



## National Cued Speech Association

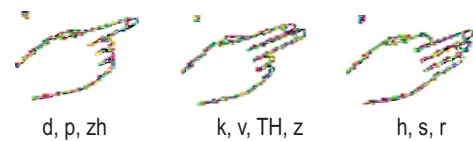
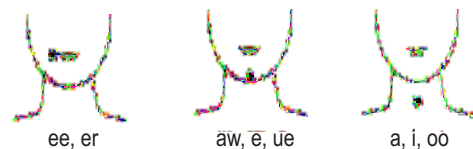
...promotes and supports the effective use of Cued Speech for communication, language acquisition, and literacy.

NCSA and its *Deaf Children's Literacy Project* provide:

- Information and support via toll-free telephone/TTY service, e-mail, and mail.
- A network of affiliate centers and chapters.
- Publications, including the newsletter *On Cue*, *The Cued Speech Journal*, and books.
- Cued Speech Discovery catalog bookstore.
- Sponsorship of family camps, workshops, conferences and scholarships.
- Free first-year memberships for families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Professional standards for the use of Cued Speech.
- Training and certification of Instructors of Cued Speech
- Listings of certified instructors, Cued Speech transliterators and job opportunities.
- Support for equal access to communication.
- Promotion of early identification of hearing loss and parent education.
- Encouragement for research in the use of Cued Speech.

## CUED SPEECH

...Making spoken languages visible  
...Phonics & phonemics for literacy  
...Integrating vision and hearing



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## DISCOVER CUED SPEECH



*Cued Phonemes*  
*Cued Hearing*  
*Cued Speechreading*  
*Cued Languages*

Communication  
Language  
Literacy

# What is Cued Speech?

Cued Speech is a visual communication system which uses the mouth movements of speech in combination with “cues” to make all the sounds (phonemes) of spoken language look different.

## What are the “cues”?

When cueing English, 8 handshapes distinguish among consonant phonemes and 4 locations near the mouth distinguish among vowel phonemes. A handshape and a location together cue a syllable.

## Can I use Cued Speech with other communication systems?

**Yes!** Cued Speech complements all the various auditory and signed language approaches. The typical deaf cuer is flexible, able to communicate with speech, speechreading, Cued Speech, and signed language.

## Why should I use Cued Speech?

**Literacy** is the original and primary goal of Cued Speech, by providing the appropriate phonemic language base for learning to read. Cued Speech also supports the development of **lipreading, auditory discrimination, and speech.**

## Can I use Cued Speech with other languages?

Cued Speech has been adapted to **more than 55 languages** and dialects! Cued Speech associations and centers are located around the world.

## Who uses Cued Speech?

### • **Persons who are concerned for those with speech, hearing, language, and literacy needs**

Family members, friends, educators, speech-language pathologists, transliterators, audiologists, babysitters,...



### • **Children and adults with communication, language and literacy needs**

- Whether an individual is able to hear or is unable to process auditory information effectively, Cued Speech presents spoken sounds visually, integrating the senses, to avoid confusion and frustration.
- Cued Speech can accelerate learning the phonics of any language, articulation therapy and remediation of learning disabilities.
- For individuals unable to speak, Nu-Vue-Cue adapts Cued Speech into a grid.

### • **Children who are deaf or hard of hearing**

- With Cued Speech, deaf children see and absorb the same phonemic language that hearing children hear.
- For children whose parents are deaf and whose native language is a signed language, Cued Speech can be used with other cuers and at school to facilitate the child's acquisition of a second language, such as English.

### • **Adults who are deaf or hard-of-hearing**

- Adults with progressive or sudden hearing loss find that Cued Speech helps
- overcome the frustration of lip-reading, and
  - maintain functional speech.

## What do research and experience tell us about Cued Speech?

### • **Hearing**

Cued Speech assists in **processing auditory information** by breaking through the confusion of incomplete and distorted sound. Continued use of Cued Speech can lead to significant improvement in speech discrimination.

**Cochlear implants and Cued Speech are powerful partners.** For many, Cued Speech accelerates the recognition of sounds received via the implant. Implant users of all ages appreciate the use of Cued Speech in difficult listening situations.

### • **Speech**

If development of speech is desired, Cued Speech can support **speech and articulation** skills by:

- focusing attention on the mouth
- reinforcing the pattern of phonemes within a word or phrase
- identifying the speech sound(s) and syllables being targeted
- being a motoric reminder and trigger of speech production
- **integrating sound, sight, and motor** aspects to make learning more fun!

### • **Speechreading**

Cued Speech clarifies speechreading in cued situations and often **improves speechreading** in non-cued situations.

### • **Language**

- Without additional disabilities, deaf children with four or more years of consistent use of Cued Speech **master the syntax and grammar** of spoken language.
- Deaf students reach their **full language and literacy potential** if their family members and educators continue to

communicate consistently with Cued Speech.

- Deaf cuers often learn two or more languages.

### • **Reading**



Having access to and understanding the phonemic base of spoken languages is key to learning to read for ALL children. Cued Speech:

- cues every phoneme
- focuses attention on the sequence of sounds (phonemes) and syllables of language
- provides visual access to rhyming
- enables the child to develop a **complete phonemic model of language**

With consistent, effective use, deaf children who communicate with Cued Speech develop the language base that enables them to read at the same level and use similar reading strategies as if they were hearing.

Cued Speech use can **solve the literacy problem** for most deaf children.