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ASL 103: Lesson 8
At the Mall: Deaf Culture
Why senior citizens should learn to sign

Multiple Choice. Select the best answer for each statement or question below.

- 1) Instead of telling the senior citizens to feel sorry for themselves or "pine for a life where they can hear and communicate just like a normal hearing person could," what TWO things did the author tell them instead?
 - a) get used to it
 - b) move to a nursing home
 - c) cry every night
 - d) get a Cochlear implant
 - e) get on with their lives
 - f) have someone act as their "ears"

- 2) The author initially felt like an older person should be addressing the group of senior citizens. Later on, however, he realized that wasn't true! What made him come to this conclusion? He was the one person in the room who had been living with _____.
 - a) a Deaf parent
 - b) a TTY machine
 - c) deafness all his life
 - d) older people

- 3) As the author visited with a table of couples at the conference, whom did he discover typically had lost hearing while aging?
 - a) the husband
 - b) the wife
 - c) the children
 - d) the neighbors

- 4) What did the author discover where the "procedures" for making conversation among these couples? The husbands leaned in to their wives with their good ear and _____ would help them understand.
 - a) the ASL interpreter
 - b) the children
 - c) the wives
 - d) other people at the table

- 5) What TWO strategies did the author use to try to understand what was being said to him?
 - a) brought in an ASL interpreter
 - b) wrote down his questions
 - c) lipreading
 - d) asked people to repeat what they'd said
 - e) turned up his hearing aid

- 6) The author even started signing to them and fingerspelling some of the things he was saying in the hope that he would be able to show them the benefits of _____.
 - a) using a hearing aid
 - b) visual communication
 - c) using an interpreter
 - d) being patient

7) What realities did the men (husbands) at the conference have to accept? A hearing loss is usually _____. Whatever you are hearing today, you will hear less of tomorrow.

- a) suppressed
- c) progressive

- b) not that inhibiting
- d) curable

8) A hearing loss is _____. No hard of hearing or deaf person wakes up being able to hear better than the day before.

- a) understandable
- c) curable

- b) not so bad
- d) irreversible

Short Answer. Decide whether each statement is true or false.

9) Even the best of auditory listening devices, hearing aids, and cochlear implants do not enable a person to gain normal hearing again.

- a) True
- b) False

10) The value of listening devices (ex: hearing aids), increases as a person ages.

- a) True
- b) False

11) Over time, the degree of hearing loss and the type of sounds that a person can hear deteriorates to a point where speech is very difficult to understand.

- a) True
- b) False

12) Lipreading (or speechreading) helps, but it is an imperfect art.

- a) True
- b) False

13) Some people are better at lipreading than others.

- a) True
- b) False

14) Most people get the hang of lipreading eventually.

- a) True
- b) False

15) Every lipreader in the world wishes that there was an easier way to communicate.

- a) True
- b) False

16) It becomes easier to learn to lipread as a person gets older.

- a) True
- b) False

17) Learning to sign can make communication easier for senior citizens.

- a) True
- b) False

18) People who are losing their hearing should get a jump on signing; the sooner they learn, the easier it will be to communicate.

- a) True
- b) False