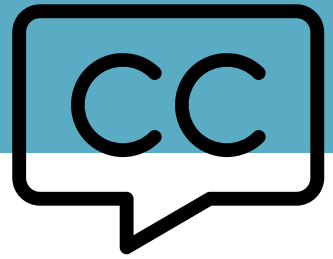


# REAL LIFE TIPS



## It's never too early to use CAPTIONS

It is never too early to start using captions with your child with hearing loss. Captions help your child to follow TV programs, movies, cartoons and so on. Closed captions are readily available on digital televisions using the “subtitles” button on the remote. We recommend that all families have this as a default setting when their baby starts watching TV or videos. Get into the habit early!

Even before your child can read, you should be using captions at home as they will begin to recognise the symbols that are letters and words...



The use of captions in schools is beneficial to all students and allows for a more inclusive learning environment.



Captions can help improve literacy skills - word recognition and comprehension, vocabulary, phoneme recognition, identifying the main idea of a story, and listening and oral reading skills.



Watching a captioned program multiple times increases word recognition and comprehension.



Captions can also help others who don't have hearing loss. e.g. visual learners, English is 2nd language, and when there is background noise.

