

Ali gets hearing aids

Ali has been told he needs hearing aids.
He's not sure how he feels about this.

Excited?



Worried?



How do you feel about it?

A bit sad?



He's just not sure.



Grandma takes Ali to the audiologist to get the hearing aids fitted.



The audiologist is kind and explains what's going to happen.

First they need to take the measurements of Ali's ears.



Everyone's ears are a different shape and size inside and it's important that Ali's hearing aids are just right for him.

You can't use a ruler to measure inside ears – they are just too bendy and wiggly. The best way to work out what the inside of ears look like is to put paste inside the ear.



The audiologist puts a little bit of foam and then some paste in Ali's ear. It's all tickly, wiggly, funny and warm inside Ali's ear – he kind of likes it!

wiggly? funny?
warm?

tickly?



The paste is taken out after it's gone hard – these are the measurement moulds. They are left with the audiologist to make hearing aids for Ali.

It's funny seeing what the inside of his ears looks like! It's all bendy and blobby.



Soon after, Ali and his grandma come back to the clinic.



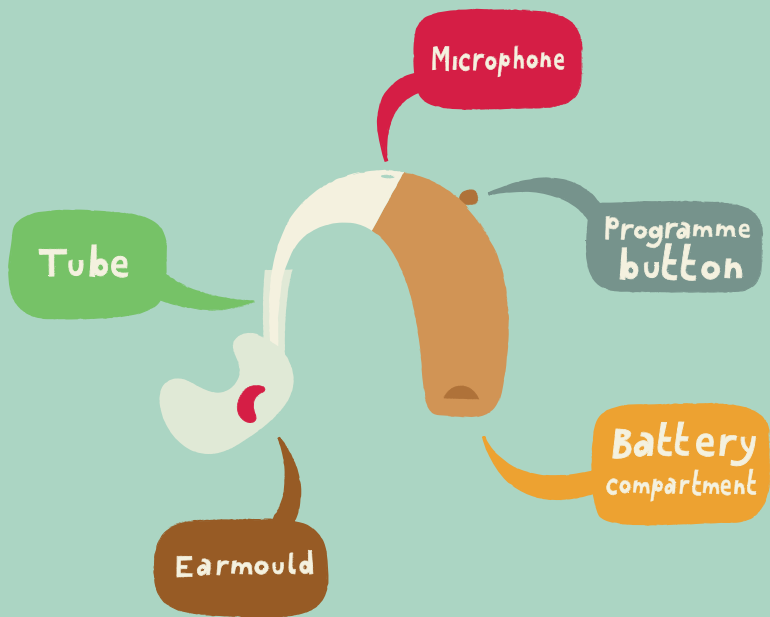
Ali is excited about seeing his hearing aids.
It has his football team badge inside the mould.
His friend Harry is going to want one!



Ali is taught how to put them in and take them out.

The audiologist checks to see if the hearing aids are working for Ali.





**There are lots of bits to his hearing aids.
The audiologist teaches him and his Grandma
all about them and what they do.**



**They are also taught how
to change the batteries
and keep them clean.**

Ali wears them home and shows his sisters.
They like the colour of them.





He wears them all the time.
They help him hear what's going on.

What do you like about your hearing aid(s)?

Use this page to draw or write about the good things about your hearing aids.

Happy?

Excited?

What can you hear?



What don't you like about it/them?

Use this page to draw or write about the rubbish things about your hearing aids.

Worried?

Sad?

Fed up?



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