



Common Acronyms

Resources:



[More about CMV](#)



[Newborn Hearing Screening Program Glossary](#)



[Glossary of Common Terms](#)



[Glossary for Parent's Guide to Hearing Loss](#)

What are some common acronyms related to hearing loss?

- **ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response):** Test that shows how the inner ear (cochlea) and the brain pathways for hearing are working.
- **ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act):** Prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in several areas: employment, transportation, public accommodations, communications, and access to state and local government programs and services.
- **ASL (American Sign Language):** A complete, natural, visual language that has the same linguistic properties as spoken languages; it has a unique grammar pattern that differs from English. It's expressed using movements of the hands, body, and face. ASL is the primary visual language in North America.
- **CART (Computer Aided Real Time Captioning):** Captioning created as an event takes place, may have a lag and errors.
- **CDI (Certified Deaf Interpreter):** Conveys message content between a deaf consumer and a hearing interpreter. Displays knowledge in and understanding of interpreting, deafness, the Deaf community, and Deaf culture.
- **CMV (Cytomegalovirus):** A virus that can cause problems for a baby, such as long term hearing loss, if contracted by a pregnant woman.
- **DHH (Deaf Hard of Hearing):** Deaf refers to a severe hearing loss, very little to no functional hearing. Hard of Hearing describes people with any degree of hearing loss.
- **ENT (Ear, Nose, and Throat):** ENT doctors treat medical issues of the ear, nose, or throat.
- **HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act):** National standards to protect sensitive patient health information.
- **IEP (Individualized Education Program):** Specific plan for each child in special education with detailed steps to reach goals set by the team. It is different than a 504 plan.
- **IFSP (Individual Family Service Plan):** A type of plan for children ages birth-3 with specific steps to meet developmental milestones.
- **OAE (Otoacoustic Emissions Testing):** Checks part of the inner ear's response to sound. It is mostly done on infants and children who may not be able to respond to behavioral hearing tests.