Degrees of Hearing Loss: MINIMAL (15-25dB Loss)

- Effects on Language and Speech:
  - Difficulty hearing faint or distant speech
  - Can miss up to 10% of speech signal when teacher is more than 3 feet away
  - Trouble hearing word endings (-s, -ed, etc.)
  - Trouble hearing deemphasized sounds
  - Difficulty hearing when background noise is present
  - May not understand verbal instructions
  - May have trouble learning the fine auditory discrimination skills required to master phonetics and reading

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MINIMAL (15-25dB Loss)

- Psychosocial Effect:
  - Behavior may seem inappropriate
  - May have trouble socializing with his/her peers
  - Attention span may appear limited
  - May be more fatigued due to extra effort needed to understand speech
Degrees of Hearing Loss: MILD
(25-45dB Loss)

- Effects on Language and Speech:
  - With a 30dB hearing loss, a child can miss 25-40% of the speech signal
  - With a 35-40dB hearing loss, a child can miss 50+% of the speech signal
  - May have trouble with word endings (-s, -ed, etc.)
  - Trouble hearing softer sounds
  - Difficulty hearing when background noise is present
  - May not understand verbal instructions
  - Difficulty learning early reading skills
  - May have trouble learning the fine auditory discrimination skills required to master phonetics and reading
Degrees of Hearing Loss: MILD
(25-45dB Loss)

Psychosocial Effect:

- Behavior may seem inappropriate
- May have trouble socializing with his/her peers
- Attention span may appear limited
- May be more fatigued due to extra effort needed to understand speech
Degrees of Hearing Loss: for Minimal or MILD

- Educational Accommodations:
  - Acoustic treatment of the classroom
  - Amplification System (FM System or low amplification hearing aid)
  - Favorable seating (front row, close to the teacher, etc.)
  - Good lighting
  - Special attention to vocabulary and speech