Human Bridge Hearing

Everyday communication: eight simple habits

These habits help at home, at school and with friends. Share them with grandparents, teachers and coaches.

1. **Get the child's attention before you start.**
2. **Face them, at their eye level, in good light.**
3. **Keep your mouth visible. Do not cover it or turn away.**
4. **Speak clearly at a normal pace. Do not shout.**
5. **Reduce background noise: turn off the television or the music.**
6. **If they did not understand, say it another way instead of repeating louder.**
7. **Support your words with gestures, pictures, writing or signs.**
8. **In a group, speak one at a time and show who is speaking.**