

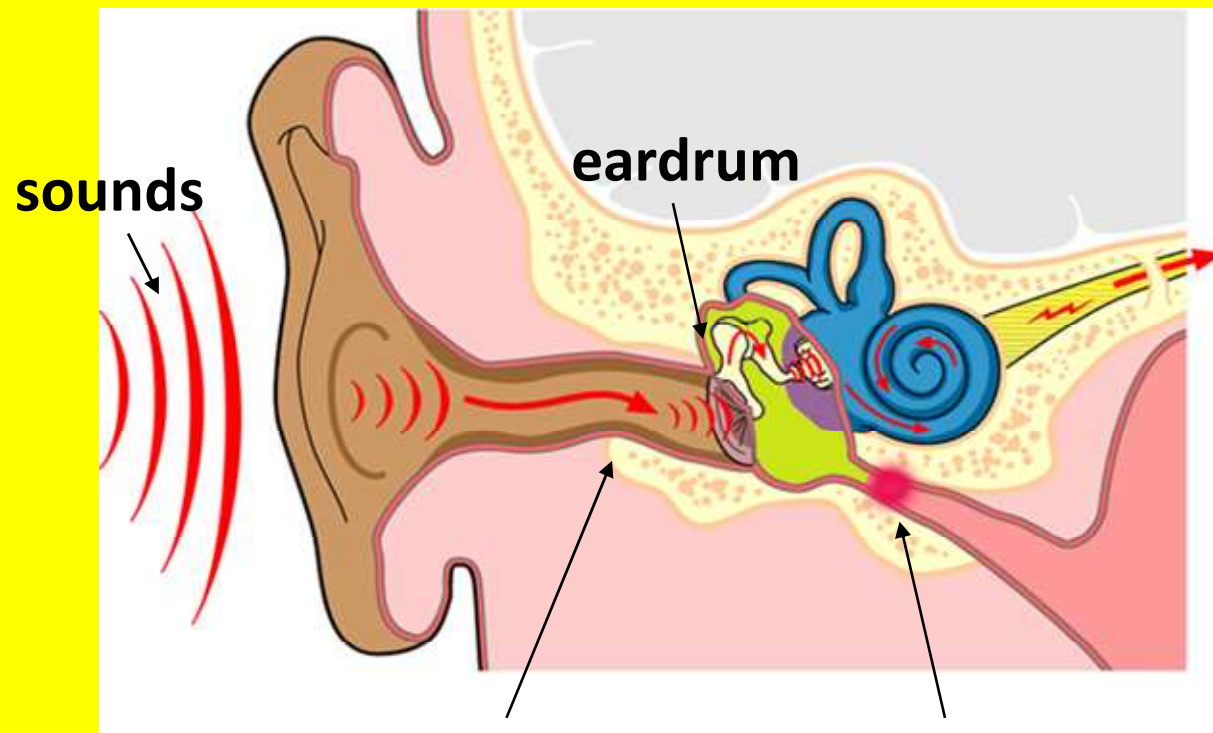
Listening Troubles and Little Kids

We would like to acknowledge the Central Arrernte people as the traditional owners and custodians for Mparntwe Alice Springs.

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What is hearing loss?



Sounds come in here

Infection blocks the sounds
going through

Hearing loss can change kids' behaviour

Kids with hearing loss can...

- Stop listening to people
- Humbug people all the time
- Want to be alone
- Be hard to understand
- Get upset with changes
- Have trouble sharing
- Be too shy with new people



Lots of kids can't hear well

- Studies show that 90% of young children in Aboriginal communities have current ear disease or signs of damage to the ear drum from past ear disease.
- Kids who go to childcare get more ear disease .
- Hand washing can really helps!
- Knowing the signs really helps!
- Getting kids checked out helps!



You can help!

- **Breastfeed**
- **No Smoke**
- **Get good health care**
- **Wash, wash, wash**
- **Blow noses**



You can help!

- Show when you tell
- Talk - just with them
- Face-to-face talk
- Talk in quiet places
- Talk about what they like
- No distractions



Thank you!

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- ***For more information on issues associated with conductive hearing loss go to: www.eartroubles.com***

