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<i>Jo Radner</i>: Go ahead, Jan.

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<i>Jan DeLap/Sheila Grinell (interpreter)</i>: Always on the spot, hmmm. I think what strikes people especially is the method of communication between deaf and hearing people.

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You hear through your ears, Deaf see through their eyes and use their hands. Hearing use your mouths.

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If you know, well, as you know I was born Deaf and I was told about sound. I didn't know about it. I wonder if you are hearing something, or you're imagining things.

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<i>Jo Radner</i>: Thank you very much. Would you like to add something? Libby?

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<i>Libby Hathaway/Sheila Grinell (interpreter)</i>: What strikes, struck me hard was when I was a little girl I used to use a hearing aid, and I enjoyed it because I could hear the different sounds.

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I could push it full blast and I would enjoy every moment of that. When I grew up, I couldn't stand it.

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I can't hear anything. Like the water faucet turning on, or your brush, putting it on the dresser, it's a sound that it makes.

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Or a shopping bag crunching? I couldn't stand to use my hearing aid any more.

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Now I understand how hearing people hear every sound. Everywhere. Every minute. I couldn't stand it. [[laughter]]

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Too much for me.

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<i>Jo Radner</i>: Sometimes, let me tell you in the middle of the festival it's very hard to stand it.

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We have loudspeakers all around us. We have to concentrate our attention very hard.

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<i>Libby Hathaway/Sheila Grinell (interpreter)</i>: But if only all the people knew sign language. You wouldn't have to use the mic, you wouldn't have to use interpreters. It would be wonderful.

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<i>Jo Radner</i>: Well, we're making a modest beginning on that by teaching sign language in this area, three times a day. If you'd like to come to an introductory sign language class, we have one at 12:45, 3, and 4:45.



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