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With a “mild” hearing loss (26 to 41 dB range), people can typically hear one-on-one conversations as long as they can see the speaker’s face and are listening at close range. However, even a mild hearing loss can pose problems if the conversation partner is at a distance or has a soft voice. Understanding conversation in noisy backgrounds may also be difficult. With a “moderate” hearing loss (41 to 70 dB range), conversations are difficult to understand even with no competing background noise. When there is noise in the background, speech comprehension is extremely difficult. As far as a “severe” hearing loss (71 to 90 dB range) is concerned, hearing is difficult in all situations. Hearing instruments can help.

### **TIP OF THE WEEK**

Hearing instruments have proven to be very beneficial for most severities of hearing losses. Not only are hearing devices beneficial in improving communication abilities, but they research also reveals that hthey improve overall quality of life.

P.S. Moderate hearing loss can be broken down into “moderate” (41 to 55 dB) and “moderately severe” (56 to 70 dB).

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