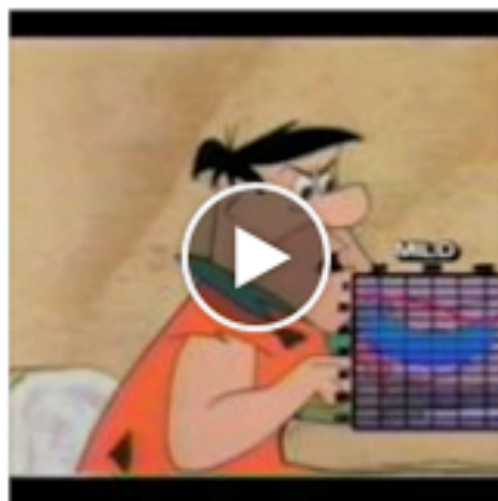




HearChloe

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Hello tree-world! I'm **Chloe** and very excited to go to Stanford in the fall and meet all of you. I'm from Los Alamos (the other LA), NM and I like reading, watching movies (with closed captioning of course!), doing origami, and learning new things, especially Physics, Chemistry, and Latin. But there's one more thing I want to put right out here upfront -- because, when I meet you all in person, I'm going to need your help to communicate -- I am deaf. I wear two hearing aids and rely heavily on lip-reading in addition to what I hear. Hearing aids are not like glasses, they don't give me "20/20" hearing. The help I need from you is patience, the ability to see your lips moving to form words, and ideally speaking one-on-one. I know that last bit will be tough, as everyone is so excited and will be chattering all at once! A lot of people are curious about what deafness sounds like, and here's a short video clip (39 s) I have shared with teachers and classmates at school. In the clip there is a small audiogram displayed in the lower right corner that depicts the degree of hearing loss shown in the cartoon. Without my hearing aids, I can't hear any difference, and with my hearing aids, I actually hear something between the "mild" to "moderate" range, definitely not "normal." First time I saw this clip, I realized I was trying to lip-read the cartoons—unsuccessfully. That's **Chloe** 101! I can't wait to meet everyone in person. Fear the trees!



Hearing Loss Example (produced by House Research Institute)

This is an example of what various types of hearing loss sound like to the individual with the loss. I had been looking for something like this that would gi...

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