

Scripts for practicing communication strategies



Scene:

You are enjoying spending time with your grandson, Jordan. Jordan has not communicated with you in person since you received your cochlear implant, so you must explain to Jordan how to use communication strategies.

Characters:

Jordan can be portrayed by a narrator, if practicing alone, or a friend/family member.

Script:

You: Hi Jordan, how was your day at school today?

Jordan: *(speaking very quietly)*
It was fine.

You: Jordan, I can't really hear you when you speak so quietly. Can you speak louder and toward my ear?

Jordan: I can try, but why? Mom said you fixed your hearing.

You: I still have trouble hearing. My cochlear implant helps a lot, but I'm still learning how to use it. The sounds are much different than the sounds I heard with my hearing aid.

Jordan: Hmm, okay. Well, my day at school was fine. How was your day?

You: It was very productive. What types of things did you do at school?

Jordan: *(rambling, quickly)* We went outside, and I learned about multiplication, and I learned about the animals in the ocean, and I talked with my friend Travis.

You: Sorry, Jordan. I didn't hear that. Can you tell me what you did today more slowly, and one activity at a time?

Jordan: Sure, I went outside to play on the big playground today.

You: Oh, okay. That sounds like fun. Thank you for being so understanding with my hearing.

