

# REAL LIFE TIPS

## Terminology



**Deaf**



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**hard of  
hearing**



**hearing  
impaired**

There are various terms for describing people with varying degrees or kinds of deafness. The most important and common terms are shown above. It can be a matter of personal preference, a cultural thing, and/or a language choice. So, to avoid offending someone, it is best to ask what term/s they prefer.

For definitions and a guide for when to use each term, click on the links.