The Ling Six Sounds *plus silence*

How to perform the Ling sound test:

- If the child wears two devices, put both of them on.
- Make sure both devices are turned on.
- Remove the coil or hearing aid at the right ear so the child is using only the left device.
- Place yourself next to or behind the child so she can hear you, but can't see your face.
- Say the following sounds one at a time and teach the child to repeat each sound after you say it: "ah,""oo,""ee,""s,""sh,""m." Include a moment when you say nothing (silence).

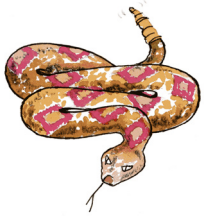
ahhh

ooo

eeee

shhh

ssss



mmm

silence

- Each time you perform this test, say the sounds in a different order. Otherwise, the child might memorize the Ling sounds one way and just repeat them back, without actually listening for a prompt.
- Use unpredictable intervals between each sound so the child has to respond only after she hears you say something.
- Replace the coil or device at the right ear and remove the coil or device from the left ear so the child is using only the right device.
- Repeat the Ling test with that device.
- Replace the coil or hearing aid so the child is now using both devices.
- Note any difficulty the child has repeating these sounds back to you with each device.

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