

# A Quick Overview of Cued Speech

## Cued Speech for American English

Visually providing the building blocks needed for communication, language development, and literacy.



/d, p, zh/



/ee, ur/



/k, TH, v, z/



/aw, e, ue/



/h, r, s/



/a, i, oo/



/b, n, wh/



consonant alone



/f, m, t/  
vowel alone



1/2" - 3/4" down  
/uh/



/l, sh, w/



1" forward  
/ah, oe/



/g, j, th/



/ay, oi/



/ch, ng, y/



/ie, ou/

- ❖ **Development of Cued Speech:** *Dr. R.Orin Cornett developed the system in 1965–1966...*
  - with the primary goal of improving literacy.
  - to overcome the problem of accessing spoken language.
  - to provide access to the phonemes of language through vision, using the information from the mouth and one hand.
- ❖ **Cued Speech Facts:** *Cued Speech was developed to aid the acquisition of literacy skills in deaf students. Cued Speech...*
  - does NOT require any hearing or speech.
  - is NOT a language.
  - is a closed system adapted to more than 60 languages and dialects.
  - DOES show the phonemes (consonants and vowels) of spoken languages visually.
  - requires synchronization of both the hand and mouth to send a complete message.
  - IS a visual mode of communication.
- ❖ **Advantages of cued American English:** *Cuers who are deaf or hard-of-hearing meet or surpass hearing peers in linguistic competence. These cuers...*
  - can acquire and use the same language other family members use at home.
  - receive visual access to English from their transliterators; therefore, they do not rely on interpretation.
  - have English skills that match the skills of their hearing peers.
  - have an accurate phonological model of a spoken language.
  - can learn foreign languages as easily as hearing children.
- ❖ **Deaf Community:** *Cuers can be members of the deaf community. These cuers are like signers who are deaf because...*
  - they use a visual form of communication.
  - speech is not necessary for communication.
  - a majority learn to sign fluently.
  - utilize any of a variety of assistive devices.
- ❖ **Hearing Community:** *Cuers can be members of the hearing community. Cuers who are deaf or hard-of-hearing are like adults who are oral/aural because...*
  - English is their first language.
  - they use speech, speechreading, and/or listening with hearing individuals.
  - utilize any of a variety of assistive devices.

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