

A Continuum of Communication: Cued Speech

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Welcome to the Communication Continuum Webinar Series



Participants will:

Gain awareness about Cued Speech

Obtain information about children's language acquisition using Cued Speech

Discover resources for learning Cued Speech

Discover answers to commonly asked questions about Cued Speech.

Cued Speech Video

- Some people have never heard of Cued Speech, so let's take a look at cueing in action with a video.

What is Cued Speech?

Cued Speech is a **visual mode of communication in which mouth movements of speech combine with “cues”** to make the sounds (phonemes) of traditional spoken languages look different. Cueing allows users who are deaf or hard of hearing to access spoken languages through the use of vision.

Cued American English is a finite system of 8 handshapes representing consonant sounds, and 4 positions near the mouth representing vowel sounds.

Unlike signed language systems, Cued Speech can be learned in a few days. However, fluency takes practice.

Is Cued Speech a Language?

- ✦ Cued Speech is not a language.
- ✦ It shows the sounds (phonemes) of a traditionally spoken language such as English, by using a combination of hand cues and lipreading.

Cued Speech allows complete visual access to spoken language

- ✦ Lipreading is difficult! On average, even individuals with excellent lipreading skills only understand 30-40% of what is being said. Cued Speech users develop very good lipreading skills because 50% of Cued Speech is speechreading.
- ✦ Cued Speech makes the sounds that are difficult to distinguish on the lips, visible on the hand.
- ✦ Cued Speech differentiates between sounds that are identical on the lips.
- ✦ Cued Speech provides children who are profoundly deaf with complete visual access to the phonemes of spoken languages, and if they have accurate and consistent cueing models, they can develop language skills on par with their hearing age mates.

Why do Families Choose Cued Speech?

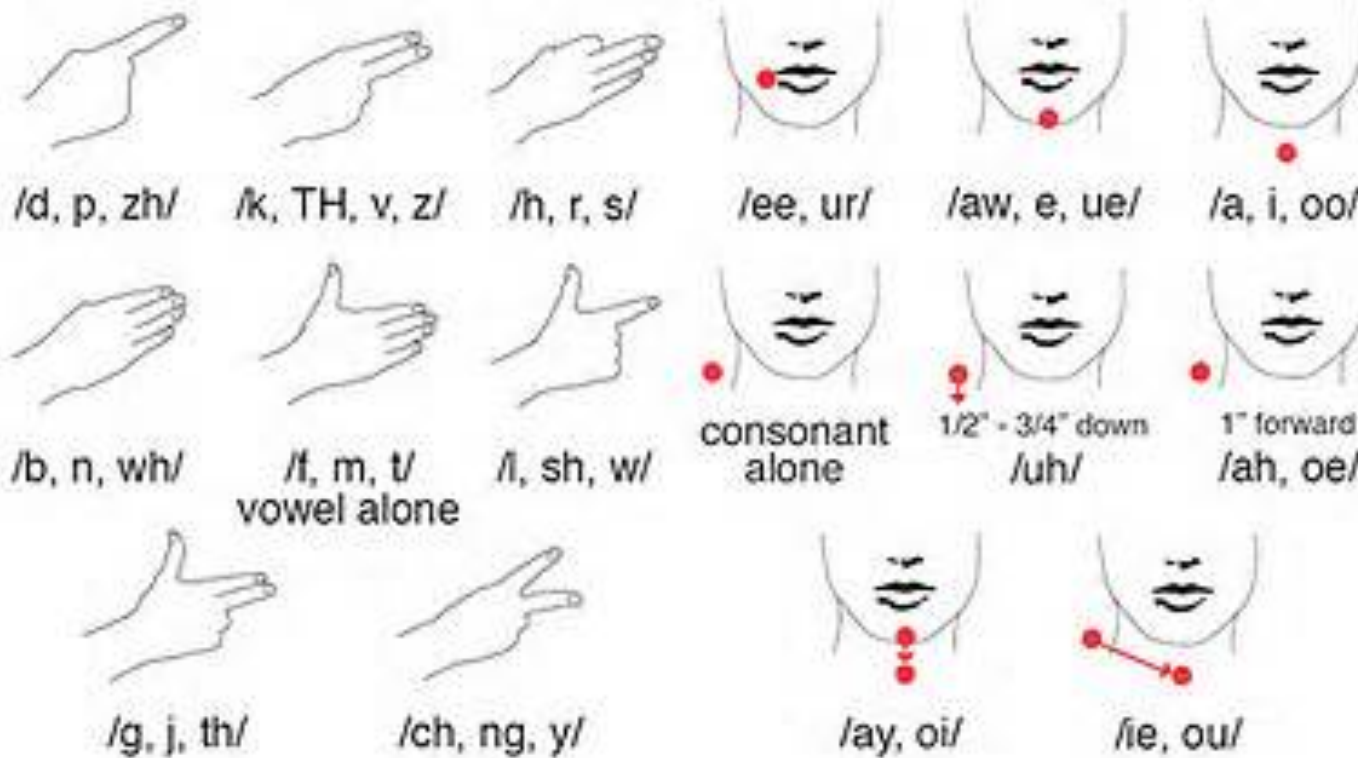
- ◆ 90% of children who are deaf and hard of hearing have hearing parents. The parents usually want their children to have full access to the language of the home. Cued Speech provides this access.
- ◆ Families want their children to develop reading and writing skills on par with hearing children their age.
- ◆ Results of research show that children who are deaf and exposed to consistent and accurate use of Cued Speech at an early age read at or above their grade level.
- ◆ Families want their children to learn foreign languages in the same manner as hearing children do.
- ◆ If the child uses a Cued Language Transliterater in the classroom, the child sees the spoken words of the teacher and the students, rather than an interpretation of what was said.

