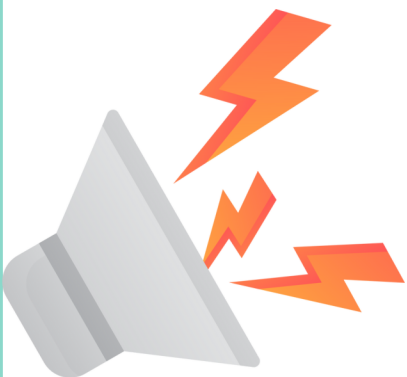
Sensorineural

Occurs when there is an issue with the inner ear. Problems with the auditory nerve can cause this type of hearing loss as well.



Common Causes:

- Family history of hearing loss
- Exposure to loud noises
- Aging
- Drugs that are toxic to hearing



Mixed

A combination of conductive and sensorineural hearing loss. This can be caused by factors of both impacting an individual.

Example: A child has sensorineural hearing loss due to genetics and fluid in their ear.