

Deafness and Hearing Loss Quiz

1. What percentage of those living with hearing loss in Northern Ireland are still at working age? Is it...

- 35%
- 45%
- 55%

2. At what age do most people begin to lose a small amount of their hearing?

- 30 years of age
- 40 years of age
- 50 years of age

3. Most people have significant hearing problems by what age?

- 60 years of age
- 70 years of age
- 80 years of age

4. As your hearing starts to deteriorate, what sounds may become difficult to hear? (tick all that apply)

- Vowels such as "e" and "i"
- high-frequency sounds
- consonants such as "s", "f" and "th"
- low-frequency sounds

5. True or False? Sign language is a universal or international language

Answers

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Northern Ireland	Working age	Retirement age	Total
All hearing loss	130,500	157,000	287,500
Severe/ profound	4,000	16,500	20,500

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5. True or False? Sign language is a universal or international language

False

Contrary to popular belief sign language is not international – sign language is as diverse as spoken languages. In Northern Ireland, the most widely used sign languages are British Sign Language (BSL) and Irish Sign Language (ISL). They are structured in a completely different way to English and, like any language, have their own grammar.

Sources:

[NHS choices website](#)

[Action on Hearing Loss website](#)