

¹TEN COMMANDMENTS

for those who interact with the hearing impaired

1. Thou shalt not speak from another room.
2. Thou shalt not speak with your back toward the person with a hearing problem (or their back toward you).
3. You shalt not start speaking and walk away.
4. Thou shalt not start speaking and turn away from the person with a hearing problem.
5. Thou shalt not speak in competition with something else, i.e. turn off the water, turn down the radio.
6. Thou shalt get the attention of the person with the hearing problem. (Do not start speaking while they are reading or concentrating on TV, etc.)
7. Thou shalt try to speak face to face at all times.
8. Thou shalt try to remove obstructions while speaking. (Move your hand from your face, the cigarette from your mouth, etc.)
9. Thou shalt try to speak distinctly.
10. Thou shalt try to be patient.

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