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Behind-the-ear (BTE)	A type of hearing aid that is positioned behind a person's ear.	
Cochlear implant	An implanted electronic hearing device that helps a person with severe to profound hearing loss (a person who is Deaf). Consisting of an internal part (implanted) and an external processor.	
Deaf	A term used for a person with severe to profound hearing loss in both ears as they can only hear very loud sounds or hear nothing at all. People who are Deaf are often fitted with cochlear implants or use sign language for communication.	
Discharge	Fluid that comes out of a part of the body. It is often a sign of an infection.	
Ear and hearing professional	Professionals that test, manage, and treat ear and hearing problems.	
Eardrum (tympanic membrane)	A thin layer of tissue that separates the outer and middle ear and protects the middle ear from infection.	Eardrum
Foreign body	Unwanted object that is stuck in a body part but should not be there. For example, a grain of sand under the eye lid or an insect in the ear canal.	
Hard of hearing	A term used for a person with mild to severe hearing loss, who cannot hear as well as a person with normal hearing.	

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Hearing aid	A device worn on the ear by people who have difficulty hearing. Hearing aids make some sounds louder so that a person with hearing loss can listen, communicate, and participate more in daily activities.	
Otoscope	Magnifier tool with a light used to visually inspect a person's ear.	
Pus	A thick fluid that forms when your body fights an infection. It may have an unusual colour or smell.	
Speculum	Removable tip of otoscope, which goes inside the person's ear.	111
Wick	A piece of absorbent material that is used to remove liquid.	