



SIMILARITIES BETWEEN MILD HEARING LOSS AND ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

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Mild Hearing Loss	Attention Deficit Disorder
Inappropriate responses	Blurting out answers before questions have been completed
Difficulty following directions	Difficulty following through on instructions and in organizing tasks
Doesn't complete assignments	Frequently fails to finish schoolwork or works carelessly
Difficulty sustaining attention during oral presentation	Difficulty in listening to others without being distracted or interrupting
Impulsive	Acts on the spur of the moment
Frequently asks for repetition	Focuses only with frequent reinforcement or is under very strict control
Can experience academic failure	Multiple problems with schoolwork and social activities
Often has poor self-concept	Isolated and low self-esteem
Doesn't seem to listen	"Can't sit still and listen!"