

“ The discovery of Cued Speech and what it could do for our son and for us as a family was truly and profoundly life-changing, and continues to be thirteen years down the line ”

“for us, Cued Speech wasn't a choice; it was a necessity if [our deaf baby] was to have the chance to acquire a full first language and fully access our family life ”

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CUEDSPEECH

makes spoken language visible for deaf babies, children & adults

Cued Speech is:

**ORDINARY
SPEECH**
+
HANDSHAPES
+
POSITIONS
=

CUEDSPEECH

(Visual English)

“ Because there's no new language to learn - just a simple system - we could use Cued Speech straight away and say anything we wanted to our son ”

“ He took very easily to reading and writing - more easily than many of his hearing peers - perhaps helped by already having a visual phonic 'map' in his head from his early exposure to Cued Speech... by age 6 he had a reading age of 10... ”

We keep tuition fees low. If you can't afford the fees ask about our reduced-price or free tuition.

Cued Speech was devised by the late Dr Orin Cornett, Professor Emeritus of Audiology, Gallaudet University, USA, and has been adapted into 65 languages and dialects so far.

Cued Speech can also help deaf adults to improve their English skills and allows born-deaf and deafened people to communicate more easily in English.

The Cued Speech Association UK is a registered charity run by users of Cued Speech (both parents and professionals). It provides information about and training in Cued Speech.

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Help your deaf baby or child to understand and use the English* language and be fully literate

*and other spoken languages

WHY IS CUED SPEECH NEEDED?

Without hearing, or with imperfect hearing, it is hard to understand English or any other spoken language—just because you can't hear it!

If you can't hear English it's hard to communicate in it and very hard to learn to read and write.

Lip-reading isn't much help; it's only possible to lip-read about 35% of what is said – the rest is guesswork so it's almost impossible to learn English fully through lip-reading alone.

“ Only about 35% of speech can be lip-read accurately ”

Won't hearing aids or cochlear implants be enough?

They might! Some children do well, but others still fail to understand English or understand it only partially. Some children can't be implanted or can't be implanted early. Also hearing aids or implants can't solve the problem of background noise (which makes speech hard to understand).

Why not just use British Sign Language?

British Sign Language (BSL) will give access to the BSL-using community and - in time - a language for communication. But it takes years for hearing parents to learn BSL so most parents can't give access to full language in early childhood – which is the most important time for language development. Also BSL is very different from English which is the language of education, work and the UK as a whole.

WHAT DOES CUED SPEECH DO?

By using eight hand-shapes in four positions near the mouth Cued Speech completely clarifies lip-reading so that deaf babies and children can fully understand and use English.

Parents and teachers can learn Cued Speech in about 20 hours and use it straight away.

Because it can be learnt so quickly deaf children's language need not be delayed.

Through Cued Speech deaf babies and children can pick up the English language naturally and without effort. It complements what they hear through their implant or hearing aid and it works even if they hear nothing!

Most children brought up with Cued Speech use it to understand what people say to them but communicate by speech alone.

It can be used with any spoken language

Cued Speech unlocks English for deaf babies, children and adults.

“ With Cued Speech, every 'sound' of spoken language is visible ”



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CUED SPEECH?

With Cued Speech deaf babies and children can see the whole of the English language as clearly as hearing people hear it.

Families can communicate without barriers.

Cued Speech makes education fully accessible for deaf children - teachers can use it for literacy, to teach phonics, to access the whole curriculum.

“ Cued Speech - English in a visual form ”

Research shows that Cued Speech can be understood by young deaf babies and that deaf children brought up with it can:

- **make better use of their hearing aids or cochlear implants**
- **achieve literacy levels equal to those of hearing children**
- **be fully included in everyday conversations with their hearing family**
- **develop language at a pace and level which matches hearing peers**

Cued Speech can be used:

- **alongside British Sign Language for true bilingualism**
- **to complement aural/oral practices**
- **to help deaf children's speech and some speech and language problems in hearing children in schools to give full access to language and education**

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO LEARN CUED SPEECH?

It only takes about 20 hours of study to learn the system. More practice is needed to become fluent.

Learning to cue is not like learning a new language. Because Cued Speech is a visual version of English – not a language – hearing parents and professionals learn a new way of expressing their own language. There is no new vocabulary or grammar to learn.

**Learn Cued Speech now
Call us on 01803 832784
or visit cuedspeech.co.uk**

How can I get started?

Our charity can provide tuition in a way best suited to you or your group or family. This could include face-to-face tuition, e-learning or support through 'Skype'. Our annual Summer Camp combines learning with a holiday.

Will you teach my child to cue?

Young children and babies are not taught to cue; they pick up English by watching Cued Speech in use just as hearing children pick up English through listening. Older children can benefit from being specifically taught the system.

The earlier you learn the sooner your child or pupil will reap the benefits of full access to the English language.

