

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION: DEAF GAIN IN CHILDREN'S BOOKS



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## INTRODUCTION

One strategy to promote diversity, equity and inclusion for deaf and hard of hearing children is for the EHDl community to read children's books with deaf and hard of hearing characters that celebrate being deaf and hard of hearing. However, when investigating how children's books portray deaf and hard of hearing characters, studies show that deaf culture is often not represented (Bailes, 2002; Golos et al., 2012). Identifying Deaf Gain perspectives in children's books with deaf and hard of hearing characters is one way to celebrate being culturally deaf.

## DEAF GAIN EXAMPLES



EARLY LANGUAGE	SIGN LANGUAGE	EYE CONTACT	CONVERSATION CIRCLES
CLOSED CAPTIONS	FOOTBALL HUDDLE	BASEBALL HAND SIGNALS	



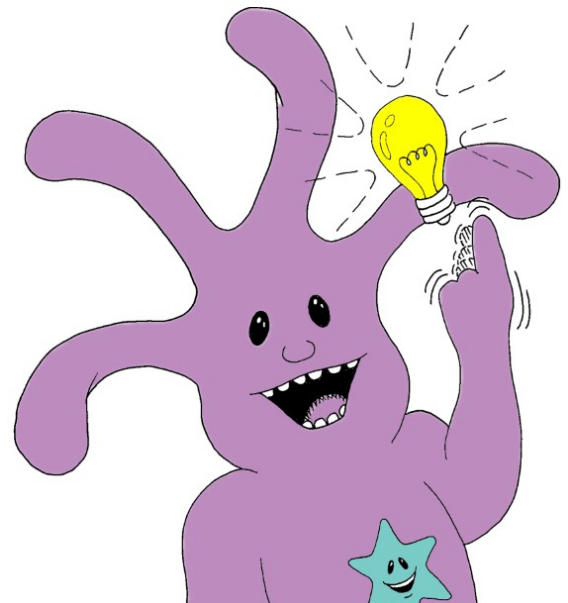
**7 WAYS TO INCORPORATE DEAF GAIN INTO YOUR LIFE**



## ELEVATE, EMPOWER AND ENGAGE: ASL/ENGLISH STORYBOOK APP

Storybook Apps, developed by Melissa Malzkuhn, are based on language learning and bilingualism research along with principles of literacy development (Herzig & Malzkuhn, 2015). The app provides three ways to engage with the content:

<p><b>WATCH MODE</b> ASL narrative &amp; visuals</p>	<p><b>READ MODE</b> English text &amp; visuals</p>	<p><b>LEARN MODE</b> Glossary of vocabulary</p>
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Storybook app *Deaf Gain What* is a story about a family attending their first Deaf Expo with their Deaf role model. Join them to learn about Deaf Gain.

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