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<i>Barbara Kannapell/John Ennis (interpreter)</i>: And I thought that he was teasing me. And I laughed. I thought that's kinda funny. 'No, I don't read braille!' And he was very serious, he had a very serious face.

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And I thought, well, maybe he's confused between blindness and deafness. I said, 'Blind people do read braille but deafness, deaf people don't. So that was one of the questions.'

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<i>Jo Radner</i>: Don, you have a favorite story about that, don't you?

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<i>Don Pettingill/John Ennis (interpreter)</i>: Which one, the driving? I can't tell them that one!

<i>Jo Radner</i>: Okay, tell the driving one. [[laughs]]

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<i>Don Pettingill </i>: One thing that never fails to amaze me [[sneezes]]

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when I will drive up to a place and get out of my car and go in to a place, an appointment and so forth, and somebody will always ask me, 'Can you drive?' [[laughter]]

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'Yeah, how do you think I got here?' [[laughter]] And I try to explain, 'Well, you see it doesn't require ears to drive.'

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In fact, when you're driving down the highway in a storm, a rainstorm, with the kids in the back seat fighting, the radio on. How much do you depend on your ears?' [00:46:1] I thought that was very clever, until one guy asked me once, 'Yeah but it doesn't rain twenty-four hours a day!' [[laughs]]

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<i>Jo Radner</i>: [[laughs]] That's nice. I'd like to stop at this point and ask if anyone in our audience would like either to ask a question or to share an experience?



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