

Signs and Symptoms

Auditory Processing Disorder

- Easily distracted by background noise, often sounds most people do not notice
- Need more time to process information heard, long delays before responding
- May mishear spoken questions or struggle to respond when asked a question verbally
- May fatigue easily when listening
- Struggles with activities that involve listening comprehension
- May confuse similar sounds and have trouble with phonemic awareness.
- Often responds with “huh?” or “what?” Frequently asks people to repeat what they said, even when paying attention.
- May have been speech delayed and have persistent pronunciation issues
- Sensitive to loud noises, may get upset and cover their ears in noisy environments
- May misinterpret tone of voice and have difficulty recognizing sarcasm

Shared

- Seems to not listen (be tuned out)
- Is forgetful
- Trouble following instructions

ADHD

- Easily distracted by sights, sounds, and activity around them.
- May blurt out answers before someone finishes asking them a question.
- Interrupts people
- May become restless when listening
- Struggles with organization, prioritizing, and planning
- Tendency to make careless mistakes
- May hyperfocus on an activity they really enjoy and not respond when spoken to.
- May talk excessively
- Impulsive and acts without thinking of the consequences
- Struggles to sit still, fidgets and squirms when seated