Can Cued Speech be Used With Babies?

- ◆ Cued Speech can be used with children of all ages, including infants. Let's watch a video to see how a baby responds to cueing.

What does Cued Speech look like?

CUED SPEECH FOR AMERICAN ENGLISH



- ◆ Cued Speech is a finite system of 8 handshapes, which represent the consonant sounds, and 4 positions, which represent the vowel sounds.

The History of Cued Speech

- ◆ Dr. R. Orin Cornett, inventor of Cued Speech, was born in Driftwood, Oklahoma on November 14, 1913. In 1965-66, while vice-president of long-range planning and development for Gallaudet College, he developed Cued Speech with the express purpose of providing a way for children who are deaf or hard of hearing to become good readers.
- ◆ Since Cued Speech is based on making sounds visible, it is not limited to use in English speaking nations. Today, Cued Speech has been adapted to represent over 60 languages and dialects, including six dialects of English. It can also be used to show different accents.

The Role of Hearing Assistive Technology



- 💧 Hearing assistive technology is not mandatory, but is typically used for individuals learning Cued Speech, as all of the sounds of spoken language are represented visually.
- 💧 Many families choose to use hearing assistive technology to enhance the ability to monitor speech production and assist in communication with people who do not use Cued Speech.

Learning Cued Speech

- ◆ Attending a Cued Speech weekend or camp. List of all Cue Camps for 2015 available at: <http://www.cuedspeech.org/cue-camps.php>
- ◆ DVD courses:
 - Discovering Cued Speech Instructional DVD & Workbook Set
 - I Cue, U Cue, DVD and Workbook.
- ◆ Online resources:
 - National Cued Speech Association
 - Cued Speech Association of Maine
- ◆ Cued children's stories:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y0Fx6S8VLg&feature=player_embedded

Resources

- 🔹 The National Cued Speech Association. <http://cuedspeech.org/>
- 🔹 The Cued Speech Association of Maine. <http://www.cuedspeechmaine.org/>
- 🔹 Cued Speech and Cued Language for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, Carol LaSasso et Al.
- 🔹 Gaining Cued Speech Proficiency by Walter Beaupre: http://www.uri.edu/comm_service/cued_speech/
- 🔹 www.dailycues.com
- 🔹 www.cueeverything.com (Dr Seuss ABC book, music video etc.)

Any Questions?

- Do you have any questions about Cued Speech?
- Remember, Cued Speech is just one of a continuum of communication opportunities available for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. For more information on the other opportunities, please see our archived webinars: <http://www.mecdhh.org/resources/webinars/webinar-archive-list/>



Thank so much for joining us today!

